



British Canoeing - Canoe Slalom & Kayak Cross International Panel Statement

International Panel – Pre-season info & Policy Updates – March 2024

The purpose of this IP statement is to provide some important updates to all competitors ahead of the forthcoming 2024 Canoe slalom and kayak cross team selection processes.

Pre-season Information

Firstly a reminder about the deadline for **Registration** for the 2024 U23/JNR Canoe Slalom selection and the SNR/U23/JNR Kayak Cross selection being 14th March 2024 which can be done at:

https://britishcanoeing.formstack.com/forms/selection_registration

Also, a reminder that open entry to the 3 race Kayak Cross competition which incorporates the 2024 SNR/U23/JNR Kayak Cross selection is open until 14th March:

<https://evententry.britishcanoeing.org.uk/Events/kayak-cross-selection-snr-u23-jnr-30-03-2024/>

Entry to the 2024 U23/JNR Canoe Slalom selection process can be done at:

HPP Races: <https://www.canoeslalomentries.co.uk/year/2024/competition/holme-pierrepoint-premier-race-3-&-4>

LV race: <https://www.canoeslalomentries.co.uk/year/2024/competition/lv-selection>

Video judging – The IP intends that all 2024 canoe slalom and kayak cross selection races will have video provided for the chief judge. Please note that in Kayak Cross, video will be used for judging purposes but in line with ICF rules, there are no enquiries/protests permitted.

Kayak Cross Rules – The IP would strongly recommend to all coaches and athletes to familiarise themselves with the [ICF rules](#) for Canoe Slalom and in particular for Kayak Cross as these set out the framework for all the decisions as well as start lane choices and the specific equipment requirements to participate in kayak cross, such as helmet type and paddle thickness rules.

Important Policy Updates:

Amendment to the 2024 Canoe Slalom & Kayak Cross Olympic Selection Policy:

The IP is invoking section 20 of the 2024 Canoe Slalom & Kayak Cross Olympic Selection Policy (the Policy) to make an amendment of sections 14.2.1.1, 14.2.1.2 and 14.2.2 to give effect to the selection policy due to a drafting error/oversight.

In replicating the wording earlier in the policy, the relevant time period for consideration of athlete performances had not been changed to reflect the available results at the time of the Stage 3 selection point.

The new wording now reads:

*14.2.1.1. attainment of a senior Canoe Slalom and/or Kayak Cross medal at a World Championships, European Championships/European Games or World Cup events in the **2023 or 2024** season (**2024 International Medal Profile**)*

*14.2.1.2. Level and consistency of athlete performances in Canoe Slalom and/or Kayak Cross at the **2023 and 2024** World and European Championships/European Games and World Cup events; and*

....Any other factors that in the reasonable opinion of the IP are relevant to selecting the strongest overall team to challenge for Olympic medals, or which provide context to individual athlete performances. These

could include, but are not limited to, individual athlete's **2024 International Medal Profile** and level and consistency of performance across multiple Olympic events, the impact of an athlete's illness or injury, strength of field and weather conditions at the identified international and domestic events at 14.2.1, and the recovery or projected recovery of an athlete from any illness or injury. The IP may request the input of athletes, WCP staff and medical support teams in identifying and understanding the relevance of these factors.

The 2024 Olympic Selection Policy with these changes incorporated can be found [here](#)

European Canoe Association (ECA) Rule Changes:

The ECA have recently agreed some rule changes which are specific to ECA competitions which can be found [here](#). Most are already known or have no impact upon the selection policies but as a result of this the following important clarifications apply to published 2024 policies:

Progressions at ECA Competition

Section 11.1 of the published 2024 Canoe Slalom & Kayak Cross selection policy (28.3.23) requires an athlete to make a final at the races identified to stay in the team for World cup races 4 & 5. Following the changes to the ECA rules, the wording of section 11.3 will now change and be applied as follows:

11.3 A Canoe Slalom final is defined as finishing in the top 10 at the aforementioned events or in the Top 12 places in all canoe slalom events at the Senior European Championships (reflecting the updated ECA rules).

Section 12.1 (senior team released races) of the published 2024 senior kayak cross selection policy (dated 8.12.23) is changed to: *at European Championship competition will require an athlete to qualify into the head-to-head round (top 16) in order to be considered to have met the criteria at the European Championships.*

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5th March 2024