

## Paddle UK Canoe Slalom & Kayak Cross International Panel Statement Selection Policy Announcement

**16<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

### **2025 Senior, U23 & Junior Selection Policies:**

The 2025 GBR Canoe Slalom & Kayak Cross selection policies are all now published on the [Paddle UK Website](#). The International Panel wishes to thank those people who took time to provide feedback during the consultation process in October. There is a summary of some of the areas of feedback and changes made later in this statement. There are a number of areas to highlight:

### **All Athletes – Don't forget to enter and register:**

All athletes wishing to be considered for selection to a 2025 Great Britain Canoe Slalom & Kayak Cross team should register for selection and enter the race(s) in order to confirm eligibility as below:

**Only 1 registration is required for all canoe slalom and kayak cross 2025 selection races. Please make sure you also enter the races as registration is not entering the race(s)!**

### **Senior, U23 & Junior Canoe Slalom and Kayak Cross:**

- Register [here](#) by Midday on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2025 (& Enter the Race(s) [here](#)).



### **Canoe Slalom Selection Qualifiers:**

Following the completion of the 2024 ranking season and the outcome of the ACM which included agreement of the final rankings, the IP can now confirm those division 1 juniors eligible to register and enter for the 2025 selection series for Junior GBR canoe slalom AND Kayak Cross Teams as per 3.4.2 of the 2025 selection policy:

### **Division 1 Junior Canoe Slalom Selection Qualifiers (In addition to Premier Ranked juniors):**

| MK1                | MC1              | WK1            | WC1           |
|--------------------|------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Alex Cleator       | Alex Cleator     | Chloe Holmes   | Helen Nabili  |
| Alistair Ross      | Sebastian Reeves | Lorelei Kennan | Daisy Macklin |
| Ben Watkins        | Thomas Kent      | Cari Jones     | Emily Maclean |
| Charlie Leonard    | Abel Blythe      | Sophie Cameron |               |
| Sebastian Reeves   | Toby Sutcliffe   | Evie Lancaster |               |
| Joseph Whittington | Alistair Ross    | Holly Scott    |               |
| Dan Clarke         |                  | Daisy Macklin  |               |
| Samuel Stroud      |                  | Emily Maclean  |               |
| Josef Preston      |                  |                |               |
| Robert Grant       |                  |                |               |
| Austin Gould       |                  |                |               |
| Callum Jones       |                  |                |               |
| Thomas Kent        |                  |                |               |
| Joshua Phillipotts |                  |                |               |
| Joel Johnson       |                  |                |               |
| Cally de Silva     |                  |                |               |
| <b>16</b>          | <b>6</b>         | <b>8</b>       | <b>3</b>      |

### European Youth Olympic Festival (EYOF)

The European Youth Olympic Festival (EYOF) is scheduled to take place on late July 2025, has specific eligibility requirements and is nominated to the British Olympic Association so selection will be in order from the points tables from 2025 Canoe slalom selection. Information on the event is limited but provisional information is that there is one quota per event in canoe slalom only (no Kayak Cross) and athletes must have been born in 2009 or 2010 to be eligible. Athletes would have to meet the junior performance standards and if there is a clash with the Junior World Championships preparation, the next eligible reserve athlete may be selected. More detail will follow when known.

### Feedback from Consultation Process:

Thanks again to all who took time to read the draft policies and provide feedback. The IP continues to assess feedback anonymously; this gives everyone an equal voice with no unconscious or conscious bias. 24 responses were received and all were considered as part of a review of the feedback at a dedicated IP meeting on the 26th November. The level of detail in the feedback was very helpful.

Feedback was received on a number of topics and the key areas are highlighted below:

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| <b>Canoe Slalom Tie Break</b>  | <b>Changed</b> - The draft policy consulted on the use of Kayak Cross as part of the tie break for canoe slalom due to the likely Olympic Qualification System for Los Angeles 2028. The Panel have listened to the feedback and all tie breaks will be determined from within Canoe slalom results   |
| <b>Order of Racing</b>   | <b>Changed</b> - Kayak Cross Racing will now take place after the Canoe Slalom racing at Lee Valley. This will also enable a practice opportunity on the kayak cross course on Saturday prior to the KX competition.  |
| <b>Canoe Slalom Points System</b>                                    | <b>No Change</b> - There were suggestions to remove the 30 points from race 4 if someone wins the first 3 races. This is one of a number of scenarios and the IP is clear that in this situation at the start of race 4 the landscape is the same for everyone. It is also noted that 30 points are not removed in events where an athlete is pre-selected. |
| <b>Kayak Cross Points System</b>                                     | <b>Changed</b> - The 'loaded points' provided to the winner in kayak cross have been removed. Now Points will be awarded based on their finishing position (1st place - 1 point, 2nd place - 2 points....)  |
| <b>Why is Senior &amp; U23 Kayak Cross Selection Combined?</b>       | <b>No Change</b> - These are combined to ensure that U23 athletes can be considered for both U23 and senior teams.  |
| <b>Pre-Selection to 2026 Teams</b>                                   | <b>Clarity added</b> - It was asked if there is a limit to the number of athletes that can be pre-selected. This has been clarified to being up to a maximum of 2 per event to always keep at least one place available at selection.   |
| <b>Why do Pre-selected athletes count for Performance standards?</b> | <b>No Change</b> - The whole principle of Performance standards is to compare athlete performances with the best possible times on a course in that event. As long as a pre-selected athlete has done the same number of runs (e.g. not done demos or a practice) then they count as they may set that world best time for comparison.                      |
| <b>ICF Rule Changes for 2025 World Cups</b>                          | <b>Removed</b> - The proposals by the ICF to introduce quotas to the World Cup from 2025 have been paused. Therefore the section referring to this has been removed for 2025 and we wait to see what the ICF will do beyond 2025.....   |
| <b>Selection to Kayak Cross from Slalom</b>                          | <b>Changed</b> - This has been removed as it was an unnecessary complexity to the policy.   |