

## **GB Canoe Slalom Senior/U23 Selection 2008**

### **Events Senior Team 2008**

Senior European Championships	Krakow 2008	9 – 11 May 2008
World Cup 1	Prague	21 – 22 June 2008
World Cup 2	Tacen	28 – 29 June 2008
World Cup 3*	Augsburg	5 – 6 July 2008
Pre World Championships	La Seu Urgell	12 – 13 July 2008
Olympic Games Canoe Slalom	Beijing CHN	11-14 Aug 2008

\*released race policy applies

### **Events U23 Team 2008**

U23 European Championships

### **Aims**

To select the best possible athletes to represent GB at International Championships and continue development towards excellence and delivery at Olympic Games, World and European Championships.

### **Senior team selection summary**

- Focus for 2008 GB Senior Team to deliver medals at 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing.
- Run two weekends back to back for Senior selection, alongside Olympic selection.
- Special Selection; races 1 and 2 in Zoetermeer and race 3 in Nottingham.
- Senior team selection races: Entry to be limited to up to 11 boats per class based on:

→ 2007 senior team (3 boats).

→ top 2 U23 s at 2007 selection (2 boats).

→ max 2 wildcards from Nottingham Premier 15/16 September 2007.

→ max 4 wildcards from 2 Premier races in March 2008 (Bala Premier, 15<sup>th</sup> March – 2 boats; Grandtully Premier, 29<sup>th</sup> March – 2 boats).

All selected 2007 team boats (up to 5 per class) must attain senior performance standards (details outlined in policy). Those attaining wildcards at Premier races must attain % performance criteria at that single race.

- Races 1, 2 and 3 consisting of two runs (final result on aggregate runs score).
- Olympic selection outlined in detail below to select highest placed boat at selection series to represent GB at Beijing Olympic Games.
- Tie breaker is decided on discarded result, then aggregated race scores
- Olympic Games tie breaker decided on ties in points decided using, in order :
  - (i) Qualifying Olympic boat quota place at 2007 Worlds in Brazil
  - (ii) Best discarded result (points) from races' 1 or 2 or 3
  - (iii) Aggregate total scores (time plus penalties) from races' 1+2+3

Apply performance percentage criteria based on 2006 average Top 20. Qualification/Semi-Final placing in each class; C2 based on Semi Final or Qualification Top 15.

- Facilitate a shared GBR Team environment with member equality

### **Selection into GBR Senior Team 2008**

K1 Men, K1 Women, C1: The top three within senior performance % criteria in each of these classes will be selected. Boats outside the top three within performance % criteria are non travelling reserves.

C2: The top three crews in each class within age related performance % will be selected. Boats outside the top three within age related performance % criteria are non travelling reserves.

In the event of a boat not accepting a team place the following priorities apply to the reallocation of a vacated place:

1. Senior non travelling reserve (s)
2. Under 23's selected, in descending order from the under 23's selection series.

The first year a senior can compete is the year in which his/her 15<sup>th</sup> birthday falls. The maximum age that a paddler can be selected as a GB senior team reserve is 30 (i.e. born after 01/01/78).

### **Selection into 2008 U23 Team**

The last year an U23 may compete is the year in which his/her 23<sup>rd</sup> birthday falls.

K1 Women, K1 Men, C1, C2, The top three within % criteria in each of these classes will be selected. Boats outside the top three within performance % criteria are non travelling reserves.

C2: There is discretion in C2, as a development class in the UK.

In the event of a boat not accepting an U23 team place the following priorities apply to the reallocation of a vacated place:

1. U23 non travelling reserve (s).
2. J18 team selected boats who having raced U23 selection and have made J18 related performance % criteria.

*In consideration of the demands of the race schedule athletes selected for both U23 and Senior Teams are required to confirm their planned summer's racing within 7 days of the final selection race. This is to allow next boats in line time to plan their summer and for cost effective logistics.*

## **Released race policy**

One place at World Cup 3 is retained by the selected Olympic boat.

Two places will be relinquished by boats 2 and 3 of senior team selection 2008 and places will be taken up, in order by:

1. GB under 23 team athletes, selected in descending order from the 2008 GB under 23 selection series.
2. GB under 18 team athletes, selected in descending order from the 2008 GB under 18 selection series.
3. Selected GB senior team reserves.

## **Race venues/dates Senior Selection 2008**

Race 1	Zoetermeer / NED	12 April 2008
Race 2	Zoetermeer / NED	13 April 2008
Race 3	Nottingham	19 April 2008

## **Race venues/dates U23 Selection 2008**

Race 1	Bala	15 <sup>th</sup> March 2008 (back up race 16 <sup>th</sup> March)
Race 2	Grandtully	29 <sup>th</sup> March 2008 (back up race 30 <sup>th</sup> March)
Race 3	Nottingham	19 <sup>th</sup> April 2008

The international panel reserve the right to amend venues and dates of selection races in the light of any mitigating external factors.

## **Selection Meeting and announcement of 2008 GB Senior & U23 Teams**

Team selections will be made by the evening of the day of Race 3 at an International Panel meeting and announced on [www.canoeslalom.co.uk](http://www.canoeslalom.co.uk) and/or [www.gbcanoeing.org.uk](http://www.gbcanoeing.org.uk)

An announcement on start / finish lines and course configurations will be made on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2008. Should local conditions threaten the planned racing then the race schedule and start/finish line of the race may be adjusted to suit. In the need to postpone racing to the back up days the decision will be made the Thursday evening before the races. For announcements refer to [www.canoeslalom.co.uk](http://www.canoeslalom.co.uk) and/or [www.gbcanoeing.org.uk](http://www.gbcanoeing.org.uk)

In the event of the loss of a race a back up race will take place at Nottingham on:  
**Sunday 20 April 2008**

## **Course Design**

Coaches from BCU World Class Podium and Development Programmes will be drawn – At each race two coaches are responsible for course design. Course approval takes place immediately following demonstration runs. Final pole adjustments are agreed by the course designers together with the Chief Judge.

## **Race Format**

All races 1,2 & 3: two runs aggregate, Standard format

Start list order will be confirmed by the International panel 1<sup>ST</sup> March 2008.

## **Scoring**

Paddlers in each class for each race to be ordered on scores as follows:

All races 1,2 & 3: Time plus penalties for both runs aggregated

### **Points allocation and 2008 Senior & U23 Team Selection ranking**

- Olympic boat is ranked number one for GB Senior European Championships, World Cup and Pre Worlds Team and is eligible to race all these races.
- Remaining Senior boats are ranked according to senior team selection series points.
- Under 23's are ranked according to the under 23 team selection series.

The points system used is 30pts 1<sup>st</sup> place, 27pts 2<sup>nd</sup> place, 25pts 3<sup>rd</sup> place, 23pts 4<sup>th</sup> place, 22pts 5<sup>th</sup> place etc for each of the three races.

One set of points in each class is to be used to define Senior ranking.

A separate set of points in each class is to be used to define U23 selection ranking (different race series).

The individual boat's best two results from the three relevant races are added to give their overall selection ranking points score.

Ties in points decided using, in order :

- Best discarded result (points)
- Aggregate total scores (time plus penalties)  
(*race not completed to count as score of 999.00*)

### **Application of Performance standards Senior and U23**

Performance standards in all classes are worked on scores (accuracy 0.01 seconds) as a % of the winning MK1. These race % are worked to computer rounding accuracy of 0.1% for each race. For automatic selection into a GB Team in 2008 the mean (average) of the boat's best two percentages must be inside the minimum standard as detailed below.

- 102.35% rounds to 102.4% (computer rounding)
- <107% means 106.99% or less
  - Example percentage calculation on two aggregated runs  
 Winning MK1: score = 92.33 + 2 + 94.55 + 0 = 188.88 secs total  
 5<sup>th</sup> place WK1: score = 105.66 + 2 + 110.11 + 2 = 219.77 secs total  
 thus 5<sup>th</sup> place WK1 percentage: 116.4%
- mean (average) is calculated to an accuracy of 0.05%  
Example mean (average) calculation: K1W  
 Result #1 125.3%, result #2 139.7%, result #3 119.2%  
 Mean (average) of best two results = 122.25% (0.05% rounding)

### **Definition of minimum performance standards for 2008 GB Teams**

	MK1	WK1	C1	C2
<b>Senior</b>	<105%	<125	<113%	<125%
<b>U23</b>	<107%	<130%	<116%	<130%*

\* Discretion in C2: these % are a guideline only as a development class in the UK

### **Performance Percentage Criteria monitoring**

The percentages listed correspond to a top 20 World Cup, World Championship or European Championship placing in each class with the exception of C2 which is defined from Top 15 standard.

### **Funding and Participation**

If support monies for a non-funded (not on a Programme) selected paddler are required from Slalom Committee this will require a direct, written request to the Slalom Secretary. Applicants for such support are reminded that these funds are limited and securing other funding may be necessary. Once funding is in place equality within the Team environment is assured. All funding through BCU Slalom Committee and Programme sources is dealt with centrally thus supporting Team identity with group travel, group accommodation, technical support, physiotherapy, meals/food allowance and coaching facilitated.

### **Paddler agreement**

Paddlers on a funded programme need to have signed their Programme Agreement. Paddlers outside Programme funding will also be expected to sign up to the BCU Great Britain Team participation agreement on accepting selection.

### **Fast Progress Performers – a reminder**

World Class Programmes staff constantly monitor results from domestic races and paddlers who are making fast progress are encouraged to be confident of being recognised when working close to and within the minimum performance criteria. Details on funded Programme inclusion is available on the respective web-sites. You are encouraged to contact a member of World Class staff if there are questions to ask.

## **Selection 2008 Beijing Olympic Games - Canoe Slalom**

### **Eligibility**

Entry to the Olympic Games 2008 (OG08) is subject to qualification rules as agreed between the International Canoe Federation ICF and the International Olympic Committee IOC. The International Panel will select the GB Olympic Team Canoe Slalom. This Team proposal will be submitted to the British Olympic Association BOA for approval (OG08 Qualification system see [www.canoeicf.com](http://www.canoeicf.com))

To be eligible for OG08 selection the athletes must hold a full GB passport at the time of the Olympic Qualifying competitions in 2007 & 2008. They will be nominated by their National Governing Body NGB and approved by the BOA.

### **Selection/De-selection**

The selection process for the OG08 in Beijing will be based on results achieved in 2007 and 2008. The BCU reserves the right to deselect an athlete who has lost form or is suffering from illness or injury. In this instance, the International panel will call on the BCU medical officer or another appointee to make a formal assessment.

The BCU reserves the right to deselect an athlete who has been found guilty of a disciplinary offence under BCU/ICF rules. This includes doping offences.

No pre-selection for 2008 Olympic Games.

### **Olympic Selection timetable**

**Stage 1**            2007 World Championships

(=ICF Global Olympic Qualifier #1: 19-23 September 2007)

<b>Stage 2</b>	3 race selection series	
Race 1	Zoetermeer/NED	12 April 2008
Race 2	Zoetermeer NED	13 April 2008
Race 3	Nottingham	19 April 2008
	<i>Back up:</i>	
	<i>Nottingham</i>	<i>20 April 2008</i>

**Stage 3 \*** 2008 European Championships, Krakow/POL 9-11 May 2008  
(=ICF Continental Olympic Qualifier #2: May 2008)

Athletes eligible to participate in Stage 2, Races 1,2 & 3 are:

- I. 2007 Senior Team athletes (from selection ranking 2007)
- II. 2007 U23 athletes #1 & #2 (from selection ranking 2007)
- III. Up to 2 wildcards/class from BCU Nottingham Premier 15/16 September 2007
- IV. Up to 4 wildcards/class from BCU Premier events, March 2008 – 2 wildcards from Bala Premier, 15<sup>th</sup> March and 2 wildcards from Grandtully, 29<sup>th</sup> March 2008.

In III and IV above paddlers must attain their class performance percentage criteria in the relevant race to be eligible to compete at Selection. Maximum 11 boats/class.

\* Stage 3 used only for categories not qualifying ICF Global Olympic boat quota place during 2007 World Championships.

### **Points allocation for Olympic Selection ranking**

**Step 1:** athletes collect Olympic selection bonus points through:

- a. Winning a Gold medal and an Olympic boat quota place = 3 bonus points or,
- b. Winning a medal and an Olympic boat quota place = 2 bonus points or,
- c. Earning an Olympic boat quota place = 1 bonus point

**Step 2:** The points system used for each of Race 1, Race 2 and Race 3 is: 30pts 1<sup>st</sup> place, 27pts 2<sup>nd</sup> place, 25pts 3<sup>rd</sup> place, 23pts 4<sup>th</sup> place, 22pts 5<sup>th</sup> place etc for each of the three races. Boats not contesting at least two of the designated races in step 2 above will be removed from the points calculation.

**Step 3:** Used for categories not qualifying an ICF Olympic boat quota during 2007 World Championships. Boats collect Olympic selection bonus points at the 2008 European Championships, Krakow through:

- a. Winning a Gold medal and an Olympic boat quota place = 3 bonus points or,
- b. Winning a medal and an Olympic boat quota place = 2 bonus points or,
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### **Olympic points calculation**

The individual boat's best two results from step 2 ( Races 1,2 & 3 ) are added to bonus points from either Step 1 or Step 3 in order to produce the Olympic selection ranking. The boat placed at the top of the ranking in each class secures a place at 2008 Olympic Games.

Ties in points decided using, in order :

- Qualifying Olympic boat quota place
- Best discarded result (points) from races' 1 or 2 or 3
- Aggregate total scores (time plus penalties) from races' 1+2+3

(race not completed to count as score of 999.00)

### **University World Championships Team - Bratislava, SVK 19 – 21 September 2008**

The team will be selected from the final result (2 runs aggregated) of the single race below:

Nottingham                      19 April 2008 (Back up race 20 April 2008)

The places will be allocated to eligible athletes in order of the result subject to performance standard and available places allocated to Great Britain.

#### **Important Note:**

Due to British Universities Sports Association (BUSA) regulations, athletes wishing to be considered for Selection to the 2008 University World Championships, **MUST** first register their intention to be considered by completing and returning a BUSA nomination form by **31<sup>st</sup> January 2008**.

The nomination form can be obtained by contacting BUSA (020) 7633 5080, see the Slalom section of the World Class web pages or by typing the link below:

[http://www.busa.org.uk/sport\\_page.asp?section=00010001000200010002&sport=00010001000200010020002000400220001](http://www.busa.org.uk/sport_page.asp?section=00010001000200010002&sport=00010001000200010020002000400220001)

Forms should be returned to Jo Kirk, BUSA, 20-24 Kings Bench Street, London, SE1 0QX by **31<sup>st</sup> January 2008**

Entries for the event should be made at least two weeks in advance to the race organiser as detailed in the 2008 Slalom yearbook.

The appointment of team staff and the publication of the team will take place after Selection and is subject to ratification by the BUSA board.

#### **Application of Performance standards - University Worlds**

- Athletes must achieve the published Great Britain U23 minimum performance standard to be selected for the GB University World Championship Team.
- Athletes not achieving the minimum standard at the identified University World Championship Selection Race will be selected if they are selected as a full member or named reserve of the 2008 Senior or U23 Great Britain Team.
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## **GB Canoe Slalom Under 18 Selection 2008**

### **Events Junior Team 2008**

**Junior World Championships** 25 – 27<sup>th</sup> July Roudnice-Nad-Labem, CZE  
**Junior European Championships** 22- 24<sup>th</sup> August Solkan, SLO

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### **Selection Meeting and announcement of 2008 GB Junior Team**

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In the event of the loss of two races a back up race will take place at Nottingham on:  
**Sunday 20 April 2008**

The first year a junior can compete at ICF / ECA championships is the year in which his/her 15<sup>th</sup> birthday falls. Only juniors eligible to compete at ICF / ECA championships will be included in the points table at UK junior selection.

### **Course Design**

Races 1 and 2: 2 coaches for each race will be selected from 4 coaches (2 WCP development, 1 Wales, 1 Scotland).

Race 3:  
Course design as per senior policy.

### **Race Format**

All races 1,2 & 3: two runs aggregate, Standard format

### **Scoring**

Paddlers are ordered on aggregate scores, (time plus penalties both runs) at each of race 1, 2 & 3.

### **Points allocation and 2008 Junior Team Selection ranking**

Under 18 boats are ranked according to Junior team selection series points.

The points system used is 30pts 1<sup>st</sup> place, 27pts 2<sup>nd</sup> place, 25pts 3<sup>rd</sup> place, 23pts 4<sup>th</sup> place, 22pts 5<sup>th</sup> place etc for each of the three races.

One set of points in each class is to be used to define Junior Under 18 ranking.

The individual boat's best two results from the three relevant races are added to give their overall selection ranking points score.

There is no automatic selection in 2008.

Ties in points decided using, in order :

- Best discarded result (points)
- Aggregate total scores (time plus penalties)  
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### **Application of Performance standards Under 18**

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### **Definition of minimum performance standards for 2008 GB Teams**

(age in year in question)	<b>C2 *</b>	<b>C1 *</b>	<b>K1W</b>	<b>K1M</b>
U18 (18) aggregate score	<140%	<123%	<131%	<112%
U17 (17) BSRS	144%	126%	135%	115%
U16 (16) BSRS	150%	131%	141%	120%
U15 (15) BSRS	150%	135%	146%	124%
U14 (14)	Ineligible due to ICF regulations			

% criteria will be strictly applied in the case of last year U18 boats.

Where age group % are applied, the rule is only applied within the top 3 boats (4<sup>th</sup> place boats and below will not be taken into the team above boats in the top three who have not made %).

**Selection of C2 class for Junior European and World championships.**

Selection of the C2 class will be based on the results at the junior selection series. Should there be vacant C2 class places on the Team a subsequent, nominated domestic event will be identified at which (C2) performance will be considered for a Team place.

\* Discretion in C1 and C2: these % are a guideline only as a development class in the UK

**Performance Percentage Criteria monitoring**

The percentages listed correspond to a top 20 Junior World Championship or Junior European Championship placing in each class with the exception of C2 which is defined from Top 15 standard.

**2009**

*Note that for 2009, consideration is being given to selecting the winner from each of 3 selection races to make the team, subject to the achievement of performance standards.*

**End of Final Policy....**