

# Paddle UK Canoe Slalom & Kayak Cross

## International Panel Statement

### Canoe Slalom Selection Contingency:

The IP are working on the basis of the 2 Junior & U23 selection competitions taking place as planned in the selection policy and will work with race organisers to do our best to stage the 2 competitions as planned. Whilst we have every belief that the water levels will permit the Holme Pierrepont race to go ahead, given the challenges presented by high water levels at Holme Pierrepont throughout this winter it is only appropriate to be clear and transparent what the contingency is in the event of the Holme Pierrepont race being unable to go ahead.

This is particularly important given that the contingency will be based on the results of the Lee Valley race which should already have happened (as set out in section 12 of the [published policy](#)). By publishing this, the IP is seeking to be transparent on the process so that in the event of retrospectively applying contingency, there is clarity on how the policy may be applied.

In the event of the failure of one or more of the 6 Canoe Slalom Junior & U23 selection races, the IP will be steered by the contingency wording in section 12 of the selection policy and in particular will apply the following principle:

- If 2 Race results are completed – Best 1 result from 2 races
- If 3 Race results are completed – Best 2 results from 3 races
- If 4 Race results are completed – Best 2 results from 4 races
- If 5 Race results are completed – Best 3 results from 5 races

Tie breaks will be determined through the tie break section of the selection policy (section 9.7) noting that in the event of less than 3 races taking place, 9.7.3 will not apply.

These are for guidance only and a final decision will be made by the IP at the time of any contingency that can consider the full context of the need for contingency using all of the available information at the time.

### How the decision will be made:

We very much hope that the race will proceed without issue but in the event of there being uncertainty over the staging of the Holme Pierrepont race, the final decision will sit with the race organiser based on consultation with the venue operator, Paddle UK and the International Panel with consideration of factors such as current and predicted water levels and water quality and weather forecasts. To avoid unnecessary travel, where possible any announcement would be made on [www.canoeslalom.co.uk](http://www.canoeslalom.co.uk) by the end of Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April.