

2012 AUSTRALIAN OLYMPIC TEAM
Australian Canoeing Inc
NOMINATION CRITERIA
Canoe Slalom

The Australian Olympic Committee (AOC) reserves the right to require amendments to the Nomination Criteria and amend its Selection Criteria as necessary, particularly where there is a change to the Qualification System or significant circumstances affecting the nomination process.

1 Shadow Team

- (1) Australian Canoeing will choose Athletes from within its sport to be members of the AOC's Shadow Team. The AOC may also recognise other Athletes from within this sport to be members of the Shadow Team.
- (2) In order to be chosen by Australian Canoeing as a member of the Shadow Team each Athlete must:
 - a) be an Australian citizen; and
 - b) meet the requirements of clause 5.2 of the Australian Canoeing Selection Procedures Bylaw (see Attachment 3) including completing the online nomination form for national senior team selection available on www.canoe.org.au by 5pm on Sunday 5 February 2012.
- (3) In order to be recognised as a member of the Shadow Team the Athlete must have signed the Consent to Shadow Team Membership Form (Attachment 1) and in the case of minors, the Parents/Guardians Acknowledgment for Minors Form (Attachment 2), and provided it to the Chief Executive Officer of Australian Canoeing at PO Box 6805 Silverwater, NSW 2128, Fax 02 8732 1610 by 5pm on Sunday 5 February 2012.
- (4) Australian Canoeing will provide all Athletes chosen or recognised as members of the Shadow Team with the Guide to Olympic Team Selection, the Selection Criteria and this Nomination Criteria through the Australian Canoeing website (www.canoe.org.au). The AOC Olympic Team Selection By-Law and the Qualification System will be made available on the AOC's website (www.olympics.com.au).
- (5) Australian Canoeing will advise the AOC of the Athletes that it has chosen as members of the Shadow Team at such time as required by the AOC.
- (6) If an Athlete breaches the requirements of the Nomination Criteria, the Selection Criteria or the AOC Olympic Team Selection By-Law, Australian Canoeing or AOC may suspend or terminate the Athlete's membership of the Shadow Team.

2 Nomination of Athletes

For the purposes of nomination to the AOC of Athletes for selection to the 2012 Australian Olympic Team, Australian Canoeing will organise Nomination Trials open to all Athletes, including but not limited to all members of the Shadow Team, and:

- (1) only nominate those Athletes who to the satisfaction of Australian Canoeing have competed in at least two of the Nomination Trials set out below:
 - a) Nomination Trial 1
Australian Open, 10-12 February 2012, Penrith NSW (the final result will be considered)
 - b) Nomination Trial 2
Oceania Open, 24 February 2012, Penrith NSW (the heats phase best of two runs result will be considered)

- c) Nomination Trial 3
Oceania Open, 25- 26 February 2012, Penrith NSW (the final result will be considered)
- (2) only nominate Athletes in events for which Australia has been allocated a quota place by the ICF in accordance with the Qualification System (a copy of which is attached at Attachment 4) and who have met the additional criteria at the Nomination Trials as follows:
- a) where an Athlete/Crew wins (and is the highest placed eligible Australian) at two of the Nomination Trials Australian Canoeing will nominate that Athlete/Crew to the AOC in that event;
 - b) where three different Athletes/Crews each win (and are the highest placed eligible Australians) a Nomination Trial, Australian Canoeing will only consider the winners of Nomination Trial 1 (Australian Open) and Nomination Trial 3(Oceania Open) for nomination to the AOC;
 - c) in the case of 2(2)(b) above, Australian Canoeing will nominate to the AOC the Athlete/Crew with the best combined ranking from two of the three Nomination Trials;
 - d) in the case two Athletes/Crews have an equal ranking after consideration of 2(2)(c) above, Australian Canoeing will nominate the Athlete/Crew with the lowest combined % time behind the winner at the two Nomination Trials used to determine the best combined ranking;
 - e) in case of a further tie after consideration of 2(2)(d) above, Australian Canoeing will nominate the highest ranked Athlete/Crew at Nomination Trial 3.
- (3) only nominate Athletes who are, or are recognised by the AOC as, members of the Shadow Team;
- (4) only nominate those Athletes it honestly believes have met the requirements described in the Selection Criteria;
- (5) only nominate those Athletes who have signed the Athlete Nomination Form as issued by the AOC from time to time;
- (6) not nominate more Athletes (including reserves) than the maximum number permitted under the Qualification System; and
- (7) not nominate Athletes who have breached the AOC Anti-Doping By-Law unless the Athlete has already been sanctioned for the breach and has completed the sanction imposed.

3 **Replacement of Athletes**

- (1) Subject to the limitations imposed by the London Organising Committee of the Olympic Games and entry restrictions, if an Athlete is nominated and selected to compete in an event and is subsequently unable to compete due to injury or illness then the placing of that Athlete/Crew in all Nomination Trials will be eliminated from consideration and the placing of all subsequent placed Athlete/Crews in those Nomination Trials will be adjusted up by one place accordingly, and the revised highest placed Athlete/Crew according to the process in clause 2 (2) will be nominated to the AOC.
- (2) Notwithstanding clause 3 (1) if an Athlete is nominated and selected to compete in the C2 event and is subsequently unable to compete due to injury or illness then the Australian Canoeing Selection Panel may, in its sole discretion, nominate a replacement Athlete from the Shadow Team to compete in that event with the other Crew member. In considering which

Athlete to nominate as a replacement, the Australian Canoeing Selection Panel may consider one or more of the following:

- a) the technical compatibility of an Athlete with the other Crew member;
 - b) right or left handedness of the Athlete to match the other Crew member;
 - c) experience and performance in national and international competitions in 2010 and 2011;
 - d) the most likely opportunity for medal success at the 2012 Olympic Games, as determined by the Australian Canoeing Selection Panel in its sole discretion; and
 - e) any other factors the Australian Canoeing Selection Panel considers relevant in the circumstances.
- (3) If Australian Canoeing determines that an Athlete that has been nominated to and selected by the AOC should be replaced:
- a) Australian Canoeing will recommend to the AOC that the Athlete is to be replaced; and
 - b) should the AOC (or during the period of the 2012 Olympic Games, the Chef de Mission of the 2012 Australian Olympic Team) determine that the selected Athlete should be replaced, then:
 - (i) Australian Canoeing may nominate a replacement athlete for selection by the AOC (in accordance with this Nomination Criteria); and
 - (ii) the AOC (or during the period of the 2012 Olympic Games, the Chef de Mission of the 2012 Australian Olympic Team), may in its absolute discretion select that nominated replacement Athlete. In exercising its discretion, the AOC will be subject to any conditions that apply in relation to entries for the 2012 Olympic Games.

4 Extenuating Circumstances

For the purposes of determining whether an Athlete has met the requirements of this Nomination Criteria, Australian Canoeing will not have regard to any extenuating circumstances.

5 Making of Nominations

Subject to the receipt by Australian Canoeing of the confirmation of Athlete quotas for the 2012 Olympic Games from the International Canoe Federation, and subject to any pending appeal received by Australian Canoeing under the Selection Procedures Bylaw, nominations by Australian Canoeing will be made within 5 working days of the completion of the Nomination Trials and, in any case, must be received by the AOC by 10:00am AEST on Friday 22 June 2012. Nominations made after this deadline (or within such further deadline as the AOC may allow) will be invalid unless made under a direction or award in respect of an appeal against non-nomination to the Australian Canoeing Appeals Tribunal or the Court of Arbitration for Sport under the AOC's Olympic Team Selection By-Law and which appeal had been commenced prior to the deadline for receipt of nominations by the AOC.

The 10:00am AEST on Friday 22 June 2012 deadline for the making of nominations by the Australian Canoeing applies irrespective of any deadline prescribed under the Qualification System or by the Organising Committee for the 2012 Olympic Games.

6 **Amendments to Nomination Criteria**

This Nomination Criteria may be amended by Australian Canoeing with the prior written approval of the AOC. Any amended Nomination Criteria will be distributed by Australian Canoeing via the Australian Canoeing website www.canoe.org.au.

7 **Interpretation**

(1) Words used in this Nomination Criteria have the same meaning ascribed to them in the AOC's Olympic Team Selection By-Law unless a contrary meaning appears from the context.

(2) In this Nomination Criteria the following words and phrases have the following meanings:

a) **“Selection Procedures Bylaw”** Means the Bylaw adopted by the Board of AC that governs the selection of Athletes to Australian Canoeing Teams a copy of which is at Attachment 3)

b) **“events”** Means the events to be conducted at the London 2012 Olympic Games which are: K1 Men, K1 Women, C1 Men and C2 Men.

c) **“Australian Canoeing Selection Panel”** Means the persons appointed from time to time by Australian Canoeing to conduct the selection of Athletes comprising:

Mike Druce - National Head Coach

Louise Natoli – Australian Canoeing representative and Olympian

Graeme Caudry – Australian Canoeing Technical Committee representative

8 **Law**

This document is governed by the laws applicable in the State of New South Wales.

Attachment 1

2012 AUSTRALIAN OLYMPIC TEAM
CONSENT TO SHADOW TEAM MEMBERSHIP

AUSTRALIAN CANOEING

[insert name of Athlete]

I consent to being a member of the Shadow Team for nomination by the above NF for selection to the 2012 Australian Olympic Team. I make this acknowledgement honestly and fully and confirm that this acknowledgement is not false or misleading:

- 1 I have been provided with, or been given access to, and will be bound by and observe the terms of the AOC Olympic Team Selection By-Law, the AOC Selection Criteria applicable to my sport and my NF's Nomination Criteria in force and as amended from time to time. I acknowledge that all members of the Shadow Team will likewise be bound by and must observe the same terms.
- 2 The AOC's Olympic Team Selection By-Law and the Selection Criteria may be amended by the AOC from time to time. I will be bound by and observe the AOC's Olympic Team Selection By-Law, and the Selection Criteria as amended, and acknowledge that any amendments to the AOC's Selection By-Law and Selection Criteria will be posted to the AOC's website (www.olympics.com.au) along with the Qualification System applicable to my event.
- 3 The decision whether or not to nominate me to the AOC for selection in the 2012 Australian Olympic Team is subject to the Nomination Criteria and is at the discretion of my NF.
- 4 If my NF decides to nominate me for selection to the 2012 Australian Olympic Team I will be required to complete an Athlete Acknowledgement as determined by the AOC from time to time.
- 5 In the event that my NF nominates me to the AOC for selection in the 2012 Australian Olympic Team I am not guaranteed to be selected in the 2012 Australian Olympic Team. The decision whether or not to select me as a member of the 2012 Australian Olympic Team is subject to the AOC's Olympic Team Selection By-Law and Selection Criteria and is at the absolute discretion of the AOC.
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 - (1) I have not at any time engaged in conduct (whether publicly known or not and whether before or after the date of my selection), which has brought, brings or would have the tendency to bring me or my sport into disrepute or censure, or which is or would have the tendency to be inconsistent with, contrary to or prejudicial to the best interests, image or values of the AOC or Team Sponsors, or as a result of which my membership would not be or would not likely be in the best interests of the 2012 Australian Olympic Team or the Shadow Team;
 - (2) I have not at any time (whether before or after the date of my selection) been convicted of, or charged with, any serious offence involving violence, alcohol or drugs, or any sex offence, or any offence relating to any betting or gambling activities on sport, or any offence which is punishable by imprisonment;
 - (3) I have and will continue to honestly and fully disclose information to my NF and the AOC concerning any conduct that might be in breach of (1) or (2) above or concerning any criminal offence of whatever nature, with which I have been charged, or of which I have been convicted, and consent to my NF and the AOC making enquiries to relevant authorities for any details of my criminal record (if any), including details of any charges pending or any spent convictions disclosable by law, and consent to those authorities providing that information in answer to those enquiries;

- (4) any matter arising under (1), (2) or (3) above is to be determined, or breach thereof excused, by the AOC in its sole and absolute discretion.

DISCLOSURE

(Please identify if there are any matters to be disclosed in respect of paragraph 6(1), (2) or (3) above ie identify any disreputable conduct, criminal convictions or criminal charges.)

- 7 My contact details are: Address: _____

Facsimile: _____
Email: _____

- 8 I will notify my NF in writing of any change in the above contact details. Any failure by me to advise my NF in writing of a change in my contact details may be to my detriment. Any announcement to be made or notice required to be sent pursuant to the AOC's Olympic Team Selection By-Law may be sent to one or more of the above contacts, or such other contact as notified in writing by me, and in the case of:

- (1) post, the announcement or notice is deemed to have been received by me by properly addressing, prepaying and posting a letter containing the announcement or notice, and to have been received by me on the third business day after the date of its posting. Any announcement or notice sent by post to me overseas will be forwarded by air mail;
- (2) facsimile transmission, the announcement or notice is deemed to have been received by me by properly addressing the facsimile transmission and transmitting it to the number supplied by me and to have been received by me the next business day after the date of its transmission; and
- (3) email, the announcement or notice is deemed to have been received by me by properly addressing the email address and transmitting it to the address supplied by me and to have been received by me on the next business day after the date of transmission unless the AOC or NF is advised that the transmission failed to send to the addressee.
- 9 If I wish to utilise Specialised Equipment at the Games, I will submit a request in writing to the AOC Director of Sport no later than 6 months prior to the Games. This request is subject to the approval of the AOC in accordance with the 2012 Australian Olympic Team Membership Agreement – Athletes.
- 10 This consent is governed by the laws applicable in the State of New South Wales.

Signature of Athlete

Date

Witness Name

Witness Signature

Attachment 2

2012 AUSTRALIAN OLYMPIC TEAM

PARENTS/GUARDIANS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FOR MINORS

AUSTRALIAN CANOEING

[insert name of Athlete]

I/we, the undersigned parents/guardians of the Athlete agree (and if more than one, then jointly and severally agree) as follows:

1. the Athlete is under the age of 18 years as at the date of signing the Consent to Shadow Team Membership;
2. I/we have read and understood the AOC Olympic Team Selection By-Law and the AOC Selection Criteria applicable to the sport of Canoe Kayak Slalom (“the Selection Terms”) and have fully explained to the Athlete the Selection Terms. To this end I/we have obtained independent legal advice as to the Selection Terms in order to clarify any doubts or concerns I/we may have had in this regard;
3. the Athlete has read the Selection Terms and, together with the benefit of our full explanation, understands their meaning and effect;
4. the Selection Terms are for the benefit of the Athlete;
5. the Athlete's eligibility for being considered for nomination by the above NF for selection to the 2012 Australian Olympic Team, may be terminated in the event of any breach of the Selection Terms; and
6. this acknowledgement is governed by the laws applicable in the State of New South Wales.

Dated:

Signed by the Parent/Guardian)
In the presence of:)

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(Parent/Guardian's signature)

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(Witness' signature)

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(Name of Witness)

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(Name of Parent/Guardian)

Attachment 3

AUSTRALIAN CANOEING SELECTION PROCEDURES BYLAW

Published on the Australian Canoeing website www.canoe.org.au under High Performance / Team Selection Information / 2012

Attachment 4

ICF QUALIFICATION SYSTEM

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Attachment 5

**AUSTRALIAN CANOEING PARTICIPATION CRITERIA FOR THE
2012 CONTINENTAL OLYMPIC QUALIFICATION EVENT
(OCEANIA OPEN, 24-26 FEBRUARY 2012)**

- 1) If Australia has not qualified athlete quotas for the 2012 Olympic Games at the 2011 World Championships, these quota places can be acquired at the 2012 Olympic Qualification event at Penrith 24-26 February 2012 (see ICF Qualification System Attachment 4).
- 2) Entry to the Continental Olympic Qualification process is restricted to Athletes nominated by eligible Oceania National Federations.
- 3) Where applicable, Australian Canoeing will nominate up to three Athletes/Crews from the Shadow Team to represent Australia for the purpose of qualifying Athlete quota places in specific events for the 2012 London Olympic Games, as follows in order of priority:
 - a) The best placed Athlete from the 2011 World Championships
 - b) The two highest ranked eligible Athletes at the Australian Open 10-12 February 2012.
 - c) If a replacement is required, Australian Canoeing will nominate the next best ranked Athlete (s) at the Australian Open.
- 4) While the Oceania Olympic qualification process is restricted to nominated representatives, the Oceania Open as a competition is not restricted and other Australian athletes may compete in the same event for the purpose of Olympic and national selection, but will not be eligible to earn Olympic quotas.
- 5) According to the ICF Qualification System, Athlete quotas will be awarded to the eligible Oceania nation with the highest placed nominated representative (s) at the Oceania Open 24-26 February 2012.

Athletes earning quota places for Australia under the ICF Qualification System must meet the Australian Canoeing Olympic nomination criteria in order to be nominated to the AOC for selection to the Olympic Team.