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2010 ROWING CANADA AVIRON ADAPTIVE NATIONAL TEAM SELECTION CRITERIA

PURPOSE

This document establishes the process and criteria to be used to select National Teams in 2010. Athletes are also referred to the RCA National Selection Team Policy which establishes the broad and ongoing parameters for National Team selection.

NATIONAL TEAM OBJECTIVE

The objective of National Teams is to win Gold medals at 2012 Paralympic Games.

Funding and resources provided by Sport Canada, Own the Podium and the Canadian Olympic Committee for RCA's High Performance Program will be directed towards the National Team Objective.

SELECTION PRINCIPLE

The objective of the National Team Selection Criteria is to select crews (which shall include coxswains and single scullers) that have potential to achieve RCA's National Team Objective.

SECTION 1 – AUTHORITY FOR SELECTION

The Director of High Performance shall have the authority to select National Teams based upon nominations received by the Lead Coach (identified below). The composition of various crews within National Teams shall be in the sole discretion of the Lead Coach.

SECTION 2 – 2010 NATIONAL TEAMS

2010 FISA World Rowing Senior Championships Karapiro, NZL Oct 31-Nov 7

Crews selected must have the potential to finish in the top six (6) at the 2010 World Championships.

Adaptive National Team crews are open to athletes who have a minimum disability as defined in the FISA Guidelines and classified by a FISA Classifier. (http://www.worldrowing.com/medias/docs/doc_7_1175.pdf)

SECTION 3 – ELIGIBILITY FOR NOMINATION

National Teams are open to members in good standing, registered with RCA, who are Canadian citizens holding a valid Canadian passport and who fulfill any other team specific eligibility requirements as specified herein.

SECTION 4 - NOMINATION PROCEDURES

4.1 FISA World Championships – Adaptive Team

Adaptive Team Crews will be nominated on the basis of performance at a selection camp. The selection camp for LTA4+ Mixed Gender, TA2x Mixed Gender, A1x Male and A1x Female shall commence on or about July 3, 2010 (Welland, Ontario). Nominations for the National Adaptive Team shall be made no later than August 30, 2010.

The selection and development camp will be held under the supervision of the Lead Coach.

Selection camp will be by invitation only. Athletes wishing to be considered for the adaptive team must submit their request with their latest May 10th ergometer score to the National Team Manager by June 4, 2010. Invitations to the selection camp will be made by the Lead Coach-Adaptive by June 9, 2010. The applicants will be evaluated by their submitted erg scores by a committee and then will be notified of their invitation to the selection camp.

Athletes will be evaluated during the selection camp on an ongoing basis in accordance with the following criteria:

- 1) training and racing performance including but not limited to:
 - a. seat racing;
 - b. time trials;
- 2) ergometer tests;
- 3) technique and coach ability;
- 4) compatibility with other athletes and coaches;
- 5) commitment to the program; and
- 6) assessment of competitive readiness.

Nominations shall be made by the Lead Coach.

4.2 Crew Nominations

Lead Coach shall nominate individual athletes for selection to National Teams to the Director of High Performance, who shall make final selections. The composition of crews shall remain in the sole discretion of the Lead Coach and the configuration of

crews may be changed based on a crew's competitiveness. Such changes will follow current FISA regulations.

4.3 Special Circumstances

If because of injury, illness, prohibitive causes or extenuating circumstances an athlete is unable to meet any of the requirements in this selection procedure, the athlete may still be considered for any of the Canadian National Rowing Teams. He/she must advise the appropriate Program Coach, National Team Coordinator and Director of High Performance in writing of injury, illness, cause or circumstance as soon as possible. Permission to forego the relevant requirement in this selection procedure must be obtained in writing from the High Performance Director. In the case of illness or injury, a medical report must be submitted from a doctor to RCA's Medical Director, Dr. Michael Wilkinson.

4.4 Coxswains Nomination

Notwithstanding the foregoing nomination criteria set out in paragraph 4.1 above, coxswains will be nominated by the National Lead Coach based on the following criteria:

- a) athlete and coach input on ability;
- b) past racing experience and results;
- c) compatibility with athletes in a selected crew;
- d) compatibility with coach of the selected crew; and
- e) commitment to the program.
- f) assessment of competitive readiness.

SECTION 5 - ATHLETE AGREEMENT

Athletes seeking to try out for the Adaptive National team must sign an Athlete Agreement as a condition of eligibility to participate in the respective selection camp.

SECTION 6 – APPEAL PROCESS

Decisions made pursuant to this Selection Criteria document may be appealed in accordance with the RCA Appeal Policy.

SECTION 7 – FUNDING

An assessment may be required for the National Teams. The amount of the assessment will be announced by July 1, 2010. Any deposit required must be received by the National Team Coordinator no later than July 10, 2010 from all athletes.

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