

Paddle WA

Selection Criteria for WA Sprint Pathways Squad 2017/18

The selection criteria aligns with the basic principles contained in the National Athletes' Pathway Framework (NAPF) which is a "roadmap" to guide all stakeholders in the development of the athlete from Foundation to Mastery. Paddle Australia has used the Australian Institute of Sports' (AIS) model for the development of its athletes' pathways using the FTEM framework as its Guide (See NAPF).

This Criteria may be amended by Paddle WA at any time for any one or more of the following reasons:

- i. any change in ICF eligibility criteria, program of events or rules;
- ii. any change in the rules governing a particular race/event;
- iii. to give effect to the Criteria following discovery of a drafting error or oversight;
- iv. to clarify any ambiguity or otherwise give effect to the intended meaning of the Criteria;
- v. any other reason determined by AC in its absolute discretion to be in the best interest of Paddle WA
- vi. Paddle WA shall not be responsible or liable in any way to anyone because of such amendment.

The selection criteria is specifically targeting athletes aspiring to be selected in the various National underage teams for Olympic Hopes, Junior World Championships, Asia Pacific Regatta

The selection panel will comprise the following;

- WAIS Head Coach Canoe Sprint – Ramon Andersson
- WA Sprint Pathways Coach – Jesse Phillips
- WA Pathways Coordinator – Andrew Hayden

Selection Criteria

- i. Athletes should be intending to compete at the 2018 National Sprint Championships in Penrith NSW from 6th – 10th March 2018
- ii. Athletes must be a member of a Paddle WA club affiliated with Paddle Australia
- iii. Athletes selected in the 2017 Olympic Hopes Squad
- iv. Athletes achieving times in regattas or time trials as specified in the NAPF for levels T2 - T4
- v. In assessing an Athlete's performance against the times at Levels T2 – T4 in the NAPF, the Selection Panel 'may' consider relevant external factors that may have impacted the Athlete/Crew achieving the necessary IPS (including but not limited to weather conditions (e.g. wind speed/direction and currents).

- vi. Athletes not meeting criteria (iii) – (v) may still be added to the WA Sprint Pathways Squad at the sole discretion of the selection panel based on but not exclusively limited to historical performance in surf lifesaving events or other paddling disciplines such as marathon, training performance, testing performance.
- vii. Athletes may be selected or deselected (if not meeting squad requirements) at the following times of the season – post September 23 2017 regatta, post December 17 2017 Regatta, post Sate Championships 20/21 Jan 2018, post National Championship 6 – 10 March 2018.

Squad Requirements

In order to be considered for the WA Sprint Pathways squad athletes must meet the following requirements;

- i. Be available to train 1 – 2 times per week with the WA Sprint Pathways coach in addition to sessions provided by the athlete's club coach. Days and Times to be advised
- ii. Be able to undertake Strength and Conditioning training 1 – 2 times per week at the WA Institute of Sport or any other venue identified as a hub for Strength and Conditioning training for the WA Sprint Pathways Squad.
- iii. In the event the athlete has a valid reason for not being able to attend Strength and Conditioning training at the venues and times highlighted above they must agree to undertake their own strength and conditioning at a venue suitable to them but working to the same program as other athletes in the squad and commit to meeting with the Strength and Conditioning coach each month to review program and check exercise form.
- iv. Be available for lab testing at the WA Institute of Sport, three times per year in January, March and September.