



## Canoe Slalom & Kayak Cross International Panel Statement

### **2024 Draft Senior & Olympic Selection Policy for Consultation:**

The 2024 GBR Senior Canoe Slalom & Kayak Cross senior selection policy and Olympic selection policy will be published by the end of March 2023 as the process will involve elements of domestic and International competition in 2023.

As in previous Olympic cycles, the proposal is to hold the 2024 senior selection series for Canoe Slalom in October 2023 for a number of performance reasons:

- To provide greater transparency to the Olympic team selection process by providing domestic selection race data at the end of 2023.
- The intention will be to start the nomination of the 2024 Paris Olympic team in late October 2023 to optimise preparation time for the Paris Games.
- An early selection process will assist event prioritisation by all athletes, in particular those selected to the Olympic Games in specific events.
- The selection of the senior Canoe Slalom team in October 2023 enables the opportunity to focus on kayak cross selection in spring 2024.

The draft 2024 **SENIOR TEAM** selection policy is available to view [here](#) and the link to the feedback form can be found [here](#) and can be filled in from 7<sup>th</sup> February.

The draft framework for the Paris 2024 Canoe Slalom & Kayak Cross **OLYMPIC TEAM** will be published on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at [www.britishcanoeing.org.uk](http://www.britishcanoeing.org.uk). The reason for the separation is that they are two separate policies and it is important to understand and digest the draft senior team selection policy prior to reading the proposals for Olympic selection. The IP would also urge people to read and understand the [Olympic Qualification System](#) (OQS) for Paris 2024 ahead of the release of the draft Olympic selection framework as this sets the constraints and complexities involved in the selection process.

The [feedback form](#) will open on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February when the draft Olympic policy is shared for consultation and all feedback should be received by Midday on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2023 by following the [links](#) or in the documents.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to read and give feedback. For reference, 2024 junior & U23 selection policies will follow the usual timeline of publication by the 31.12.2023.

### **Canoe Slalom Selection Qualifiers:**

Section 6.1 of the 2023 Canoe Slalom selection policy contains a list of qualifiers to the selection process. The International Panel has received and accepted a request for exceptional circumstances from Bethan Forrow to compete in the Kayak competitions at U23 and Senior selection on the basis of injury during the 2022 season.

### **Kayak Cross Selection Qualifiers:**

In section 13.1.2 of the 2023 Kayak Cross selection policy, there is a commitment to providing the detail of the final opportunity to qualify to kayak cross selection. There will be an open kayak cross event after the canoe slalom event on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March at Lee Valley alongside the div 1 /open event. Full details and the entry process will be announced soon.

### **Course Configuration:**

The LV Course configuration is now set for selection, it is not envisaged that any further work will be undertaken prior to selection.

### **Selection 2023 - Equipment Rules**

The rules for selection will be governed in the following ways:

Canoe Slalom selection – 2023 UK rules will apply

Kayak Cross Selection – UK rules apply for 2023. Buoyancy aids are compulsory (integrated b/aids/decks are not permitted such as a racer ST). Please note that canoe slalom helmets and paddles will be permitted in 2023 but the full ICF equipment rules will be applied in 2024.

### **Forerunners for ICF Canoe Slalom & Kayak Cross World Championships, Lee Valley, 20-24**

#### **September 2023**

Priority will be given to named reserves from the GBR Senior Team selection points table that are not competing. The next priority will be to named U23 team members who are not competing reserves. In the men's canoe events this would be subject to left/right balancing therefore the IP reserve the right to select the most appropriate athletes, not necessarily in the order of their final selection position. Unfilled places will be offered to volunteers of a suitable standard by the race organisers. Note that forerunners will be classed as event volunteers and may be required to perform additional duties as event volunteers.

### **2023 ICF World Ranking & ECA Competitions (excluding World Cups)**

All selected senior team athletes (including reserves) are first in line (in 2023 Senior Selection rank order) for World Ranking race entries. Entry number limitations may be imposed by the race organisers and entries must comply with British Canoeing International entry procedures.

Any remaining places for World Ranking race entries may be taken up in the following order by eligible paddlers:

- Attending Home Nation official training camps up to 2 per event per Home Nation.
- Selected to the GBR U23 Team in order, including named reserves.
- Who have competed at U23 selection (taken in order from the under 23 selection ranking list).
- Who have competed at senior selection and are outside the selected Senior Team and reserves (taken in order from the senior selection ranking list).
- In order from the Premier ranking list at 1 May 2023.

#### **Important Note:** Krakow World Ranking Race – 29/30 April 2023

Due to the Krakow course hosting the European Games and Junior/U23 World Championships in 2023, entries for the race above will be determined by the Performance Director and the Lead Academy coach.

### **2023 ECA Junior Cup Races**

ECA Junior Cup Races in 2023 will be reserved and prioritised for Home Nation U16 Development. The Head Coaches from the Home Nations will discuss and agree intentions in advance and consult with race organisers to determine predicted GBR entry limits. In the event of entry restrictions, the Home Nations will work together to determine who will attend. In the event of dispute, then the International Panel will make a final decision. If places remain at ECA Junior Cup races after Home Nations entries are counted or 1 month before the race whichever is earlier, entries will be submitted in the date order that the entry request was received.

**International Panel  
2<sup>nd</sup> February 2023**