

## British Canoeing – Canoe Slalom International Panel – 2020 Selection

The 2020 Junior, U23 & Senior Team selection policy is published today and can be found [here](#). The International Panel want to thank those who contributed through the public consultation process in October.

**Selection registration** – Registration for 2020 selection is now live and can be accessed [here](#). Please register by 5<sup>th</sup> March 2020 and don't forget to enter each race too.

**Consultation – Emerging Themes** - We have summarised the main themes emerging from the consultation process in the tables below and are grateful for those (22 respondents) who have provided their thoughts and ideas.

Theme	Description	Outcome
<b>All 3 races are semi/final format</b>	Concern was raised by contributors that the semi/final format restricts athletes to a minimum of 3 runs from up to 6 and three opportunities to achieve the performance standard from up to 6	The IP has considered this and to address a number of concerns such as familiarity with Lee Valley, increase the minimum number of runs at selection to 4 the decision has been taken for race 2 to be a best of 2 runs race.
<b>Lee Valley not a fair playing field</b>	Some contributors expressed concern that Lee Valley as a pumped course is not available to all and suggested using an alternative venue.	Lee Valley is one of the best venues in the world and the IP are firm on utilising it as the main selection venue. Race 2 (the first race at LV) will be a best of 2 run race to provide greater opportunities for performances on the LV course.
<b>The size of a joint U23/Senior final</b>	There were conflicting views on the size of the joint U23/Senior finals with some saying that 8 was correct and others suggesting a larger final.	The IP considered this and concluded that 8 is the appropriate number particularly as the number of semi/final counting races has dropped from 3 to 2.
<b>Tie Breaks</b>	Feedback was received about how positions are determined in the event of a tie on points.	The tie break has been changed to utilise the discarded result as the first assessment of a tie break.
<b>14 Day released race period is too short</b>	The released races allow 14 days for athletes to be re-instated to start lines that they may have originally declined.	A longer period was considered, but the whole motive for this clause is to encourage selected athletes to indicate which races they intend to release to allow reserves to plan ahead. Removing the 14 day clause will most likely reduce the races released in advance and hamper reserves preparing for races.
<b>Finalising course configuration</b>	There was a consensus requesting final configurations to be set earlier than January.	The IP respect that the earlier the better but configuration has to be done in consultation with the commercial operators, meet a variety of safety and operator needs and fit the time lines of operators and so whilst we hope that the configuration is set earlier, there are no guarantees.
<b>Appeals Process</b>	Feedback was received on the appeals process which was passed to the Head of Governance for full consideration as any change will apply to all BC selection policies	The appeals policy has been reviewed and updated to reflect feedback and can be found <a href="#">here</a> . There is further clarification on possible costs, clarity on timelines and confidentiality.
<b>Points System</b>	A number of contributors suggested reviewing the points system for the Paris cycle.	The IP is interested in pursuing this for 2021 onwards and will start a preliminary study but it was agreed that it was too late to introduce an untested system for the 2020 season.
<b>Performance Standards</b>	Observations were made that the WC1 performance standards in particular were too soft compared to other events.	The analysis of 2019 data has actually shown that WC1 data is correct and a number of other changes have been made in both directions in the published policy.

**2021 Junior & U23 Selection** – Thanks to those people who provided input on 2021 Jun/U23 selection. The feedback was helpful but with a variety of views and suggestions the IP will now explore options and suggestions further and will commit to a decision by 7<sup>th</sup> April if there is a plan to hold any part of it in 2020.

**Exceptional Circumstances** – The following athletes have applied in line with the previous IP Statement and have been granted places at the 2020 U23 & Senior team selection process under exceptional circumstances. They are added to the list which shows the final version in the published policy.

MK1	WK1	MC1	C2	WC1
-	-	Will Fotheringham	-	Natasha Pottinger