



Canoe Slalom International Panel (IP) 2021 Selection – COVID-19 Update #3, 6th April 2021

This statement follows the publication of the 2021 selection policies in late 2020 and the updates issued on 28th January and 1st March and aims to provide a further update following the recent updates from Home Nation Governments and the trajectory of Covid-19 cases.

The Panel remains cautiously optimistic at being able to run a selection process in 2021 and wish to update on the intention of the panel which does remain subject to change if necessary. The international landscape remains very unclear but as we await further detail, we will focus on taking the first steps by aiming to complete selection processes within the UK. We continue to monitor the appropriateness and ability to attend international competitions in line with health and wellbeing considerations and government guidance on a race by race risk assessed basis in line with a process agreed with the BC Board.

Important Notice for All 2021 GBR Teams:

In late March, the ICF cancelled and postponed a number of International competitions and the covid situation in a number of European countries hosting slalom events is causing significant concern over whether they will or should go ahead. At present no slalom events are affected but this combined with the very strict regulations for international travel and movement of equipment means that the IP and British Canoeing will be working within very narrow travel exemptions to send teams. Therefore, we reserve the right to send small, focused teams in order to manage risk and prioritise race performance towards Tokyo preparation. An example of why team sizes may be kept smaller (besides protecting the health, wellbeing and performance preparation of team athletes and staff) is that current measures require that if one member of a team delegation tests positive at any time in the competition period, the whole team need to quarantine overseas for 14 days in addition to the mandatory 10 day quarantine required for all travellers returning to the UK.

For 2021 team selection the IP are finalising discussions with venues and organisers but the intent is as follows:

2021 Senior Selection:

The IP re-confirms the announcement made on 1st March 2021 that the outcome of the 2019 senior team spring selection series in the selection of the 2021 senior team 3rd boat and reserves until such time as a 2021 senior team selection process can be completed. This will definitely be the case for the 2021 Senior Euros, World Cup 1 & 2 assuming they take place prior to the completion of the August selection races below.

It is planned to hold a single weekend event on 7/8 August 2021 at Lee Valley Whitewater Centre to select the senior team for the remaining place(s) at World Cups races 3 & 4 and the World Championships. This will also act as a qualification opportunity to 2022 selection. With specific notes highlighted below:

- The format of racing will be as laid out in the published policy (4 single race runs across 2 days)
- The event will be open to those eligible athletes who completed the registration process by the published deadline as outlined in **appendix 1 of this statement**.
- The entry process and entry fee will be confirmed in due course.
- There is one policy change that will be implemented to reflect the changes to the season which is in section 2.5 of the published policy:



** Olympic reserves are eligible to extend their selection for the entire 2021 season by achieving an average of 3 Senior team Performance Standards (see section 6.4) from any round of the following races: Senior selection, Senior Euros, WC1 or WC2 in 2021. Performance Standards will be based upon the round the athlete competes in with the exception of International Heats. In this case, Performance Standards used from Heat 2 will be based on the class winner of Heat 1. These are based upon 2019 measurement of standard based on MK1.*

Olympic reserves will now be required to achieve an average of 2 senior team performances (rather than 3) from the same number of races (although now in a different order). This remains subject to review should any of the available international races be cancelled or postponed.

Qualification for 2022 Senior & U23 Selection:

As stated in the published policy, it is the intent to hold 2022 Junior, U23 and Senior selection at Lee Valley together with 2022 Extreme Slalom selection alongside at this event.

Qualification for 2022 Canoe Slalom selection will be confirmed in due course ahead of selection taking place but is likely to be:

- An identified number of qualifiers in order of 2021 senior selection results
- An identified race in late 2021 at which a pre-agreed number of athletes in each event will qualify
- An identified number of qualifiers in order of the 2021 U23 selection results
- Junior selection eligibility will be confirmed and the opportunity for eligible juniors not ranked in premier.

Further updates will be issued once alternative options have been worked through and agreed with the various stakeholders involved. Once any proposal is finalised, the detail of any policy changes and clarifications will also be confirmed.

Junior & U23 Selection:

The IP continue to be cautiously optimistic of junior & U23 selection being able to go ahead as planned in May 2021 at Holme Pierrepont. We continue to work with all parties involved to identify how we can enable this to happen and this includes the size of the start lines permitted and confirmation of entry fees. This has been further boosted by the recent clarifications from Home Nations of the ability to restart travel and overnight stays and we urge our community to continue to respect the government guidance in preparation for the event in May. Confirmation of registered U23 and junior paddlers can be found in **appendix 1 & 2** respectively.

Important Information for Identified Div 1 Juniors:

The IP acknowledges the challenges faced by young developing athletes as the ranking system has been paused since 2019 and as a one-off wish to extend the opportunity for the top 50% of eligible Div 1 juniors identified in the table below to compete in 2021 Junior team selection.

Those athletes identified in the table below MUST now register their intention to compete by registering [here](#) by Midday on Thursday 15th April 2021. Late registrations will not be accepted. The list of names identified below is final and will not be subject to further discussion.

Once the registration date is closed, a final list of selection qualifiers will be published alongside the entry process and entry fee for all qualifiers.



Eligible Div 1 Paddlers for Selection Registration (represents 50% of eligible junior paddlers in each event):

Male			Female	
MC1	MK1 Row 1	MK1 Row 2	WK1	WC1
Harry Downes	Robert Guest	Joshua Quick	Mazel Brown	Charlotte Lucas
Philip Smith	David Bradley Mason	Callum Massey	Georgia Holmes	Grace Black
Jack Hodsdon West	Ben Brown	Philip Smith	Leah Cameron	Grace Shardlow
Luke Kevane	Eddie Mackintosh	Oscar Wyllie	Brogan Swart	Katie Shattock
Cody Brown	Finn Macdonald	Ben Farrell	Sennah Nader-Humphries	Anya Wharton
Klass Francisks Rozentals	Rhodri Slaven	Luca Cano-Mole	Laura Pottinger	
Christopher Royle	Klass Francisks Rozentals	Sam Rice-Jones	Claire Wilson	
James Rennie	Christopher Royle	James Jackson	Anoushka Nabili	
George Harratt	George Sharp	Felix Newey	Aimee Collins	
Woody South	James Rennie	William Christmas	Ceri Gillespie	
Thomas Merrifield	Tim Barry	Murray Robb		
Jacob Lines	Finn Johnson	Harry Joyce		
	Oliver Cooper	Oliver Lorenz		
	Harry Downes	Woody South		
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Extreme Slalom:

The 2021 Extreme Slalom selection policy has yet to be published due to the ongoing uncertainty caused by Covid. At present the previous IP statement of 1st March clarified the position of the IP for the senior World Cups 1 & 2, Senior Europeans and the Junior & U23 World & European Championships.

The IP continues to look at options for extreme slalom selection later in the summer ahead of the final World Cups and senior World Championships or a combination of the selected canoe slalom team and selected extreme slalom athletes from 2019 or a 2021 race to be determined. This will be clarified when the 2021 extreme slalom selection policy is published by 1st July 2021.

All decisions on the appropriateness of attendance at each International race opportunity will be made on a race by race basis following the same principles agreed in 2020 and approved by the BC Board for application across the whole organisation. The final decision to attend each race will be based on a satisfactory assessment of risk and the option to opt out of travelling to an event will always be available.

The IP will continue to review the landscape and will continue to base our decisions on the safety of athletes, volunteers and staff, compliance with government guidelines and setting a transparent process under challenging circumstances.

The IP intend to make a follow up statement in early May and at least 2 weeks before the planned Junior & U23 Selection races.

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Appendix 1 - 2021 Senior & U23 Selection Qualifiers following registration @ 3.3.2021:

These athletes will be eligible to enter the 2021 Senior and/or U23 selection series. U23 Athletes are in Bold.

MC1 (20)	MK1 (14)	WK1 (24)	WC1 (4)
William Coney	Huw Swetnam	Fiona Pennie	Mallory Franklin
William Smith	Christopher Bowers	Mallory Franklin	Jada Mustafa-Moore
Peter Linksted	Etienne Chappell	Nikita Setchell	Bethan Forrow
Patrick Marriott	Jonny Dickson	Megan Hamer-Evans	Sophie Ogilvie
Samuel Maingay	Ben Haylett	Lois Leaver	Emily Davies
Kurts Adams Rozentals	David Paterson	Amber Maslen	Phoebe Spicer
Alfie Boote	Ciaran Lee Edwards	Gabrielle Ridge	Ellis Miller
Vittorio Pezzaioli	James Bailey	Sophie Ogilvie	Joanna Blythe-Shields
Zach Pearson	Stuart Gerrie	Lili Bryant	Kimberley Woods
James Kettle	Paul Sunderland	Ellis Miller	Rachel Ellis
Fraser Glasgow	Reilly Vernon	Hannah Bailey	Ailsa Gourlay
Adam Burgess	Finlay Yates-Jones	Bethan Forrow	Daisy Cooil
Luc Royle	Kurts Adams Rozentals	Phoebe Spicer	Eilidh Gibson
Michael Denvir	Robert Fernie	Rebecca Ogilvie	Louise Fernie
Robert Fernie	Edward Dickinson	Kimberley Woods	Natasha Pottinger
Sonny Shevill	Matthew Curry	Daisy Cooil	
William Fotheringham	Jonathan Atkinson	Madelaine Jennings	
David Florence	Finn Reilly-McQueen	Natasha Pottinger	
Angus Gibson	Eren Yalkin	Macy Kang	
Ryan Westley	Sam Leaver	Helen Rogers	
	Bradley Forbes-Cryans	Rachel Ellis	
	Joe Clarke	Louise Fernie	
		Joanna Blythe-Shields	
		Catrin Schroder	

Appendix 2 - 2021 Junior Selection Qualifiers following registration @3.3.2021:

MC1 (5)	MK1 (14)	WK1 (16)	WC1 (4)
Luc Royle	Sam Leaver	Macy Kang	Joanna Blythe-Shields
Sonny Shevill	Thomas Mayer	Rachel Ellis	Rachel Ellis
Milan Aysan	Jack O'Connor	Louise Fernie	Louise Fernie
Edward McDonald	Sam Bryant	Joanna Blyth-Shields	Carla Gordon
Gabriel keen	Daniel Rees	Catrin Schroder	
	Cody Brown	Katie Shattock	
	Matthew Elliott	Joely Walling	
	Thomas Merrifield	Ruth Bramley	
	Danny Taylor	Lydia Lafford	
	Milan Aysan	Olivia Alderson	
	Luke Kevane	Grace Black	
	Edward McDonald	Carla Gordon	
	James Brown	Lucy Cundell	
	Jacob Lines	Kate Lyndon	
		Tazmin Brown	
		Evie Brown	