



British Canoeing - Canoe Sprint & Paracanoe International Panel Statement

Friday 30th April 2021

The changing landscape of the International Racing Programme implemented by the ICF in its response to Covid 19 Pandemic, this statement is to follow up on the statement published on Tuesday 20th April ensuring the most up to date information is available.

Following the deadline for selected athletes to state their intention to take up places, the team travelling to the World Cup can be confirmed:

Paracanoe World Cup Team (& Paralympic 2nd round qualifier), Szeged, HUN

Event	Men	Event	Women
KL1		KL1	
KL2	Dave Phillipson Nick Beighton	KL2	
KL3	Rob Oliver	KL3	Laura Sugar
VL2	Stewart Clark	VL2	
VL3	Jack Evers	VL3	

ICF Canoe Sprint World Cup #1, Szeged, HUN

Event	Men
K1 200m	Liam Heath

ICF Canoe Sprint World Cup #1 & 2 & 2nd Round European Qualifier. Szeged, HUN

Event	Men	Event	Women
K1 1000m	Charlie Smith	K1 200m	Deborah Kerr
Travelling Reserve	Thomas Lusty	Travelling Reserve	Emily Lewis*
		K1 500m	Deborah Kerr
		Travelling Reserve	Emma Russell*
		K2 500m	No selection
		C1 200m	Katie Reid
		C2 500m	Afton Fitzhenry /Chloe Bracewell

For clarity the athletes in Bold in the table above are selected for the 2nd round Olympic qualifier in Szeged Hungary and will be able to race in World Cup #1 if they wish to do so.

***Important Note:** Due to the need to have contingency, identified travelling reserves will travel with the team in order to comply with ICF covid requirements if required to substitute the race(s). All entries for World Cup #1 & #2 are required to be accredited in Szeged and part of the testing process before travelling to Russia. No last-minute substitutions are permitted unless already accredited and enrolled from the start in the covid testing processes. For these reasons, the travelling reserves will be permitted to race in World Cup #1 to ensure readiness for performance in World Cup #2 if required.

Junior, U23 & Senior Team Selection 2021

The International Panel wish to confirm that Junior & U23 selection will happen alongside senior selection **at the July regatta**. This move enables athletes further training time, the opportunity to race at the June regatta without selection pressure and the opportunity for crew boats to be formed and train together ahead of the selection process at the July Regatta.

In terms of the selection policy, only minor changes are required from the published policy:

Junior Selection	Recognise date change from April regatta to the July regatta Olympic Hopes selection – this will take place as specified but selection will be through 5.1 of the policy and 5.4 will not apply as selection will occur at the same regatta. Any updates to the Olympic Hopes Policy will be published separately.
U23 Selection	Recognise the date change from the June regatta to July regatta Although the number of opportunities to U23's is reduced due to covid, selection to the U23 team through performance at the world cup(s) is still available.
Senior Selection	The Senior World Championship team selection outlined in the policy for July remains valid as well as opportunities to qualify to the World Championships through performances at World Cup #1 or through selection to Team GB remain. The published policy will be applied as summarised on page 7 of the policy. For clarification non-Olympic events (MC1 200m, MK1 5000m, MC1, 5000m, WK1 1000m, WK1 5000m, WC1 5000m) – Up to 1 boat per event selected subject to assessment of performance data, and if there are less than 5 entries in an event, the IP has sole discretion to select an athlete based on available performance data.

Note 1: It is also worth noting that should conditions require contingency, there may be races moved into the contingency day on Monday 5th July and where possible junior and U23 races will be prioritised for the weekend due to school/college commitments.

Note 2: The selection regatta will run as previous years as combined U23/Senior races so if an U23 boat is also the fastest senior it could qualify for Senior Worlds as well as U23. It may not be possible to compete at both U23 and Senior World Championships due to covid restrictions, in this event athletes would be required to focus on either the U23 or Senior World Championships.

Note 3: Any boats finishing within 102% of the selected boat will be named as reserves

Note 4: Any reserves for either U23 or Senior World Championships crews (in the event of up to 50% of the crew withdrawing from a selected crew) will be named from the athletes named as reserves by finishing within 102% of the winner. An event specific process will be run to nominate any reserves for specific crew from this pool of athletes

Crew boats should be entered into the regatta in the appropriate event for consideration for selection in any age category.

Note 5: Due to the change in Olympic Events for the 2024 Olympic Games the Mens K2 500m will be added to the list of Olympic events to be selected for the Junior and U23 World Championships

Sprint & Paracanoe Senior European Championships

Following the initial cancellation of the event in Duisburg, the European Canoe Association communicated their intention to rearrange the Senior and Paracanoe European Championships in Poznan, Poland 2-6 June. We await further information and provisional schedules but the IP would like to communicate their intention around selecting teams to these championships.

Due to Paracanoe selection policy focusing on a development team and the continued DCMS guidance around Elite status on Tokyo profiled athletes regarding International Travel, Paracanoe will not attend these Championships. It is hoped that development opportunities for those affected will be identified for later in 2021 and will be communicated as clarity emerges.

The Senior Sprint Team will remain focused on providing a competitive International startline to those athletes who have either been pre-selected or will be nominated to Team GB following Continental and Global Qualification in May. The rearranged 2021 European Championships will be a small focussed Tokyo Simulation team in line with DCMS guidance.

Our focus after the first phase of international events will be on domestic selections and then prioritising performances at the Games, Senior World Championships and U23/18 World Championships.

Important Note – All Selections:

All selections remain subject to final confirmation of the intention to travel following a risk assessment process on an event by event basis. There is an intent to travel but final decisions will be made following an agreed process that assesses ongoing risk. Athletes and staff have the right to opt out at any time.

The IP thank you for your understanding as British Canoeing manage the complex issues this season.

International Panel

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