



British Canoeing – Canoe Sprint & Paracanoe International Panel Statement – December 2022

The International Panel is pleased today to publish the 2023 Canoe Sprint & Paracanoe selection policies. The IP wishes to remind Paracanoe and Sprint Senior and U23 athletes of the need to register for selection by 16th March 2023 as well as entering the appropriate selection regatta(s).

Paracanoe Athletes should register [here](#)

Sprint Senior & U23 athletes/crews should register [here](#).

Consultation

The International Panel would like to thank those people who took the time to provide some very considered and constructive feedback into the draft Paracanoe & Sprint selection policies during November. The panel has considered each suggestion carefully and in many cases has looked to reflect the feedback in the final policy. Some key themes from consultation are captured below:

Paracanoe Policy:

Theme	IP Comment
2024 Selection	The request was that due to the Paralympic quota qualification in 2023 requiring some athletes to not be selected in order to optimise Paris 2024 quota places the IP has now been explicit that no part of 2023 performances at selection or International competition will count towards nomination to the Paris 2024 Paralympic Team.
Selection to the European Championships	Greater clarification has now been provided to the definition of development boats and how selection will be applied for this event.
Accuracy	A number of minor typos were noted and some errors in the WLT table data so your observations are much appreciated.
Weather conditions	The request for more detail of weather contingencies was requested, particularly relating to criteria that triggers weather contingency. The IP has its own internal process and due to the variability and diversity of scenarios, will not publish detailed criteria as doing so may restrict options rather than provide an open interpretation for each situation.

Sprint Policies:

Theme	IP Comment
Olympic Hopes	As a response to feedback and with some solid suggestions received, although the IP remains committed to encouraging selection in crew boats, the selection will now be in K2 and C2's with the K4 and any singles entries determined from within the selected team.
Junior Selection timing	Some feedback was received over the timing of Junior selection with suggestions for all selection being at the July regatta but unfortunately the dates of International events mean that 1 week between selection and the Junior World Championships is insufficient.
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Senior selection – best of 3 selection to worlds	The feedback on this topic steered towards accepting this format to more accurately reflect international competition formats and at the same time prioritising events that athletes are targeting for selection.