



British Canoeing - Canoe Sprint & Paracanoe International Panel Statement

Friday 25th June 2021

The purpose of this statement is to provide an update ahead of the upcoming July regatta and selection event.

International Travel

We all recognise the desire to get back racing again on the International stage and our intent is to attend all competitions as long as it complies with the government guidance, follows British Canoeing guidance which has been clarified [here](#) and meets an acceptable level of risk. The International Panel will be working within these guidelines when determining who will be able to attend international competitions but where possible will continue to select the teams as published as we believe strongly that it is important to recognise selection to a GBR team even if the restrictions do not permit attendance at an International event(s).

Table 1 below provides information at the date of publication based on the current restrictions and the British Canoeing position, the status of the following events is as follows. The decision deadline reflects financial and travel arrangement deadlines with organising committees:

Table 1

Event	Location	Country Status	Decision Deadline	Current Position
Junior World Championships	Portugal	Amber	Wednesday 28th July	No Attendance unless green status by deadline
U23 World Championships	Portugal	Amber	Wednesday 28th July	Attendance under DCMS Exemption in identified events only as shown in table 2 unless green status by deadline
Olympic Hopes Regatta	Czech Republic	Amber	Tuesday 3rd Aug	No Attendance unless green status by deadline
Senior World Championships	Denmark	Amber	Wednesday 28th July	Attendance under DCMS Exemption in identified events only as shown in table 2 unless green status by deadline

Table 2 identifies the events identified as Olympic events or development events which qualify for DCMS exemption to travel if a country is not defined on the government 'Green' list:

Table 2

	Women		Men	
	Kayak	Canoe	Kayak	Canoe
Olympic	K1 200m K1 500m K2 500m K4 500m	C1 200m C2 500m	K1 200m K1 1000m K2 1000m K2 500m K4 500m	C1 1000m, C2 500m
Development	K2 200m	C1 500m C2 200m	K1 500m	C2 1000m C1 500m

Athlete contributions

For athletes that are selected and are able to travel under the guidance and not in receipt of UK Sport lottery funding, in addition to the athlete contribution, there will also be a requirement to pay a fully refundable deposit to cover any additional costs incurred as a result of covid unexpected costs such as the need to quarantine. Full information will be shared following the selection announcement or more information can be found by contacting dawn.keall@britishcanoeing.org.uk.

Policy Clarifications:

As the selection process has continued to be impacted by Covid-19 restrictions, aspects of the policy are clarified below where they are different to the published policy:

Seniors:

Senior World Championships			
Pre selected			
Mens		Womens	
K1 200m	Liam Heath	K1 200m	Deborah Kerr
		K1 500m	Deborah Kerr
Selected from the July Regatta with Reserves named from crews with 102% subject to Covid restrictions			
Men		Women	
K1 200m	reserve only	K1 200m	reserve only
K1 500m		K1 500m	reserve only
K2 500m		K2 200m	
K4 500m		K2 500m	
K1 1000m		K4 500m	
K2 1000m		K1 1000m	
K1 5000m	TBC	K1 5000m	TBC
C1 500m		C1 200m	
C2 500m		C2 200m	
C1 1000m		C1 500m	
C2 1000m		C2 500m	
C1 5000m	TBC	C1 5000m	TBC

Note - There is a separate Open men's K1 1000m selection event as numbers would be too high for senior and U23 combined and allow for selection to both senior and U23 champs.

- Events in Bold above are events where athletes will be funded to attend regardless of programme status. This is subject to an assessment that the selected individual/crew are of a performance rather than development standard.

- In events where athletes are pre-selected, the winner of the July regatta in that event will be nominated as reserve.

- The selection for 5000m events will not be undertaken at the July regatta and an announcement on the selection event will be made following the July regatta. Provisionally this is 17th July.

U23's:

U23 World Championships			
Selected from the July Regatta with Reserves named from crews with 102% subject to Covid restrictions			
Men		Women	
K1 200m		K1 200m	
K1 500m		K2 200m	
K2 500m		K1 500m	
K4 500m		K2 500m	
K1 1000m		K4 500m	
K2 1000m		K1 1000m	
C1 500m		C1 200m	
C2 500m		C2 200m	
C1 1000m		C1 500m	
C2 1000m		C2 500m	

Juniors:

Due to the proximity of the Olympic Hopes Regatta to the Junior World Championships and requirements for travel, any selected athletes will be required to choose which event they wish to attend as attendance at both will not be permitted. Substitutes will not be named.

Section 5 of policy – The policy states that the team size will be up to 30 athletes including those selected to junior Worlds. This figure would include any athletes attending the junior Worlds - substitutes will not be named.

Paracanoe:

The Paracanoe selection will take place as outlined in the published selection policy in the events shown in table 3 below.

Mitigating Circumstances:

The IP has received a request supported by the necessary medical information for mitigating circumstances and has granted selection to the World Championships in the following event based on performances so far this season. This is in line with section 5.2 of the published selection policy and is subject to completion of a fitness assessment prior to departure:

VL2 Men – Stewart Clark

Up to 2 boats per event will be selected for the World Championships with athletes already selected through the April selection process already listed:

Table 3

	Men	Women
KL1	Ian Marsden Up to 1 additional place	Jeanette Chippington Up to 1 additional place
KL2	Up to 2 places	Charlotte Henshaw Up to 1 additional place
KL3	Rob Oliver Up to 1 additional place	Laura Sugar Up to 1 additional place
VL2	Stewart Clark* Up to 1 additional place	Emma Wiggs Up to 1 additional place
VL3	Stuart Wood Up to 1 additional place	Up to 2 places

Note - * selected through mitigating circumstances subject to fitness assessment.

-VL3 Women included as per policy and considered as qualifying under DCMS travel exemption as the IPC will confirm if Paris 2024 inclusion is allowed soon.

The International Panel sends its best wishes to everyone contesting the selection races.

International Panel

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