

## British Canoeing - Canoe Sprint International Panel Statement

## Wednesday 11th May 2021

The purpose of this statement is to provide an update ahead of the second round Olympic qualifier starting in Szeged tomorrow.

Yesterday the International Canoe Federation provided confirmation to the British Olympic Association (BOA) that Great Britain has been awarded one boat quota place in the WK1 500m for the Tokyo Olympic Games. The BOA have accepted the quota place.

This is obviously fantastic news for British Canoeing and Team GB as canoeing now has quota places in the Men's K1 200m and Women's K1 500m in Tokyo with the opportunity for further places to be qualified in the next 10 days.

The place originates as a result of the hand back process from the Asian Championships and is reallocated based on the results from the 2019 World Championships in line with the Olympic Qualification System. The IP wish to acknowledge the contribution made by Rebeka Simon whose 7<sup>th</sup> place performance at the 2019 World Championships secured the place. The nomination to Team GB will be confirmed following the completion of 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> round Olympic qualification but will be done with reference to the finishing order of the 2021 April selection regatta as laid out in the 2021 selection policy, in particular sections 5.5.3 and 5.5.3.2.

On the eve of the start of the continental qualification (2<sup>nd</sup> round) and 3<sup>rd</sup> round in Barnaul, RUS next week this statement confirms that now that GBR have qualified a WK1 500m place, GBR will no longer be eligible to enter in the qualification round in this event in Szeged and Barnaul.

Further updates will follow the completion of the Olympic Qualification process.

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