



APPLICATIONS FOR THE SOUTH AFRICAN CANOE POLO SQUAD 2017/2018

September 2016

Introduction

The 13th Canoe Polo World Championship is to be held at the Welland flatwater centre in Niagara, Canada in August 2018. South Africa is intending on sending a competitive Senior Mens, U21 or Senior Ladies and U21 Mens team to the event if they are of an international standard. As preparation for this event, South Africa wishes to develop a squad of players with the necessary skills, strength and fitness required to compete on an international level.

Certain aspects of a player can be obtained in a short period of time, however other aspects such as game experience, skill and strength take an extended period of time and this is the reason for establishing a squad at this point in time.

In an effort to improve our competition exposure, the national squad will be combining the ladies with the U21 ladies; and the U21 Men's with Men's squad. This will be in addition to combining forces with the Namibian national squad to stimulate further game experience.

An application form is available later in the document for athletes to apply to join the 2017/2018 Canoe Polo Squad.

Who should apply?

All polo players who are interested in being selected to one of the World Championship Canoe Polo teams are encouraged to apply. Initially the only criteria set for the selection of squad members will be that application form itself. I.e. initially, anyone can apply and will be accepted to the squad. Training programmes will, however, be set based on the ability of the individual.

There will be two phases of selections. The first will be to select a national team to compete at the African Championships in April 2017 in Windhoek, Namibia. Selections for all teams will take place in December 2016 and January 2017.

The second team selection will take place during the African Cup in 2018, leading up to the World Championships in August 2018. This deadline is set so that the coaching staff can present training programmes to the players and so that a monitoring program can be instituted. Athletes who wish to join the squad after the deadline will have to apply, in writing, to the South African Canoe Polo Committee.



Financial

There is currently no funding from our National Canoeing Body to assist players with the costs associated with being on the National squad or team. The budget for each player for the World Championships tour is approximately R35 000. In an effort to establish a more formalised and professional squad each player is required to put together a deposit of R5 000 which will be used as part of the world championship tour in 2018. This deposit is not required to be selected for the national team attending African Champs but will be a requirement to be eligible for selection for the world championship team. The deposit is due on 1st July 2017. Should a player not make the final team that goes to world champs this money will be returned to the player as soon as the team is selected.

African Cup

In an effort to stimulate more competitions, more frequently, South Africa Canoe Polo and Namibia Canoe Polo will be working together to host a series of three events through 2017 and 2018 to raise the level of play in the region. These are included in the listing below of the events that are compulsory for squad players.

Team Manager and Coaches

If you wish to apply for a team manager or coach position, please fill in the application below. The deadline for these positions is outlined as per the programme below. As there is a large amount of roles and responsibilities for the coach or manager, the national committee is currently drafting a new set of roles and responsibilities for the coach or manager. This will be circulated to the applicable candidates in due course.

The Team manager role will include roles such as managing travel and accommodation for the tour, liaise with the tournament organising committee and manage any admin associated to the tournaments attended. Further detail will be follow in the roles and responsibilities for team managers and coaches.

Programme

Applications for the Canoe Polo squad for African Champs are to be received before the 31st October 2016 and a squad training programme will be presented to athletes immediately thereafter. Squad training will begin immediately and continue through to a team selection in December 2016 and January 2017. The selected team will thereafter continue training up to the African Championships in 2017 and World Championships in 2018.

A broad outline of the deadlines are covered in the following table. Please note that all dates and venues listed below may be subject to change.



Month	Event
31 October 2016	Deadline for Squad Applications for the players and coaches. All athletes who apply will be notified of their inclusion into the initial squad. Squad training will include an initial fitness assessment and the development of individual training programmes.
15 November 2016	Announcement of team manager and team coaches
10 – 11 December 2016	First National Team Selection - Jhb
14 – 15 January 2017	Second National Team Selection – KZN
7 – 13 April 2017	African Canoe Polo Championships – Windhoek
1 July 2017	Deadline for compulsory R5 000 deposit to be eligible for national team selection. This will be refundable if you are not invited into the team.
July 2017 to July 2018	There will be monthly squad training camps, these dates and venues will be confirmed closer to the time.
August 2018	World Championships, Canada

Proposed Competitions

The following competitions are proposed for the lead up to the World Championships in 2018.

- 11 – 12 March 2017 – SA Champs - Johannesburg
- 7 – 13 April 2017 – African Champs – Windhoek
- 20 – 21 May 2017 – Durban international - Durban
- September 2017 – AFRICAN CUP – Johannesburg (Event 1 of 3)
- December 2017 – AFRICAN CUP - Windhoek (Event 2 of 3)
- March 2018 – SA Champs – Knysna
- April 2018 – AFRICAN CUP - Johannesburg (Event 3 of 3, Finals)
- May 2018 – Durban international - Durban
- August 2018 – World Champs - Canada



Obligations

Each athlete in the squad will be required to:

- undertake training programmes as specified by the squad coaches;
- attend squad training camps;
- participate in the inter-provincial tournaments;
- paying for costs associated with squad activities and deposit for the worlds tour. These will include:
 - Individual training costs
 - R5 000 per player as part of the squad application
 - Individual costs for travel and accommodation to training camps
- Be a paid up member of a CSA affiliated Canoe Club.

Athletes Code of Ethics

- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of fellow canoeists, coaches, officials and spectators.
- Refrain from conduct which could be regarded as sexual or other harassment towards fellow canoeists and coaches.
- Respect the talent, potential and development of fellow squad members and competitors.
- Care and respect the equipment provided to you as part of your program.
- Be honest and sincere with your coach regarding any illness or injury and your ability to train fully within the program requirements.
- Conduct yourself in a professional manner relating to language, temper and punctuality.
- Maintain high personal behaviour standards at all times.
- Abide by the rules and respect the decision of the adjudicator, making all appeals though the formal process and respecting the final decision.
- Be honest in your attitude and preparation to training. work equally hard for yourself and your team/ crew.
- Cooperate with coaches and staff in development of programs to adequately prepare you for competition at the highest level.
- Commit yourself to the development of drug-free sport and abstain from the use of performance enhancing drugs.



Application

If you wish to apply to join the 2017 / 2018 canoe polo squad then please ensure you sign the application form, which is attached, and if under the age of eighteen at the time of application have your parent or guardian also sign. Notification of receipt of your nomination will be forwarded to you.

I wish all applicants the best of success at the trials and hope that they will be successful in their goal to represent South Africa. Furthermore I wish all the very best of success to the South African Canoe Polo Teams for 2018.

Application forms can be emailed to cdebree@hotmail.com

If you have any questions you are welcome to contact me directly as seen below.

Yours in Paddling,

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I HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE that:

1. I have read and understood the “Applications for the South African Canoe Polo Squad 2017 / 2018” document and acknowledge the obligations contained therein, and hereby wish to apply to be a member of the 2017 / 2018 Canoe Polo Squad.
2. There will be some personal expense involved in attending the workshop, training camps and selection events, and I accept full responsibility for my expenses.
3. I hereby state that: (a) I am a member of a canoe club affiliated as a member of CSA; and (b) I do not have any outstanding accounts with CSA that are in arrears;

MEN'S SQUAD	
U21 MEN'S SQUAD	
LADIES SQUAD	
U21 LADIES SQUAD	
U21 MEN'S COACH	
MEN'S COACH	
U21 LADIES COACH	
LADIES COACH	
TEAM MANAGER	

Full Name:.....

Paddler Registration No:..... Club:..... Province:.....

Identity No:.....

Postal Address:..... Tel: (H).....

..... Tel: (W).....

..... Fax:

Postal Code: Tel:(C).....

Email address:

Sign:..... Date:.....

Full Names and Signature of Parent/Guardian:.....

(To be completed in the event that the athlete is 18 years or younger on the date as completed above)