

SIS/SAS

Selection Guidelines – Canoe Sprint



South Australian Sports Institute

INTRODUCTION / BACKGROUND

The State Institutes and Academies of Sport (SIS/SAS) work in partnership with Australian Canoeing (AC) to deliver programs that will develop and assist identified high performance athletes and coaches achieve excellence and success at an international level. The programs provide world class coaching, daily training environments (DTE) and support services to improve athlete development.

Prospective SIS/SAS scholarship athletes will be assessed against Australian Canoeing's athlete categorisation tiering. This document should be read in conjunction with AC's 2018 Athlete Categorisation Selection Criteria.

As a guide, athlete's entering SIS/SAS programs should be at approximately the T3 phase of the FTEM and be progressing towards National Jnr, U23 and Senior teams.

The AC Athlete Categories ("Athlete Categories") have been developed following AIS athlete categorisation criteria. Athlete Categorisation provide a consistent basis to:

- a) identify the athletes with the greatest potential to contribute to AC's performance targets in Tokyo 2020 and beyond and at World Championships annually;
- b) track athlete performance over time; and
- c) inform prioritisation of resources to athletes

SASI

The SASI Canoe Sprint program is recognised as a world-class program producing internationally successful athletes, across all categories.

The SASI Canoe Sprint Program is comprised of a National Training Centre within the National High Performance Program of Australian Canoeing (AC) and a National Development Centre for Canoe Sprint. The program works in collaboration with Canoe South Australia in the conducting of talent identification and development initiatives.

TIME FRAME

SIS/SAS athlete scholarships will be aligned with Athlete Categorisation assessment dates. Scholarships will be offered from April 15 to April 14, with a formal review in November each year.

Additional reviews maybe conducted at any time by the selection panel and the SIS/SAS has the right to add or delete athletes to and from the scholarship squad at any time, in consultation with AC.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for a SIS/SAS Scholarship:

- a) Athletes must be a citizen of Australia (or undertaking reasonable steps to become an Australian Citizen)
- b) Athletes must be a resident of the relevant state for 6 months prior to selection unless the athlete is a national squad or team member and the transition to the state is supported by program partners.

- c) Athletes must be a registered athlete with the relevant club and state sporting organization. All memberships must be up to date and paid for by the end of the financial year.
- d) Athletes must comply with the relevant sports interstate transfer policies (typically, as a minimum, athletes must have been residing in a State for a minimum of 12 months prior to being eligible for a SIS/SAS).

Note: This eligibility requirement does not include athletes who will continue to be supported interstate or overseas if relocation to these areas is supported by the SIS/SAS Head Coach as part of their development pathway (e.g. National Squads, etc.)

SELECTION CRITERIA

Athletes will be eligible for inclusion into the SASI Canoe Sprint Squad based on their athlete categorisation level as listed below.

Level	AIS Categorisation Description	CANOE SPRINT	PARACANOE
Podium	Athlete who had a medal performance at a world championship (or equivalent) event in the previous 24 months and is considered capable of a medal at the next world championship (or equivalent) event.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Podium at Senior BME Event within the last 24 months; and, ▪ Capable of a medal at the next BME event 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Podium at Para BME Event within the last 24 months; and, ▪ Finish in the Top 50% of their competitors; and, ▪ Capable of a medal at the next BME event
Podium Ready	Athlete who placed fourth to eighth at the most recent world championship (or equivalent) event and is considered capable of progressing to Podium in the next two years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Place 4th – 8th in K1/C1 or K2/C2), or 4th – 6th in K4 at the most recent Senior BME Event; and, ▪ Capable of a medal at a BME in the next 2 years. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Place 4 - 8th at most recent Para BME Event; and, ▪ Finish in the Top 50% of their competitors; and, ▪ Capable of a medal at a BME in the next 2 years.
Podium Potential	Athlete who is considered capable of progressing to at least Podium Ready in the next two years.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Place 9th – 12th in K1/C1 or K2/C2), or 7th – 10th in K4 at the most recent Senior BME Event; and finish in the Top 50% of their competitors; or, ▪ Medal at U23 BME Event; or, ▪ Quality performance at an alternate international event (e.g. world cup); ▪ and, Capable of a medal at a Senior BME event in the next 4 years. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Place 9 - 12th at most recent Para BME Event; and, ▪ Finish in the Top 50% of their competitors; and, ▪ Capable of a medal at a Senior BME event in the next 4 years.
Developing	A/ Athlete who is considered capable of progressing to at least Podium Potential in the next two years (Tokyo Target)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Identified National Senior Squad member; or, ▪ Identified National U23 Team member, who place: 4th – 10th in K1/C1 or K2/C2), or 4th – 6th in K4 at the most recent U23 BME event; and finish in the Top 50% of their competitors; or, ▪ Quality performance at an alternate international event (e.g. world cup); ▪ and, capable of progressing to Podium Potential in the next 2 years. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Identified National Development Squad member; ▪ and, capable of progressing to Podium Potential in the next 2 years.
	B/ Athlete who is considered capable of progressing to at least Podium Potential in the next two years (Paris Target)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Identified National Junior Team member, who place: 4th – 10th in K1/C1 or K2/C2), or 4th – 6th in K4 at the most recent Junior BME event; or, ▪ and, capable of progressing to Podium Potential in the next 2 years. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Identified State Development Squad member; ▪ and, capable of progressing to Podium Potential in the next 2 years.

Emerging	Athlete who is considered capable of progressing to at least Developing in the next two years.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Identified National Junior or U23 Team member, who place: 11th – 18th in K1/C1 or K2/C2), or 7th – 10th in K4 at the most recent Junior BME event; or, ▪ Quality performance at an alternate international event (e.g. world cup or Asia-Pacific Regatta); and; ▪ Capable of progressing to Developing in the next 2 years. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Identified State Development Squad member; ▪ and, capable of progressing to Podium Potential in the next 4 years.
Associate	Athlete who does not fulfil the AC categorisation criteria but demonstrates potential and/or contributes to the DTE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Junior or U23 athletes selected for a National Team to compete at the Junior or U23 BME event and do not fall in the above categories ▪ Absolute Discretion of the National Coaches or SIS/SAS Coaches 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Absolute Discretion of the National Coaches

NB: 'Eligibility' does not necessarily guarantee a scholarship offer. This will be dependent on the number of scholarships available and athletes will be ranked by performance accordingly and will need to gain the necessary recommendation from the SIS/SAS Head Coach and subsequent approval by the Selection Panel.

The Selection Panel will consist of the relevant SIS/SAS Head Coach, SIS/SAS Performance Manager and National Performance Director and other relevant individuals as determined by AC and SIS/SAS. This panel will determine the nomination of athletes under these criteria within each State.

1. The Podium Pathway Athlete Categories apply to Olympic and Paralympic disciplines and events only.
2. For the purposes of the above Athlete Categories:
 - a) Only athletes competing in Olympic or Paralympic disciplines are eligible for the AC Athlete Categories.
 - b) Athletes with performances in Non-Olympic/Paralympic events may be included only where there is clear evidence that performance in a Non-Olympic/Paralympic event will contribute to the performance targets in Olympic or Paralympic events. Alternatively, these athletes may be included in a separate 'Associate' category which will be assessed on a case by case basis.
 - c) Athletes who do not satisfy any of the Podium Pathway category criteria but has earned selection for the national team or squad preparing for the NSOs benchmark event and/or can positively contribute to the DTE may also be included in a separate 'Associate' Category which will be assessed on a case by case basis at the discretion of the SIS/SAS Head Coach.
 - d) Should an exceptional circumstance prevent an athlete from achieving the benchmark event criteria for Podium potential or above, and there is compelling evidence that the athlete would otherwise meet the criteria for that level, AC may take into consideration extenuating circumstances. In particular, AC will consider the National Olympic Committee (NOC) ranking of an athlete and likelihood to qualify an Olympic quota for Tokyo 2020 and contribute to AWE performance targets in Tokyo 2020.
3. Athletes in an Athlete Category are expected to show a progression in performances and results. A detailed review will be undertaken of all categorised Athletes. Athletes should be able to demonstrate improvement each year, e.g. an improvement in their personal best, or maintenance of a medal winning position. It is acknowledged that athlete progression is not always linear and therefore performance plateaus and regression will be considered, but only when there is evidence of strong athlete commitment and compliance to

continuous improvement. For instance, an athlete who fails to qualify for a BME event or a particular event, but still demonstrate strong signs of performance progression may be maintained at a certain category, despite not achieving the objective performance targets. Athletes who fail to progress or demonstrate the commitment will be removed or demoted from the Athlete Categories.

4. Athlete Categorisation will ultimately be used to prioritise AC's and the high performance system's resources, including AC financial support and access to Performance Support servicing. The athletes in the higher categories can expect to receive a greater level of support than those in the lower categories. In all cases, the provision of services to athletes in the Athlete Categories is subject to available resources.
5. Selection to a certain category does not automatically entitle an athlete to receive support, and athletes within the same category may not receive the same level of support. In particular, the AIS Direct Athlete Support (dAIS) criteria may not align directly with the Athlete Categories.

ATHLETE OBLIGATIONS

All athletes who have been selected in the SIS/SAS Squad Program must:

- Have the intention to compete and/or be involved in active training (including injury recovery and rehabilitation).
- Abide by the terms and conditions as outlined in the SIS/SAS Athlete Agreement or other SIS/SAS Policies
- Have met the sport specific selection criteria, or be selected as a developing potential elite athlete as determined by the appointed Selection Panel.
- If an athlete does not meet the agreed training commitment and program approved by the Head Coach then the SIS/SAS reserve the right to remove that athlete from the SIS/SAS squad.