

**AUSTRALIAN CANOEING INC (“AC”)
2009 JUNIOR CANOE SPRINT NATIONAL TALENT SQUAD (“NTS SQUAD”) & NATIONAL TALENT
SQUAD TOURING TEAM (“NTS TEAM”)**

This Supplement is to be read in conjunction with the general Selection Procedures Bylaw, which applies to all Disciplines.

1. EVENTS

- 1.1 The events/activities for which a **National Talent Squad (NTS Squad)** will be selected for in 2009 under these criteria will be:
 - (a) National Talent Squad Camps between July 2009 and March 2010
 - (b) Regional training camps
- 1.2 The event for which a **2009 National Talent Squad Team (NTS Team)** will be selected is the Junior Olympic Hopefuls Regatta, Czech Republic, September 11-13 2009.

2. SELECTION CRITERIA

- 2.1 The closing date for receiving applications for selection to the **NTS Squad or NTS Team**, as required by clause 5.1 of the AC Selection Procedures Bylaw, is **June 23rd 2009**.
- 2.2 Athletes who nominated for selection to 2009 Australian Teams must make an additional application for selection to the **NTS Squad or NTS Team**, however these Athletes will not be required to pay an additional fee.
- 2.3 These criteria may be amended or supplemented by the Board of AC from time to time in its absolute discretion. AC shall provide as much notice as possible of any change to all affected Athletes, Member State Associations and other parties as determined by the Board in accordance with clauses 3.2 and 3.3 of the Selection Procedures Bylaw.

3. DEFINITIONS

In addition to those definitions contained in the Selection Procedures Bylaw the following definitions have application:

“Selection Procedures Bylaw”	Means the Bylaw adopted by the Board of AC that governs the selection of Athletes to Australian Canoeing Junior Development Teams.
“NTS Squad”	Means the National Talent Squad for Canoe Sprint to take part in coordinated camps and activities between July 2009 and March 2010
“NTS Team”	Means the Australian NTS Team to be selected to compete at the 2009 Junior Olympic Hopefuls Regatta in Racice Czech Republic for Athletes born in 1992, 1993 and 1994.
“Under 18”... etc	Means an Athlete is 18 years or under in 2009 etc(applies equally to other age groups)

Words not defined in these Criteria have the meaning ascribed to them in the Constitution of the AC or the Selection Procedures Bylaw unless a contrary meaning appears from the context.

4. SELECTION EVENTS

- 4.1 The following event is the Selection Event for the 2009 **NTS Squad and NTS Team**:
 - (a) The Paddle NSW Sprint Regatta and NTS Selection, Sydney International Rowing Course (SIRC), NSW 27th June 2009.
- 4.2 Age group events will be organised at the Selection Event as follows: Under 18, Under 17, Under 16 and Under 15.

5. NTS SQUAD AND NTS TEAM ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION CRITERIA

- 5.1 To be eligible for selection to the **NTS Squad**, Athletes must be between the ages of 14 and 18 during 2009 which means an Athlete must be born between the years 1991 and 1995 inclusive
- 5.2 To be eligible for the **NTS Team**, Athletes must be between the ages of 15 and 17 during 2009 which means an Athlete must be born between the years 1992 to 1994 inclusive.

- 5.3 Athletes must compete at the June Selection Event to be considered for selection to the **NTS Team**.
- 5.4 Athletes selected to the 2009 Australian Junior World Championship Team will be automatically selected to the **NTS Squad** but are not eligible for selection to the **NTS Team**.
- 5.5 The Selection Panel appointed by the Board of AC under clause 4.1 of the Selection Procedures By-Law will, subject to the performance criteria set out in clause 5.12, select Athletes for the **NTS Squad** and **NTS Team** as follows:
- 5.6 The first, second and third placed Athletes in each of the Under 18, Under 17, Under 16 and Under 15 Classes in the following Olympic events at the Selection Event: Men's K1 500, Men's K1 1000m, Men's C1 500m, Men's C1 1000m, Women's K1 500m, Women's K1 1000m will be selected to the **NTS Squad**.
- 5.7 Subject to clause 5.12, the Selection Panel may select additional athletes to the **NTS Squad** at any stage according to the following criteria:
- (a) Athlete placings relative to other Athletes of the same age or older at the Selection Event;
 - (b) Performance at the 2009 National Championships
 - (c) demonstrated significant improvement in the past year at national regattas;
 - (d) potential for long term performance development through participation in **NTS Squad** camps or activities as determined by the Selection Panel in its sole discretion;
 - (e) balance of male and female athletes and the potential for development and future national team performance of a Class including the Canoe class as determined by the Selection Panel in its sole discretion;
 - (f) universality of development of Sprint Canoeing throughout Australia; and
 - (g) any other factors the Selection Panel in its sole discretion consider relevant in the circumstances.
- 5.8 The Selection Panel may invite additional Athletes to participate in designated **NTS Squad** activities in 2009 and 2010 at its sole discretion. The Selection Panel may consider Athlete performances at 2009 state and national regattas and advice from NTS coaches in determining whether to invite additional Athletes to **NTS Squad** activities.
- 5.9 Where an Athlete has been selected to the **NTS Squad** and fails to maintain a suitable standard of commitment and performance as determined by the Selection Panel, in its sole discretion, the Selection Panel may remove that Athlete from the **NTS Squad** activity or activities and may select a replacement.
- 5.10 **The first, second and third placed Under 17 Athletes** in the following events at the Selection Event: Men's K1 500, Men's K1 1000m, Women's K1 500m, Women's K1 1000m, will be selected to the **NTS Team**.
- 5.11 **The first and second placed Under 16 and Under 15 Athletes** in the following Olympic events at the Selection Event: Men's K1 500, Men's K1 1000m, Men's C1 500m, Men's C1 1000m, Women's K1 500m, will be selected to the **NTS Team**
- 5.12 Notwithstanding placings, selection to the **NTS Squad** and **NTS Team** is dependent upon the Athlete demonstrating a suitable performance standard as determined by the Selection Panel in its sole discretion. In considering a suitable performance standard, the Selection Panel may give weight to one or more of the following factors:
- (a) age group rankings and times at the Selection Event or 2009 National Championships;
 - (b) demonstrated individual improvement during 2009;
 - (c) ability of the Athlete to participate in a national development program as determined by the Selection Panel in its sole discretion;
 - (d) any other factors the Selection Panel in its sole discretion consider relevant in the circumstance.
- 5.13 Where an Athlete has been selected to the **NTS Team** and an Athlete withdraws from the Team, or fails to maintain a suitable standard of commitment and performance as determined by the Selection Panel, in its sole discretion, the Selection Panel may remove that Athlete from the **NTS Team** and may select the next highest ranked Athlete as a replacement.

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