

## **SECTION C – IMPORTANT DATES AND INFORMATION**

### **1. INTRODUCTION**

- The World Ocean Racing Championships are to be held in Hong Kong on the 18th or 19th of November 2017.
- If you wish to be considered for a position in the Senior, U23 or Junior World Championships team, or the Masters World Championships team, please read these documents carefully.
- Please complete and return required documentation – SECTION A AND B ONLY - and ensure that you meet the requirements and expectations to travel and compete.

### **2. IMPORTANT DATES**

#### 2.1 2nd June 2017 – 24h00

Completed Nomination Form to be received by the CSA Secretary General before the end of the day 16th June, 2017. Any forms received after this date will not be considered for selection to SA teams.

#### 2.2 24th or 25th June 2017

Durban Downwind – Primary Trial

#### 2.3 18th or 19th November 2017

ICF World Surfski Championships - Hong Kong

### **3. TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS**

#### 3.1 Funding for National Team

A contribution towards expenses may be made by CSA. This not guaranteed, so you must consider both the trial and the World Championships to be fully self-funded events.

#### 3.2 Visa's and Passports

All team members must have valid passports. Hong Kong has a 30 day visa free policy for travelers with South African Passports.

#### 3.3 Kit and Clothing

All team members need to take full responsibility to ensure they have the Kit and Equipment required to function fully, both on and off the water. Detailed kit requirements will be provided to team members.

#### 3.4 Equipment and Boats

It is the paddlers' responsibility to provide their own equipment and boats for these events.

## **SECTION D – SELECTION POLICIES AND AWARDDING OF COLOURS**

## **SELECTION POLICY FOR JUNIOR, U23 AND SENIOR TEAMS FOR WORLD OCEAN RACING CHAMPIONSHIPS**

### **1.SELECTORS, SELECTIONS, PROCEDURE AND CRITERIA**

#### 1.1 Selectors

Peter Cole, Mark Lewin and Charl Van Wyk (coordinator Colin Simpkins).

#### 1.2 Selection Procedure

The selection procedure will be simple.

The first relevant number of participants in each category across the line will qualify for the team. The award of national or federation colours will be dependent on standard.

#### 1.3 Athlete Communication

The selectors will communicate with the Senior, U23 and Juniors prior to their events if there are any concerns after receiving the nominations to ensure that the athletes are aware of the selection procedure.

#### 1.4 Monitoring

The selectors are required to monitor all aspects of the trials to ensure that the trial is run on a fair and representative basis and if necessary to intervene in exceptional circumstances, where matters are clearly out of control e.g. extreme weather conditions, outside intervention, cheating etc.

#### 1.5 Adverse conditions

All possible steps will be taken to ensure that the trial is held in satisfactory conditions.

If conditions become dangerous during the trial, and for safety reasons, the race is abandoned, a new trial will be scheduled.

#### 1.6 Team Announcement

The provisional team will be announced as soon as possible after the completion of the trial, hopefully, at the event prize giving. It must be appreciated that the final team can only be announced after ratification by the CSA board.

### **2.TRIALS**

#### 2.1 Primary Trial

Durban Downwind – 24th or 25th June 2017

##### 2.1.1 Discretion

The selectors are tasked with choosing a team to secure medals at the World Championship.

##### 2.1.2 Performance

Selectors are, therefore, looking for high levels of performance from all athletes. Athletes need to showcase their ability to the best of their potential.

### **3.COLOURS**

#### 3.1 National Colours

Recommended at selectors Discretion.

#### 3.2 Federation Colours

Recommended at Selectors discretion.

### **4.TEAM**

#### 4.1 Team Make up

The national selectors have the option to fill a maximum number of paddlers in the following categories:

##### 4.1.1 Junior – 2 Men

##### 4.1.2 Junior – 2 Ladies

##### 4.1.3 U23 – 2 Men

##### 4.1.4 U23 – 2 Ladies

##### 4.1.5 Seniors – 5 Men

##### 4.1.6 Seniors – 5 Ladies

#### 4.2 Filling Team Posts on Performance

The team is to be based purely on performance displayed at the primary trial. The Team make up in 4.1 are maximum numbers in each category and it is up the discretion of the selectors on the number of paddlers in each category. The selectors are not obliged to fill the team to the max numbers and will only select paddlers who meet the required standard.

If an U23 makes the senior team, he/she will be selected for both teams. i.e. he/she will occupy the spot in both teams, disallowing a further paddler in that class to qualify.

### **SELECTION POLICY MASTERS TEAMS FOR ICF WORLD SURFSKI CHAMPS**

#### **1.SELECTORS, SELECTIONS, PROCEDURE AND CRITERIA**

##### 1.1 Selectors

Peter Cole, Mark Lewin and Charl Van Wyk (coordinator Colin Simpkins).

##### 1.2 Selection Procedure

The selection procedure will be simple.

The first relevant number participants in each category across the line will qualify.

The award of federation colours will be dependent on standard.

### 1.3 Masters as part of SA Teams

1.3.1 Masters are actively encouraged to participate in team trials and to attend ICF World Surfski Championships either as selected members of the SA Team, or as individuals.

1.3.2 It is sometimes the case in the Masters Categories that paddlers will race the Team Trials, yet may be unavailable for selection or travelling to the World Masters Championships.

1.3.3 All masters' paddlers are entitled to travel to ICF World Surfski Championships as individuals and enter the event as Individuals (through the federation).

### 1.4 Athlete Communication

The selectors will communicate with the Masters paddlers prior to their events if there are any concerns after receiving the nominations to ensure that the athletes are aware of the selector's views and expectations.

### 1.5 Team Announcement

The team will be announced as soon after the selection event as possible, hopefully during the prizegiving of the event.

## **2. TRIALS**

### 2.1 Primary Trial

Durban Downwind 24th or 25th June 2017

#### 2.1.1 Discretion

The selectors are tasked with choosing a team to secure medals at the World Championship.

#### 2.1.2 Performance

Selectors are, therefore, looking for high levels of performance from all athletes.

Athletes need to showcase their ability to the best of their potential.

## **3. FEDERATION COLOURS**

Federation colours may be awarded to Masters paddlers on the following conditions:

3.1 Federation colours will be awarded at the discretion of CSA, based on the recommendations of the Surfski Committee and Selectors.

3.2 The winner and second placed paddler/s in each age category at the Primary Trial, may be recommended for Federation Colours provided:

3.2.1 Those paddler/s are selected to the SA Team; and

3.2.2 Those paddler/s attend the World Masters Championships in the year in which they are selected.

3.2.3 The standard of the paddler at the primary trial is such that the award of Federation colours is justified. This will be up to the discretion of the selectors, based on the results of the trial.

3.2.4 Their performance at the world championships is of a high enough standard.

All of the items below can be found in the "Paddlers Handbook", which is available on the CSA website <http://www.canoesa.org.za>

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