

Paddle UK - Canoe Sprint & Paracanoe International Panel Statement Wednesday 17th April 2024

The International Panel would like to start by sincerely thanking the volunteers, officials, Regatta Committee and SRC for creating and delivering another successful National regatta.

Paracanoe World Championships Team selection

The Paracanoe World Championship selection is a designated senior team event. Up to 2 athletes can be selected per sport class in Paralympic events. This is the last opportunity for Paracanoe athletes to gain eligibility to compete at the Paralympic Games in Paris and is also the last opportunity to gain quota places in specific events. Subject to appeal, the following athletes are selected:

2024 Paracanoe World Championship Team (Szeged):

	Men	Women
KL1	N/A	Jeanette Chippington
KL2	Dave Philipson	Charlotte Henshaw Emma Wiggs
KL3	Rob Oliver* Jonny Young* <i>Reserve: Jon Tarrant</i>	Laura Sugar Hope Gordon
VL2	Ed Clifton	Emma Wiggs Jeanette Chippington <i>Reserve: Ellen Field</i>
VL3	Stu Wood Jack Eyers	Hope Gordon Charlotte Henshaw

2024 Paracanoe European Championships pool selection

The Paracanoe European Championships is a designated development event and the IP considered the nominations based on the need for classification, development needs, and an athletes trajectory, in line with the Paracanoe Paris 2024 & LA 2028 aims. New athletes were required to achieve the development performance standard and existing athletes were required to achieve the senior performance standard.

2024 Paracanoe European Championships Pool (Szeged):

	Men	Women
KL1	N/A	Jeanette Chippington
KL2	Dave Phillipson Jon White***	Charlotte Henshaw Emma Wiggs
KL3	Rob Oliver* Jonny Young* Jon Tarrant Charlie Knowlden**	Laura Sugar Hope Gordon Lindsay Thorpe**
VL2	Ed Cifton Xander Van Der Poll	Emma Wiggs Jeanette Chippington Ellen Field
VL3	Stu Wood Jack Eyers	Hope Gordon Charlotte Henshaw

*Joint first ** Are included in the pool based on section 5.2 of the published policy

***Must hit development standard prior to June regatta to be considered for the European's pool

All Paracanoe athletes are required to confirm which place they will be accepting and/or declining by emailing/messaging justine.lucas@paddleuk.org.uk 07719086449 by 5pm on Friday 19th April 2024.

Canoe Sprint European Olympic Qualifier, World Cup 1 & 2 and European Championships

The European Olympic Qualifier is the last opportunity to gain quota spots for the Paris Olympic Games, therefore there is a high performance standard to ensure athletes selected have a genuine chance to qualify, knowing that the standard of competition will be extremely high.

World Cup 1 is immediately after the Olympic Qualifier and a slightly wider team will be selected based on being A & B final capable.

World Cup 2 is a development opportunity for the senior team, with some U23 athletes included to support race preparation in target events of the U23 World and European Championships.

The Senior European Championships will be a wider team, but athletes selected will have A & B final capability, with it being an Olympic year, it will be a good racing opportunity for athletes who have a focus on LA 2028.

Explanation of how the performance standard was applied

The weather was extremely challenging over the weekend with strong head winds across both days, including gusty weather on Saturday afternoon. Due to Monday's forecasted weather conditions predicted to be worse, contingency plans were actioned and the races planned for Monday were moved into Sunday, once it was clear that a number of race 3's were not needed. The only exception being the Women's C2 500m where only 1 boat entered, Up to 2 races were initially planned for, but due to the weather and a busy schedule they had one opportunity to race, this is still in line with the policy which states the Olympic events would have 'up to 3 races'. With weather considered including increased impact in certain disciplines and how the weather developed over the days, the following performance standards were applied:

- The European Olympic Qualifier and World Cup 1 - Saturday 125% WLT and Sunday 117% WLT
- World Cup 2 and European Championships - Saturday 130% WLT and Sunday 126% WLT

Reserves

As per 9.5 in the policy, for the Poznan World Cup the IP can select up to 2 entries in Olympic events and 1 entry for Non - Olympic, therefore reserves who hit the performance standard have been listed at the discretion of the IP.

Subject to appeal, the following athletes are selected:

2024 Senior European Olympic Qualifier (Szeged)

Event	Men	Women
K1 500m		Deborah Kerr ANK
K2 500m	James Russell CLM/ Trevor Thomson EAL	Deborah Kerr ANK/ Emma Russell CLM
K1 1000m	Daniel Johnson CLM	
C1 200m		Katie Reid FOR
C2 500m		
C1 1000m		

Senior World Cup 1 (Szeged)

Event	Men	Women
K1 500m		Emily Lewis WOR
K2 500m	James Russell CLM/ Trevor Thomson EAL	Deborah Kerr ANK/ Emma Russell CLM
K1 1000m	Dan Johnson CLM Tom Lusty SOL	
C1 200m		Katie Reid FOR Izzy Evans CHE

Senior World Cup 2 (Poznan)

Event	Men	Women
K1 200m	Trevor Thomson EAL	Emily Lewis WOR
K1 500m	Tom Lusty SOL	Emily Lewis WOR Lucy Lee-Smith NOR
K2 500m	James Russell CLM/ Trevor Thomson EAL Matt Johnson CLM/ Matt Collinge FOY <i>Reserves: Phil Miles RLS/ Benji Cabrera FOY</i>	Zoe Clark ROY/ Kristina Armstrong LKR
K1 1000m	Dan Johnson CLM Tom Lusty SOL	Rebeka Simon ELM
K2 1000m	Matt Johnson CLM/ Matt Collinge FOY	
K1 5000m	James Russell CLM	Melissa Johnson CLM
C1 200m		Izzy Evans CHE Beth Gill CLM
C1 500m	Tom Lambert LIN	Afton Fitzhenry BCC
C2 500m	Jonny Jones FLA/ Ben Phillips RIC	Beth Gill CLM/ Afton Fitzhenry BCC
C1 1000m	Tom Lambert LIN	
C1 5000m	Jonny Jones FLA	Anna Palmer RDG

Senior European Championships (Szeged)

Event	Men	Women
K1 200m	Trevor Thomson EAL <i>Reserve: Lewis Fletcher LKR</i>	Emily Lewis WOR
K2 200m		Emily Lewis WOR/ Lucy Lee-Smith NOR
K1 500m	Tom Lusty SOL	Deborah Kerr ANK <i>Reserves: Emma Russell CLM Emily Lewis WOR</i>
K2 500m	James Russell CLM/ Trevor Thomson EAL <i>Reserves: Matt Johnson CLM/ Matt Collinge FOY</i>	Deborah Kerr ANK/ Emma Russell CLM
K1 1000m	Dan Johnson CLM <i>Reserve: Tom Lusty SOL</i>	Rebeka Simon ELM
K2 1000m	Matt Johnson CLM/ Matt Collinge FOY	

K1 5000m	James Russell CLM	Melissa Johnson CLM
C1 200m		Katie Reid FOR Reserve: Izzy Evans CHE Beth Gill CLM
C1 500m	Tom Lambert LIN	Katie Reid FOR Reserve: Afton Fitzhenry BCC
C2 500m	Ben Phillips RIC/ Jonny Jones FLA	Beth Gill CLM/ Afton Fitzhenry BCC
C1 1000m	Tom Lambert LIN Reserve: Jonny Jones FLA	
C1 5000m	Jonny Jones FLA	Anna Palmer RDG

Pool for K4 crew boat formation

Listed below are the athletes who have qualified for the crew boat pools in line with the policy. The men's pool has insufficient numbers, so a K4 will not be nominated for the European Championships, but the athletes will be invited to crew boat training opportunities.

Women's crew boat formation will take place at a later date, after the European Olympic Qualifier. All of the athletes below will be invited to crew boat training opportunities and a formation opportunity will be developed when it is appropriate.

In relation to this, it is also noted that the World Class Programme position is that where U23's have qualified for senior and U23 crew boat opportunities, they should prioritise U23 crew boat formations.

Men's Kayak	Women's Kayak	
Trevor Thomson EAL	Deborah Kerr ANK	Lucy Lee-Smith NOR
James Russell CLM	Emma Russell CLM	Rebeka Simon ELM
Stuart Bristow ROY	Emily Lewis WOR	Abi Burgess WEY
	Kristina Armstrong LKR	Zoe Clark ROY

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Questions?

The International panel recognises that the selection policy can seem a complicated process and in the situation that you have a question about the application of the policy or wish to simply discuss an aspect of the selection process then we would welcome the opportunity to assist. If you have any questions, please contact the IP through this email: enquiries.internationalpanel@paddleuk.org.uk.

Appeals

The Paddle UK selection policy has a clear appeals process as outlined in the policy and can be found [here](#). Please remember that any appeal must be submitted within 2 working days of the publication of this statement to the Director of Governance at: appeals@paddleuk.org.uk. Any Appeal would be heard by three members of the Paddle UK Disciplinary and Appeal Panel Register (a current list is available [here](#)). If you object to any potential Panel members hearing your Appeal, please detail this in your Notice of Appeal as well as outlining the reasons for the objection.

Please note due to tight timescales prior to travel, an accelerated appeals timeline has been authorised in order to ensure that any appeal decisions are finalised by Friday 26th April, ahead of athletes departing on a pre-camp on Monday 29th April 2024. This will not affect the 2 days that you have to submit an appeal to the Director of Governance.