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**INTERNATIONAL
WHITEWATER HALL OF FAME**

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Nomination Form

Deadline: Thursday, May 15, 2008 (11:59 PM Eastern Daylight Time, UT -5)

I. NOMINEE*:

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II. NOMINATING ORGANIZATION:

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* For team nominees, an additional sheet may be added with the names and addresses for of all team members.

III. PREPARED BY:

Name (Print): Sue Lyons, Chair Slalom Technical Committee Signature: Attached Date: May 15, 2008

IV. CATEGORY:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PIONEER	Sport: <u>Canoe Slalom</u>	Active From: 1960	To: Present	Living: <u>X</u> Yes ___ No
<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORER	Sport: _____	Active From: _____	To: _____	Living: ___ Yes ___ No
<input type="checkbox"/> CHAMPION	Sport: _____	Active From: _____	To: _____	Living: ___ Yes ___ No
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ADVOCATE	Sport: _____	Active From: _____	To: _____	Living: ___ Yes ___ No

Individuals or teams may be nominated in any one of the four categories. See Nomination and Selection Procedures (Rev. 04.17.08) for a complete description of the nominating criteria. The following is a brief summary of the criteria:

PIONEER

- Has made a significant accomplishment or contribution made in any area of whitewater activity: e.g. the first or among the earliest.

EXPLORER

- Has been engaged in extensive exploration and investigation of unknown regions and areas of whitewater activity.
- Has exemplified superior feats in previously unchallenged whitewater: e.g. an adventurer, scientist or expedition leader.

CHAMPION

- Has been/was engaged in any competitive whitewater discipline for at least five (5) years.
- Has a distinguished record of achievement at the highest levels of competitive whitewater sport.

ADVOCATE

- Has made outstanding contributions to furthering whitewater activities. May include grassroots activism, environmental stewardship, ensuring river access, innovative manufacturing or course design/development.
- Has performed in a leading role in serving the whitewater community for at least the past twenty (20) years.

Note: All nominees: 1) may be living or deceased, and 2) may be an individual or a team.

→ SWITCH TO ADVOCATE CATEGORY
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Nominee:**V. BASIS FOR NOMINATION:** Provide a brief summary statement.

Helen Brownlee has dedicated her life to sport and in particular the sport of canoeing. Involved in canoeing for over thirty years, Helen has devoted her time and resources to serving the sport she was born to. As a young child Helen was introduced to canoeing by her father – Os Brownlee, one of the founding members of the Australian Canoe Federation 50 years ago—though her real involvement began in her teenage years.

As a teenager Helen competed in Flatwater Racing, Wildwater Racing and Slalom Racing. After collecting medals at both State and National level, Helen's interests soon focused on Slalom Racing and she gradually moved from participating to Officiating and Administration. Since those early days Helen has progressed through the administrative levels at club and state level to national and international levels. Despite the growing demands on her time, Helen was able to adjudicate at World Championships and Olympic Games. At the 1972 Munich Olympic Games, Helen was an Official Judge for the Canoe Slalom events. In 1988 Helen was a Finish Line Judge for Flatwater canoeing at the Seoul Olympic Games. In between Helen also fulfilled roles as Assistant Team Manager for World Championships, Jury Member at international slalom races as well as being Chief Judge at Australian and State level.

Helen was a groundbreaker for women in the administration of sport, when in 1976 she was elected to the International Canoe federation's Slalom and Wildwater Committee. Helen was accepted into areas that for years had refused to accept women. Continued her progression through the ranks of the International Canoe Federation Helen was elected Member for Oceania in 1988 and took her place on the International Canoe Federation's Board of Management. She holds these positions today.

In Australia, Helen was also recognized for her outstanding contributions to sport. From 1976-1978 Helen was a Vice President of the Australian Canoe Federation. Then in 1985 Helen was elected to the position of President of the Australian Canoe Federation. Helen held this position for 14 years. Helen was made a delegate to the NSW Olympic Council in 1974. She remained in that position until elected an Executive member of the NSW Olympic Council in 1988. The following year Helen was elected as Vice President of the NSW Olympic Council and completed her rise to be elected President of the NSW Olympic Council in 1990—a position she still holds at present. Following her election as President of the NSW Olympic council, Helen became a delegate to the Australian Olympic Committee in 1981. In 1989, Helen was appointed as a member of the Australian Olympic Committee's Planning and Review Commission. In 1991 Helen was elected to the Executive Board of the Australian Olympic Committee and she continues in this position today. Helen was awarded a Life Membership to the NSW Canoe Association in 1979, in recognition of her contributions to canoeing in New South Wales. Helen's contributions to sport were again recognized in 1985 when she was awarded the Order of Australia Medal (OAM). She was awarded the 2002 IOC Women & Sport Trophy for Oceania. The award is in recognition of Ms. Brownlee's outstanding contribution to the promotion of women in sport.

“Helen has made a major contribution to the success of the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games and to the organization of Canoeing here in Australia and internationally” said AOC President John Coates. He also praised Ms. Brownlee's role in Olympic Education particularly in relation to school children. “She is one of the driving forces behind the Pierre De Coubertin Awards which are awarded for fair play and excellence to students in schools throughout Australia” Coates said. The Sydney Games achieved the highest level of female participation ever, which was significant as it coincided with the 100th anniversary of women's participation in the Olympic Games.

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VII. CONTRIBUTIONS: Please list any contributions pertinent to the nominee's category.
 Examples: contributory causes, designs and inventions, skills/technique contributions, and industry participation/ leadership.

Year	Nature of Contribution	Role
1972	Munich Olympic Games	Official Judge
1988	Seoul Olympic Games	Finish Line Judge
1976	Elected to ICF Slalom and Whitewater Committee	
1988	Elected to ICF Board of Management, Member for Oceania	
1976-1978	Vice President, Australian Canoe Federation	
1985-1999	President, Australian Canoe Federation	
1988	Elected to the New South Wales Olympic Council	
1989	Elected Vice President of the New South Wales Olympic Council	
1990-Present	President of the New South Wales Olympic Council	
1981	Elected Delegate of the Australian Olympic Committee	
1991-Present	Elected to Executive Board of the Australian Olympic Committee	

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IX. ARTICLES/BOOKS WRITTEN:

Year	Title	Published? (Y/N)

Additional information here.

X. HONORS/AWARDS RECEIVED:

Year	Honor/Award	Granting Organization
1979	Life Membership NSW Canoe Association	NSW Canoe Association
1985	Order of Australia Medal	Country of Australia
2002	IOC Women and Sport Trophy	International Olympic Committee

Additional information here.

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XI. FURTHER SUPPORTING EVIDENCE: Please use this space to provide any further information on the above, evidence of integrity, sportsmanship, and character and all additional information to support consideration of the Nominee. **No attachments will be considered.**