



Joint Canoe Sprint & Paracanoe International Panel Statement –

IMPORTANT INFORMATION - Announcing adjustments to the 2019 published policy

Paracanoe

It has only recently been announced by the ICF and ECA that there is a change to the 2019 competition events which means that the Paracanoe European Championships are now separate from the ICF World Cup 1 in Poznan, POL. **This change requires a change to the published policy which is clarified below:**

- The Paracanoe European Championships will take place at Poznan, POL from 21-22 May 2019 and then World Cup 1 will take place at Poznan, POL from 23-25 May 2019. Both are now stand-alone events.
- The results from the April Regatta will determine selection to the European Championships & World Cup 1.
- First round selection of the 1st boat for the 2019 World Championships will now take place at the 2019 European Championships, 21-22 May 2019.
- Selected athletes may race the European Championships and ICF World Cup 1. Any places unfilled in Paralympic events and VL3 Women at World Cup 1 may be used for further selected boats.
- This is an official amendment to the [published policy](#) ahead of the 2019 selection process in line with being able to respond to changes outside of the control of the panel by the ICF, ECA or IPC on page 4.
- To assist in understanding and transparency, a marked up version of the changes that have been made to the published policy can be found [here](#).

Paracanoe – Classification

Athletes are reminded that there will be a national classification offered prior to the March 2019 regatta on Friday 29th March 2019. To register for classification, athletes should now contact Julie Gray – canoejulie@sky.com. Please note that the contact is different to that given in the original publication and we would like to thank Julie for volunteering to coordinate this.

Paralympic Qualification

Following further clarification of the Paralympic qualification policy from the ICF, the 2019 Paracanoe Team Selection Overview (All Teams) section on page 7 will have the final line removed to potentially increase athlete opportunities. The line to be removed is: *'This may mean selecting only 1 GBR boat per sport class to avoid handing back IPC quota slots in a no risk scenario'*.

Canoe Sprint

In section 6 of the published 2019 selection policy, a commitment was made by the panel to announce before the start of the 2019 selection process any rewarding of athlete performance at the 2019 World Championships towards 2020 Olympic team selection. **The panel wishes to state the following addition to the [current policy](#) in advance of the start of the 2019 selection process:**

SECTION 6 - 2020 ADVANCED INFORMATION

2020 Olympic Selection Process

The 2020 Canoe Sprint Olympic team selection policy will be published by 1st January 2020. It will focus on allowing athletes who, in the 2019 competition period, have clearly demonstrated that they are on an Olympic trajectory with the best opportunities to maximise their performance at the 2020 Olympic Games.

All nominations under these clauses will be subject to BOA acceptance and alignment of the principles of the policy where athletes with the greatest medal winning profile are prioritised for any places and are subject to continued tracking by the Head Coach and Performance Director towards medal winning performances in Tokyo.

All selections/nominations under the clauses above are subject to the restrictions of the published [ICF Olympic Qualification System](#) (OQS).

If Great Britain earns more Olympic quota places than the maximum specified in the OQS at the 2019 World Championships then the Head Coach, Performance Director and CEO in consultation with the IP will make the decision in line with best 2020 medal opportunities which places to accept with the ICF. Only boat places accepted by GBR will be eligible for consideration under points 1 & 2 above.



Decisions relating to the 2020 Olympic selection policy will:

- Prioritise the Olympic events where British Canoeing has the best opportunity to win Olympic Medals.
- Prioritise the Olympic events that maximise the opportunities for British Canoeing to qualify Olympic places at the second round of qualification.
- This may include selecting athletes in a different boat in order to target a medal event. For example selecting an athlete in the WK4 in order to target a WK1 event.

Advanced information for 2020 Selection

Subject to eligibility for Team GB, during the 2019 season there are only two opportunities that contribute to 2020 Tokyo Team GB Olympic team nomination:

1. Any GBR single or crew boat winning a gold medal in an Olympic event at the 2019 World Championships will secure a nomination to the British Olympic Association for selection to Team GB at Tokyo 2020 and the 2020 Senior World Cup & European Championships Team in that event.
2. Any GBR boat which qualifies an Olympic boat quota place for Great Britain at the 2019 World Championships will secure the equivalent of a race win in the envisaged 2020 Olympic Team three race selection process. In double boats the crew must remain the same crew and in K4's the 4 athletes must consist of at least 3 athletes who qualified the quota place at the 2019 World Championships.

All qualifications at any stage of the selection process prior to the date of the Delegation Registration Meeting in early July 2020 (provisional deadline is 23:00 UK time on 3rd July) ("DRM"), the International Panel reserves the right not to nominate, or to de-select, any athlete or reserve on the following grounds:

- a) Medical grounds – i.e. when an injury/illness may, in the reasonable opinion of the International Panel, inhibit the achievement of appropriate performance; or
- b) Suitability as a team member, where for example (but not limited to) an athlete's behaviour or attitude leads the International Panel to determine in its opinion that the selection of such athlete would be inappropriate; or
- c) Poor form – i.e. when an athlete's form in events and/or training has decreased to a level which, in the opinion of the International Panel, would inhibit the achievement of appropriate performance.

Pre selection into 2020 Senior Teams in Non- Olympic Events:

2019 Senior World Championship Gold medalists from each of the Non-Olympic events will be invited to apply to the International Panel for Pre-Selection to the 2020 Senior World Cup & 2020 European Championship team in the boat in which they medaled. The deadline for application is 31st October 2019.

Clarification:

In the published 2019 senior team selection policy in the table on page 7 the final point asterisked below the table should reference that the 102% would be taken from the race winning K4 1000m.

IP Member recruitment:

Thank you to those people who put themselves forward for recruitment to the Canoe Sprint and Paracanoe International Panel. Following the completion of the process, British Canoeing are pleased to announce the appointment of Hayleigh Mason to the International panel as an independent member with immediate effect. Hayleigh will be well known to most in our sport, bringing a wealth of experience as an athlete, both domestically and internationally and we would like to welcome her to the panel.

And Finally:

The International Panel urge all athletes, parents and club coaches to read the 2019 published policies prior to the selection series. The policies can be found [here](#).