

Paddle UK Canoe Sprint & Paracanoe International Panel Statement Selection Policy Announcement

16th December 2024

2025 Canoe Sprint & Paracanoe Selection Policies:

The 2025 GBR [Canoe Sprint](#) & [Paracanoe](#) 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 November. 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 Canoe Sprint & Paracanoe Athletes – Don't forget to register:

All athletes wishing to be considered for GBR Team selection during 2025 should complete the online registration document by Sunday 16th March 2025

[Senior & U23 Canoe Sprint link](#)

[Junior Canoe Sprint link](#)

[Paracanoe link](#)

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 as this gives everyone an equal voice with no unconscious or conscious bias. All feedback was considered as part of a review of the feedback at a dedicated IP meeting on the 5th December. 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:

Senior - 5k selection	We will clarify how 5k selections for the World Championships will work on or before the 1st March 2025, this will allow us to hopefully have some clarity on the World Champs race format and continue conversation with the RC to identify a suitable time to stage a race.
Senior - crew boats racing	Clarity on who will be making the coaching decision will be outlined before the process starts by 1st March 2025 with a note that this is always then ratified by the IP. The process around crew boat formation will be built with the athlete group between January and March and more information will be published, but this sits outside of the policy.
Senior - points system	More clarity has been provided within the policy to explain what happens if there is a tie scenario.
Paracanoe - eligibility/ performance standards	No change to the policy to be made as 3.1.4 allows a degree of flexibility. It is an inclusive policy and we would facilitate racing for anyone who requests it through the process.
Paracanoe - clarity on selection flexibility/ prioritisation for World Cup & Euros	More detail has been added. We would like all eligible athletes to get at least 1 race, but the IP has the discretion to select athletes for more than 1 racing opportunity.
Paracanoe Performance Standards - update	Thank you for flagging the errors in the table. These have been corrected in the final version.

appendix A	
Junior - april selection point (is it too early to select people for the whole season?)	April selection has been used due to the closer proximity of international competitions and selection regattas. It is believed that this is not an issue with the policy, but an issue around athletes training. All athletes who are selected at the april selection point will be offered an individual meeting to enable them to talk through training plans leading into Worlds, Euros & Olympic Hopes.
Junior - Olympic Hopes selection	There is a desire to add a second entry point at the July regatta. For U17's there will be entry points via K1 in the 500m and 200m for girls and the 500m and 1000m for boys - both genders capped at 4 athletes.
Junior (Olympic Hopes) - athlete facing document	A flow chart has been produced to make selection and the various entry points more clear to understand which is hyperlinked in the policy..
Junior Performance Standards	Junior world leading times will now be used for performance standards with their own data shown in Appendix A Table B
Publication of final Teams once places have been accepted/declined	Final teams will be published as it is noted that when selected teams are announced, they will often change between the announcement and the event due to athletes choosing to focus on less events or reserves being selected.