



## **Paddle UK - Canoe Sprint & Paracanoe International Panel Statement Wednesday 15th May 2024**

### **Junior and U23 World Championships selection - 5k Mixed relay events**

When the 2024 Canoe Sprint Junior & U23 Selection Policy was published earlier this year, we did not yet have event details for the 5K relays. Therefore the IP stated in the policy that 'Selection to the following events will be determined by the IP once further details have been confirmed by the organisers; Men's K1 5K relay, Women's K1 5K relay, Men's C1 5K relay, Women's C1 5K relay'.

We have now had confirmation from the organisers, that the event will take place as a 5K Mixed relay (K1 5km Mixed Relay & C1 5km Mixed Relay). Each team will consist of two athletes: 1 man + 1 woman. Athletes will complete 4 laps with 3 portages. The compulsory sequence of athletes is: 1. man, 2. woman, 3. man, 4 woman (each athlete completes 2 laps). Women athletes will only have one portage as there are no portages in the final lap.

### **In light of this information, the IP has provides the following update regarding selection:**

The K1 and C1 5 km Mixed Relay is a great example of speed and skills coming together to showcase the strengths of the flatwater racing disciplines in one event. To excel in this event the IP has seen value in focusing on the 1000m distance for selection. The Mixed K1/C1 relay will be chosen from results of the K1/C1 1000m event for both Men and Women. The winning K1/C1 of the event will gain first refusal of the K1 or C1 5km mixed relay event. Following this, subject to an assessment of performance standard, the opportunity will be offered to members of the selected team tracking down from the results of the K1/C1 1000m Final at the June regatta. Please note, due to requirements of the mixed relay, we will only be able to enter the event if both a male and female athlete is selected/accepts the selection.

### **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](mailto:enquiries.internationalpanel@paddleuk.org.uk).

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