



**British Canoeing Canoe &  
Extreme Slalom Junior, U23 &  
Senior  
Selection Policy 2022**

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## **Introduction – Request for Feedback**

In order to build on our continued success as a sport in the 2024 cycle the following selection policy has been proposed to achieve two specific goals: Performance delivery at the 2022 age group Championships, squad development for Paris 2024 and athlete development ahead of Los Angeles 2028. All of the above require us to think carefully about how we ‘Maximise’ meaningful exposure for our current generation of racers as well as our next generation of athletes to significant International racing through a fair and transparent process in which the athlete ‘self-selects’ through personal race performance.

Building on the key features of the 2021 policy and an evolving performance philosophy for 2022 the following changes have been made to the 2022 policy proposal:

As previously announced The 2022 selection series is being proposed as a 6 race series over 3 days at Lee Valley White Water Centre on the 16-18<sup>th</sup> April.

The International Panel is acutely aware of the challenges around accessing Lee Valley (specifically slalom sessions) and is working in collaboration with British Canoeing to facilitate access ahead of selection. Further information will be published outlining opportunities to access the white water facility through the winter ahead of selection.

Slalom selection would comprise of 2 single run races per day, creating 6 opportunities to achieve the minimum Performance Standards.

Every race scores points rewarding both performance (‘winning’) and consistency

The best 4 races from the 6 race series would contribute to an athletes final points score .

As introduced in 2021, once again Performance Standards will be based on the class winner to create ‘within class’ comparison i.e. a junior C1W would be trying to achieve a percentage based on the fastest C1W rather than the fastest K1M based on age group International standards.

Introduction of age group percentages (average of 4 for Seniors, 3 for U23’s and 2 for Juniors) balancing performance with long term squad and athlete development.

In line with the International Panel’s pledge to monitor percentages, the Senior C1W performance standards have been adjusted to reflect the evolving ‘top 20’ standard as the class continues to develop. Furthermore, junior percentages across MK1, WK1, MC1 & WC1 have all been assessed and evolved to offer a truer representation of attaining a top 20 position relative to the class winner.

In line with the 2021 policy, we have proposed to adopt some parts of previous policies which will be familiar. For example, we are proposing to maintain the 30, 27, 25 model point system as we believe that by increasing the number of races which contribute to the final selection ranking table will give a better balance between performance and consistency. We have also adopted similar methods of tie breaking athletes who are level on points by once again addressing performance vs. consistency.

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With the confirmation of the Extreme Slalom discipline and our understanding of the principles the ICF have outlined we have described two proposals we would be grateful for your feedback on. Please refer to 2.4.1 for more detail.

Furthermore, we are seeking feedback on the best way to select our Junior and U23 teams for the 2023 season based on the aforementioned age group World Championships being held at the start of the International season. Please refer to 5.5 for more detail/.

Text that is written in green in the document is intended to provide a more detailed explanation and will be omitted from the final policy.

Your consideration and feedback is invaluable in shaping a positive and rewarding future for our sport, our volunteers and all the athletes involved so we thank you in advance for contributing to this consultation process. We value all feedback whether on typos/errors in the draft or areas that you may have alternative suggestions to make but also please feedback even if you like the policy as we don't want to change areas that people like based on some negative opinions.

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ABBREVIATIONS & DEFINITIONS	
<b>BC</b>	British Canoeing
<b>SIP</b>	Slalom International Panel (appointed by the British Canoeing Board)
<b>Competition</b>	All events completed at a site over the series
<b>Events</b>	Individual MK1, WK1, MC1, WC1, MC1SLX, WC1SLX
<b>Phase</b>	Run1, Run 2, Semi-Final, Final
<b>ECA</b>	European Canoe Association
<b>ICF</b>	International Canoe Federation
<b>OQS</b>	Olympic Qualification System
<b>BSRS</b>	Best Single Run Score
<b>Final Selection Ranking Table</b>	A table collating athlete race times, percentages, points and tie breakers to help determine team selection
<b>Age Group Percentages</b>	The minimum threshold to meet team inclusion relative to each age group i.e. Senior, U23, Junior.
<b>Race Run</b>	A single run down the course

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### SECTION 1 – OVERVIEW

#### 1.1 British Canoeing Canoe Slalom International Panel

Since January 2005, the British Canoeing Board has been responsible for GBR Team Selection through the formation of International Panels in the two Olympic disciplines of Canoe Sprint and Canoe Slalom and more recently in Paracanoe. The Terms of Reference of the panel can be found [here](#). The International Panels are appointed by and report to the British Canoeing Board.

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The Canoe Slalom International Panel is responsible for proposing and agreeing the selection policy on an annual basis including selecting the Great Britain teams against this policy. The discipline committee play an integral part in helping to formulate the draft selection policy for consultation within the sport.

The members of the International Panel are selected on the basis of experience and competency. The level of experience required relates to previous experience of selection/GB Team matters, current knowledge and first hand practical experience of the sport at a National and International level. The panel retains overall authority for all aspects of policy including selection venues, dates and for selecting all Great Britain representative teams at Senior, Under 23 and Junior levels.

Subject to board appointment, the International Panel members for 2022 will be (all with voting rights):

**Chair:** Andy Maddock (British Canoeing)

**Core members:** David Spencer (Slalom Committee Representative), Mark Ratcliffe (British Canoeing) and Jim McConnachie (Independent member)

The BC Slalom Committee also has a non-voting appointed observer: Martyn Setchell (appointed by the Slalom Committee as athlete representative) attends all International Panel meetings and is copied in on all correspondence as an observer.

With the departure of Paul Ratcliffe as the Performance Director the makeup of the IP will be reviewed and subsequently published in the final canoe slalom selection policy.

Additional members: Following the completion of each selection series, National coaches from UK Programmes with representation from Home Nation programme coaches are invited to attend the International Panel meeting to advise on team selection with reference to the published policy. Invites are sent out in advance inviting Home Nations and programmes to send a nominated representative.

### **1.2 International Panel Vision Statement - Canoe Slalom 2021-24**

2022 is the second year of the Paris cycle. Therefore, a dual focus approach will be taken by the International Panel focussing on performance at the Olympic Games and Senior World Championships, as well as squad and athlete development through significant racing opportunities ahead of Paris 2024 and Los Angeles 2028.

### **1.3 Olympic Strategy Paris Olympics & 2022 Aims**

#### **2022 Maximise**

2022 marks the second year of the Paris cycle and is a year to 'Maximise' our opportunities ahead of the next Olympic Games whilst targeting milestone championship events in the year.

This policy aims to 'Maximise' International canoe slalom and extreme slalom startlines whilst supporting athletes racing at the highest level, to best prepare the team ahead of Olympic selection, attainment of a maximum Olympic quota and ultimately to win medals at significant international events.

International startline experience will maximise opportunity to better understand the introduction of extreme slalom, the training and racing demands associated with it and for athletes doubling and possibly even tripling up across multiple classes.

#### **The key performance goals for 2022 are:**

1. To maximise performance delivery at the Senior, U23 and Junior World & European Championships.
2. To maximise final and medal chances in both canoe slalom and extreme slalom whilst facilitating development opportunities at World Cups.

### **1.4 Conflicts of Interest**

British Canoeing is committed to upholding high standards of integrity and as such any member of the International Panel shall declare any conflicts or potential conflicts and shall refrain from participation in the

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discussion of and any vote in respect of any selection matter in which they have a conflict of interest unless such conflict can be resolved. If a person is unsure whether they have a conflict or potential conflict they should consult the Head of Governance and Compliance.

### **1.5 Amendments**

The selection policy may be amended at any time by British Canoeing for one or more of the following circumstances:

1. Any changes in rules governing a particular competition, policy or event including updates through the anticipated 2024 OQS policy.
2. Any change in ICF/ECA eligibility, rules, calendar or programme of events
3. To give effect to the selection process in case of a drafting error or oversight
4. To clarify any ambiguity to the intended meaning of the selection policy
5. Any other reason determined by British Canoeing at its total discretion that is in the best interest of British Canoeing and in line with the principles outlined for selection
6. Circumstances arising from Covid-19 restrictions in the winter of 2021 or 2022 season.

## **SECTION 2 ELIGIBILITY & QUALIFICATION FOR GBR 2022 SENIOR, U23 & JUNIOR TEAMS**

### **2.1**

To be eligible to race in any 2022 GBR Senior, U23 & Junior Team Selection series athletes must meet the following conditions and enter the race by the published deadlines (full detail can be found in British Canoeing's [Eligibility Policy](#)):

1. Meet age and nationality criteria for international competitions.
2. Senior, U23 & Junior athletes must have achieved eligibility through the published qualification process
3. Be a member of British Canoeing or Home Nation Association that enables participation in competition.
4. Athletes must be ranked in Premier or top 40 of end of season 2021 ICF World Ranking (for Senior & U23 athletes at time of qualification) or have qualified through the official 2022 qualification process.

**2.2 IMPORTANT – All athletes wishing to be considered for selection to a 2022 Great Britain team should register for selection in order to confirm eligibility. The registration process is available [here](#) see [www.britishcanoeing.org.uk](http://www.britishcanoeing.org.uk) and on [www.canoeslalom.co.uk](http://www.canoeslalom.co.uk) and needs to be completed by 18<sup>th</sup> March 2022 Paddlers remain responsible for entering the race(s) before entry limits are reached. Entering the race is not registration.**

### **2.3 International Eligibility**

Selection will be subject to eligibility in accordance with competition rules laid down by the ICF & ECA.

- The first year a junior can compete at an ICF or International competition is the year of their 15<sup>th</sup> birthday.
- The last year an U23 may compete in the Under 23 category is the year of their 23<sup>rd</sup> birthday.
- The last year a JUNIOR may compete in a junior category is the year of their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Where athletes may be entering more than one event, the policy will be applied in isolation for each specific event therefore entering more than one event may not be possible.

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

### **2.4 Slalom Selection – Selected Classes:**

Female		Male	
Canoe Single (WC1)	Kayak Single (WK1)	Canoe Single (MC1)	Kayak Single (MK1)

#### **2.4.1 Extreme Slalom (MCSLX & WCSLX)**

Whilst the route to extreme slalom qualification in Paris 2024 continues to remain unclear for the 2022 season the extreme slalom team will be named out of the respective Senior, U23 and Junior teams. No separate selection event will exist for team inclusion.

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The IP is looking for feedback on the following two options for team inclusion for extreme slalom.

**Option 1 -**

Three extreme slalom places are available in the MK1 and WK1. Places will be offered to the named kayak teams and reserves will be named from the named C1 team members.

For the avoidance of any doubt, if a selected K1 boat releases their team position and it is filled by the first kayak reserve, this boat would also be nominated for the extreme slalom event (as opposed to it being offered to the first placed team C1 member).

**Option 2 -**

After the confirmation of the named teams by the International Panel, an 'internal selection' for the three men's and women's XCSL places would be contested in a special event to name an Extreme Slalom team. This event would run separately to the dates of Senior, U23 and Junior selection.

*The intention and benefit of option 2 is to enable parity within the selected teams by treating the kayaks and canoes equitably.*

*It would be the intention to apply the same policy for across all age categories.*

*The challenges that exist are logistical – it adds complexity to any boats who release a position in the team (i.e. first reserve comes into the team – where do they sit in the extreme canoe slalom 'internal ranking'?)*

*The second significant challenge is when and where to run a fair, accessible event before the International season commences. Option 1 negates the challenge of a further race where water, junior athletes and parents as well as volunteer's time and travel would have to be further utilised.*

Please see 3.6.1 for further detail on released race policies to develop the depth of the Senior Canoe Slalom teams.

**2.4.2 Team events**

Once a GBR Team is selected, the Team Manager or Head Coach may optimise team event medal opportunities by filling unallocated team places with athletes selected in other events. This can also occur where injury/illness to a competing athlete happens. This clause is not applicable to individual events.

**2.5 Pre selection to Senior Team 2022**

Subject to the 2022 Released race policy, the following athletes are Pre-Selected to the 2022 Senior Team as number one boat in line with the published 2021 Senior Selection Policy (section 5.3) and International Panel statement published on 12.11.21

	MK1	WK1	MC1	WC1
	-	Kimberley Woods	-	Mallory Franklin

**2.6 Pre selection to U23 & Junior Team 2022**

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The following athletes are Pre-Selected to the 2022 U23 Team based on medal achievement at the U23 Worlds and/or Euros line with published 2021 Senior Selection Policy (section 5.4) and International Panel statement published on 12.11.21

	MK1	WK1	MC1	WC1
	Jonny Dickson	-	-	Bethan Farrow

### **2.7 Process of qualification for Junior Selection 2022:**

The International Panel recognised that the suspension of the 2020 season and the prolonged disruption to the managed calendar due to Covid-19 caused significant disruption to the domestic progress of our junior community. Please see the statement from 25<sup>th</sup> August 2021 [here](#) which outlined the process for junior selection qualifiers.

### **2.8 Process of Qualification for Senior & U23 Selection 2022:**

The following athletes have qualified their place(s) to race at the 2022 Senior & U23 selection series:

MK1	WK1	MC1	WC1
Bradley Forbes-Cryans	Kimberley Woods <sup>^</sup>	Adam Burgess	Mallory Franklin <sup>^</sup>
Joe Clarke	Fiona Pennie	David Florence	Kimberley Woods
Christopher Bowers	Mallory Franklin	Peter Linksted	Bethan Farrow*
Ben Haylett	Megan Hamer-Evans	James Kettle	Ellis Miller
David Paterson	Amber Maslen	Ryan Westley	Eilidh Gibson
Jake Brown	Phoebe Spicer	Sam Maingay	Phoebe Spicer
Stuart Gerrie	Nikita Setchell	Will Smith	Rachel Ellis
Jonny Dickson*	Bethan Farrow	Kurts Adams Rozentals	Jada Mustafa-Moore
Eren Yalkin	Lois Leaver	William Coney	Louise Fernie
Huw Swetnam	Hannah Bailey	Vittorio Pezzaioli	Ailsa Gourlay
<b>Qualifiers through U23 Selection 2021</b>			
Etienne Chappell	Sophie Ogilvie	Alfie Boote	Sophie Ogilvie
Finn Reilly McQueen	Ellis Miller	Zach Pearson	Joanna Blythe-Shields
Sam Leaver	Macy Kang	Michael Denvir	Daisy Cooil
Reilly Vernon	Rebecca Ogilvie	Luc Royle	
Robert Fernie	Louise Fernie	Jake Cox	
<b>Qualifiers through Junior Selection 2021 not already specified above</b>			
Thomas Mayer	Rachel Ellis	Edward McDonald	
Luke Kevane		Gabriel Keen	
<b>Qualifiers through British Open 2021</b>			
Edward Dickinson	Joely Walling	Christopher Royle	Arina Kontchakov
Ciaran Lee-Edwards	Katie Shattock	Philip Smith	Katie Shattock
James Bailey	Arina Kontchakov	Cody Brown	Vanessa Humphrey
Kurts Adams Rozentals	Helen Rogers	James Rennie	Zoe Blythe-Shields
Jonathan Atkinson	Daisy Cooil	Sonny Shevill	
Matthew Curry	Sennah Nader-	Klass Francisks	
Paul Sunderland	Catrin Schroder	Jacob Lines	
Finlay Yates-Jones	Lydia Lafford	Isaac Wright	
Rob Neave	Katie Lyndon	William Kettle	
Callum Walling	Zoe Blythe-Shields	David Mitchell	
Jacob Lines	Irina Medunyak		
Oliver Cooper	Tazmin Brown		

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Cody Brown	Madelaine Jennings		
Ben Brown	Kayleigh Parsons		
Harvey Merrifield			
Robert Guest			
Klass Francisks Rozentals			
Jonah Hanrahan			
Eddie Mackintosh			
Edward McDonald			

In addition to any Premier ranked junior athletes, the following athletes have qualified to 2022 Junior Team Selection:

MK1	WK1	MC1	WC1
<b>Ben Brown</b>	<b>Aimee Collins</b>	<b>Klass Francisks Rozentals</b>	<b>Aimee Collins</b>
<b>Finn Johnson</b>	<b>Sennah Nader-Humphries</b>	<b>Philip Smith</b>	<b>Katie Shattock</b>
<b>Oscar Wyllie</b>	<b>Leah Cameron</b>	<b>Jacob Lines</b>	Anna Kontchakov
<b>Murray Robb</b>	<b>Zoe Blythe-Shields</b>	<b>Osian Williams</b>	Zoe Blythe-Shields
<b>Gwion Williams</b>	<b>Hannah Toovey</b>	<b>Isaac Wright</b>	
<b>Eddie Mackintosh</b>	Grace Shardlow	<b>Will Kettle</b>	
<b>Irvine McDonald</b>	Hannah Rhodes	James Rennie	
<b>Felix Newey</b>	Pola Tomasik	Ben Brown	
<b>James Rennie</b>	Taliesin McLean	Christopher Royle	
<b>Oliver Lorenz</b>	Molly Sandercock	William Mayer	
<b>Oliver Cooper</b>			
<b>Luca Cano-Mole</b>			
<b>Findlay McLean</b>			
<b>Klass Francisks Rozentals</b>			
Harry Joyce			
James Jackson			
George Sharp			
Scott Ritchie			
William Christmas			
Louie Gordon			
Nathan Nabili			
Archie Christmas			
Woody South			
Jonah Hanrahan			

**Bold** - already qualified through junior team selection and announced on 25<sup>th</sup> May & 25<sup>th</sup> August 2021.

^Pre-Selected for 2022 Senior Team

\*Pre-Selected for 2022 U23 Team

### SECTION 3 – GREAT BRITAIN SENIOR, U23 & JUNIOR TEAM SELECTION POLICY 2022

#### 3.0 Competitions Senior Teams 2022

Senior European Championships	Liptovsky Mikulas, SVK	26-29 May 2022
World Cup 1	Prague, CZE	10-12 June 2022
World Cup 2	Krakow, POL	17-19 June 2022
World Cup 3	Tacen, SLO	24-26 June 2022
Senior World Championships	Augsburg, GER	26-31 July 2022
World Cup 4	Pau, FRA	26-28 August 2022
World Cup 5	La Seu D'Urgell, ESP	2-4 September 2022

#### 3.1 Competitions U23 & Junior Teams 2022

Junior & U23 World Championships	Ivrea, ITA	5-10 July 2022
Jun & U23 European Championships	Ceske Budejovice, CZE	10-14 August 2022

**The 2022 Great Britain Senior, U23 and Junior teams will remain selected until the following season's relevant age group selection has been completed and confirmed by the IP (subject to achieving the minimum performance criteria).**

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### **3.2 2022 Senior, U23 & Junior Team Selection Race Detail:**

Race 1&2	Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	Lee Valley
Race 3&4	Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	Lee Valley
Race 5&6	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	Lee Valley

The Back-up for this series would be dealt with within the dates above through the contingency outlined in section 4.5.

### **3.3 2022 Senior, U23 & Junior Team Selection Race Format**

Subject to contingency there will be one competition for Senior, U23 and Junior team selection, comprising of 6 races.

Eligibility to race is determined by the published eligibility criteria confirmed in section 2.

#### **All Races:**

- Points will be based on the finishing order of each run.
- Performance Standards can be achieved on any run in the race series.

The start order for all 2022 selection races will be the reverse order of qualification to the Senior/U23 selection process followed by reverse order of National Ranking 2022 bib.

### **3.4 Points allocation and 2022 Senior, U23 & Junior Team Selection ranking:**

2022 selection for Senior, U23 and Junior GB teams will comprise of 3 days of racing at Lee Valley commencing Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2022. Each day of racing will provide 2 runs in each event with both runs independently awarded points resulting in 6 sets of results, which will feed into the Final Selection Ranking Table for selection of GB teams and reserves. There will a table jointly ranking the Senior and U23 athletes and a separate table for Juniors.

*The rationale behind maintaining a joint table for Senior and U23 competitors is to reflect the performance trajectory the IP would see the U23 competitors moving towards at Senior level. i.e. top U23 athletes being competitive for Senior team places in line with the Paris strategy.*

For the avoidance of doubt, any athletes pre-selected for the 2022 Senior and/or U23 team who race in any of the selection races will be omitted from any points allocated in the event in which they are pre-selected.

Calculating the overall 2022 Senior, U23 & Junior Selection results:

The points system used for each of the races 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, 21pts 6<sup>th</sup> place etc.

- The individual boat's best four points scores from the six races are combined to give their overall selection ranking points score.
- Athletes competing in three races or fewer will keep any points achieved. Athletes are not required to compete in all six races of selection.
- Ties in points are decided using, in order:
  1. Best single result from the series (points)
  2. Second best single result from the series (points)
  3. Third single result from the series (points)
  4. Fourth best single result from the series (points)
  5. Best result in the final (last) race of the series

2022 Senior, U23 & Junior selection shall consist of six races. In the event of the failure of one or more races, the principles outlined above will be applied to resolve any tie breaks as we do not prescribe how many races we have in any contingency.

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Note: Any juniors qualifying for U23 team selection will appear in both (U23 and Junior) final selection ranking lists and their result each day will determine the points received in each table (which most likely will be different).

See appendix 1 for an example final selection ranking table.

### **3.5 Course Design Senior, U23 and Junior Team Selection Races**

The course designers for all races will be drawn on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2022 after the last training session of that day. Two coaches are responsible for the course design for each day of racing i.e. one course for two races on Saturday, Sunday and Monday respectively and they will be drawn as:

Draw 1 contains technical coaches from the UK Olympic Podium Programme or substitute approved in advance by the IP.

Draw 2 contains employed coaches from Scotland (1), Wales (1) England (1) as well as the UK Academy Programme (formerly Podium Potential Programme) (2).

The appointed Chief Judge will be involved directly in the course design proposals. Following the course design draw, course designs are to be submitted to the Chief Judge. Course approval takes place immediately following demo runs. Final pole adjustments are made by the course designers (or delegated to the Performance Director) in consultation with the Chief Judge.

For the competition, subject to contingency and changes for safety reasons, course configurations will be set and will remain in place from 14 January 2022 for Lee Valley.

Course design will reflect 2022 ICF rules and 2021 start and finish lines in Lee Valley.

### **3.6 Performance Criteria & Released Places 2022:**

For cost effective and efficient planning plus logistics, athletes are required to confirm participation in each International competition. Any released places will be offered to reserve boat(s) on the understanding that the original selected athlete may apply to the Head Coach up to fourteen days prior to the date of competition commencing for re-instatement of their original place(s). The athlete has to satisfactorily demonstrate that circumstances justify the return of the released place from a performance perspective. The Performance Director will evaluate the justification and make the final decision.

**3.6.1** For the Senior Team in 2022 to support the Paris strategy all selected boats in each class (including Pre-selected athletes) will be required to fulfil a performance criteria to remain selected for World Cup 4 and 5. In order to extend their team selection each athlete, from each class, will be required to have made a final in Canoe Slalom at one of the following races:

Senior European Championships, World Cup 1, 2, 3 or the Senior World Championships.

For clarity, a final is defined as finishing in the top 10 at the aforementioned events or in the Top 15 places for the K1M at the Senior Europeans (reflecting the ECA rules).

In the event of an athlete not achieving the minimum performance criteria outlined above would release their place on the senior team for the remainder of the 2022 season.

Any released individual places from the 2022 senior team will be offered in the following order:

1. 2022 Senior Team named reserves

Where athletes may be doubling up, the policy will be applied in isolation for each specific class therefore doubling up may not be possible.

**3.6.2** For the **U23 World and European Championships** any released places will be offered in the following order:

1. 2022 U23 selected named reserves in order of the final selection ranking table.

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**3.6.3** For the **Junior World & European Championships** any released places will be offered in the following order:

1. 2022 Junior Championships selected named reserves in order of the final selection ranking table.

## **SECTION 4 GENERAL INFORMATION – ALL 2022 GBR JUNIOR, U23 & SENIOR TEAMS**

### **4.1 APPLICATION OF PERFORMANCE STANDARDS IN SELECTION DECISIONS**

Upon completion of the 2022 selection series the International Panel will select the Senior, U23 & Junior teams including reserves. In selecting teams, the panel will reference the Final Selection Ranking Table and athlete selection will include everyone who has achieved the age group Performance Standards. Any individual who does not achieve the minimum age group Performance Standard will not be eligible for team inclusion. For clarity, a junior would need to achieve the senior team performance standard (average of 4 race runs) in order to be considered eligible for senior team nomination.

<b>Age</b>	<b>Number of race runs to calculate average performance standard</b> (rounded up to nearest whole number if fewer races completed)
<b>Senior</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>U23</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>JUNIOR</b>	<b>2</b>

The table above details the number of race runs that will be used to calculate an athlete's average Performance Standard. The tiered system accounts for development at junior level to performance at senior level. A worked example for a Senior, U23 and Junior Performance Standards can be seen below:

Senior -  $(103.22 + 100.31 + 103.27 + 100.00) / 4 = 101.70\%$

U23 -  $(102.74 + 101.11 + 102.04) / 3 = 101.96\%$

Junior -  $(105.34 + 101.75) / 2 = 103.55\%$

#### **Final Selection Ranking Table**

For each event, results for every race of the selection series will be combined into a table which will be ranked in descending order of total points achieved. Where competitors have equal points, additional factors will be applied ("tie breaks").

In order to confirm an athlete's selection the attainment of age group Performance Standards is essential upon which team selection decisions will be made.

Subject to any Exceptional Circumstances and pre-selection through the 2021 selection policy, the top three boats in each event will be selected, subject to the achievement of Performance Standards. Named reserve boats outside the top three are non-travelling reserves that will travel only in case of withdrawal of an entry. The panel will always consider sending the maximum boats subject to the attainment of Performance Standards.

Athletes & reserves will be selected in descending order of the Final Selection Ranking Table and all athletes who have made the minimum Performance Standard will be eligible for selection. Please note that in the case where an athlete has achieved the minimum Performance Standard but ranks lower on the Final Selection Ranking List than someone who has not achieved the same minimum standard, the former will be eligible to be named to the respective team. Those who have not achieved the minimum standard (even when finishing higher in the Final Selection Ranking List) will not be eligible.

#### **4.2 Selection into GBR Senior World and European Championship and World Cup team 2022:**

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The above teams will focus on performance delivery and selection is predominantly based upon selecting athletes of a standard to achieve a top 20 finish at Championship/World Cup races in the identified year. Performance standards will be strictly applied.

#### 4.3. Selection into GBR Junior & U23 World & European Championship Team 2022:

The above teams will focus on performance delivery with the aim of selecting athletes capable of achieving a Championship final in the identified year and therefore Performance Standards will be strictly applied.

#### 4.4 Application of Performance Standards

The Performance Standards are based upon the Best Single Run Score (BSRS) achieved by the **class winner** on a given course gate configuration. The athlete posting the BSRS must have entered the race (e.g. demos do not count but a pre-selected boat who has entered the race would count). Performance Standards in all events are worked on scores (accuracy 0.01 seconds) as a % of the BSRS achieved on each race. Please note that the standards are now relative to the winner of each class as opposed to the fastest single run of the race.

Example percentage calculation on single run

Class BSRS - K1W = 94.44 secs total; 5th place K1W: score = 105.93 secs total, thus 5th place K1W percentage: 112.20.%. As this result is less than 113.0% the Performance Standard has been achieved.

#### Average Performance Standards for 2022 Great Britain Teams:

	MK1	WK1	MC1	WC1
Senior	<107%	<113%	<110%	<116% <114%
U23	<109%	<117%	<112%	<119%
JUNIOR	<113% <116%	<123% <127%	<118% <124%	<123% <144%

Performance Standards will be strictly applied as outlined. If an athlete achieves the minimum average Performance Standard specified above from up to 6 opportunities, they are deemed to have met the Performance Standard.

#### 4.4.1. Performance Percentage Criteria monitoring

The percentage performance criteria have been adjusted based upon data from 2009-2019. In particular they reference the most recent International data from 2021 and have been re-assessed for 2022. The senior age range percentages are based upon a top 20 placing at senior world cups (rounded up to the next round number) relative to the class winner. These standards are based on a three year rolling average with the exception of the C1W class which is based on a 2 year rolling average to reflect the continued development of the class. The U23 and Junior percentages are calculated from these percentages relative to the percentages which existed in the 2021 policy. The Performance Standards will not reference the 2020 season due to International data not being fully representative.

*Please note a change in performance standards in the WC1 class to reflect the evolving standard at Senior level.*

*Further investigation found an evolution of our junior performance standard based on the same process applied to senior standards i.e. rolling 3 year average, top 20 placing in Semi Finals (best and worst percentage from set of 6 results discarded for average – see highlighted percentages in table below).*

	K1M			K1W			C1M			C1W		
	Fastest K1M	20th	%	Fastest K1W	20th	vs. class	Fastest C1M	20th	vs. class	Fastest C1W	20th	vs. class
junior worlds 2021	81.89	97.68	119.3%	99.1	126.12	127.3%	86.27	123.43	143.1%	100.62	149.92	149.0%
junior euros 2021	88.47	99.11	112.0%	99.58	131.34	131.9%	91.63	117.62	128.4%	103.56	150.3	145.1%
junior worlds 2019	86.02	98.19	114.1%	95.22	112.21	117.8%	90.39	104.96	116.1%	101.06	128.83	127.48%
junior euros 2019	87.8	103.35	117.7%	99.17	124.37	125.4%	93.81	118.14	125.9%	106.48	144.54	135.7%
junior worlds 2018	77.22	88.57	114.7%	89.31	118.13	132.3%	80.57	101.32	125.8%	94.37	171.3	181.5%
junior euros 2018	84.17	98.02	116.5%	96.37	116.53	120.9%	90.16	119.34	132.4%	102.56	148.32	144.6%
		115.8%			126.4%			124.0%		Average		143.6%

*The standards proposed in the table above are more inclusionary for a Junior field and fall in line with the processes reflected in Senior performance standards.*

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Athletes who enter more than one event will need to demonstrate a full commitment to the competition programme of both events in the case of being selected into any team. Any decision would be determined by reference to coaching staff to determine if appropriate training is being undertaken. If this is not the case, then the place will be awarded to the next boat in line (pending fulfilment of selection criteria).

#### **4.5. Contingency**

The International Panel retains the right to adapt racing to ensure a fair process in line with the following principles and processes:

The Chief Judge will have the responsibility to assess weather conditions and make necessary decisions relating to the timetabling of the event. The Chief Judge and International Panel will also have the responsibility to make any adjustments to the timetable following any delays. Should local conditions threaten the planned racing then the Chief Judge reserves the right to amend the race format/schedule/start or finish lines in any way necessary to complete fair racing.

Examples of such amendments could include:

- Early morning/evening racing under floodlights.
- Counting results from runs where a whole event/phase has been completed fairly.
- Reducing start intervals.
- Not changing the course between races.
- Changing order of events.

This is not an exhaustive list and all other options are also able to be considered to complete a fair selection series in accordance with the specific challenge(s) identified. The minimum number of races that all GBR Team Selection series will include is 2.

For International Panel announcements refer to [www.canoeslalom.co.uk](http://www.canoeslalom.co.uk) and/or [www.britishcanoeing.org.uk](http://www.britishcanoeing.org.uk). During events, important information will be posted at race control, on the British Canoeing Facebook page or through a WhatsApp group (which if available can be found through the race information and/or associate briefing documents published).

#### **4.6 Force Majeure**

“Force Majeure” means any act, event, omission, cause or circumstance not within the reasonable control of British Canoeing or the race organisers, including but not limited to any strike, lockout or other industrial action, any civil commotion or disorder, riot, invasion, war or terrorist activity or threat of war or terrorist activity, any action taken by a governmental or public authority of any kind (including, without limitation, not granting a consent, exemption, approval or clearance), any fire, explosion, storm, flood, earthquake, subsidence, epidemic or other natural physical disaster. In the event of such Force Majeure affecting the application of the policy, the IP shall have the sole discretion, in consultation with the BC Head of Governance and Compliance, to make a decision in line with the principles, strategy and mission of this selection policy.

#### **4.7. Exceptional Circumstances GBR Teams 2022**

British Canoeing considers exceptional circumstances to be unplanned, unexpected, unavoidable and unforeseen.

If an athlete is unable to contest selection the International Panel (IP) reserves the right to provide a further opportunity to qualify to compete at the 2022 Senior World, European Championship, 2022 World Cup, U23 European and/or U23 World Championships, subject to the following conditions:

- Certificated evidence of illness or other exceptional circumstance must be presented to the IP prior to the commencement of the selection competition.
- In such a case the IP may identify a single race opportunity whereby the final boat of the named team and the identified athlete(s) would compete for a European Championship, World Cup and/or World /Euro Championship place in the age group.
- If this situation arises more detail would be provided following the IP meeting immediately after the spring 2022 Selection competition.
- The IP has the sole discretion to invoke this clause if required and any decision is final.
- The athlete/crew must satisfy the criteria stated below:

For Senior European Championships, World Cup, U23 World or European Championships, the athlete must be able to demonstrate, in both training and racing, superior performance above other athletes. The IP will consider the following criteria:

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- The athlete's training and racing profile (from GBR performance analysis data)
- ICF World Ranking, Performance at Olympic, Senior & U23 World Championship, Senior & U23 European Championship and/or World Cup races within the previous 24 months.

For exceptional circumstances to be considered in line with the above for Junior European and/or World Championship events, the athlete must have previously made a minimum of:

- A top 5 result at the Junior World and/or Junior European Championship in the 2021 season.

For the avoidance of doubt, Covid-19 or associated issue would be classed as applicable to invoke exceptional circumstances, policy amendments (1.6) or Force Majeure (4.6).

Covid-19 has presented unprecedented challenges for all aspects of society and continues to impact many aspects of normal life. Accurate forward planning has become very difficult and any selection process relies on a degree of certainty and stability to be fully equitable and transparent. Whilst it is hoped that selection races will be able to run as outlined in selection policies, it is necessary to highlight that it remains likely that there may be some adjustments required in order to determine representative teams in the timeframes required which will have to respond to prevailing circumstances at the time.

British Canoeing would like to acknowledge that everyone will have been impacted by Covid-19 to some extent but the level of impact on each individual will vary hugely and across a broad range of areas such as financially, emotionally, personally, medically etc.

Recognising that eligibility for selection to a Great Britain and Northern Ireland team involves athletes from 4 Home countries each with devolved powers relating to guidance around covid-19. In the event that government guidance precludes all athletes from one (or more) home country from attending a selection event the decision to run a selection race will consider other options prior to proceeding.

In determining if selection processes can go ahead, British Canoeing will follow the following principles to aid decision making:

- Base decisions on government guidance
- Put athlete, volunteers and staff health and wellbeing first
- Make decisions regarding selection in the most transparent and fair way given the constraints/challenges presented

Covid-19 related requests for consideration of individual athlete exceptional circumstances:

- If an athlete wishes consideration of any issue that they are aware of 14 days or more before the first day of competition, this can only be considered if notified at least 14 days prior to the first scheduled day of selection competition.
- Within 14 days of the competition, only matters arising within this period will be considered under exceptional circumstances.

For both the above, only athletes meeting the criteria laid out above in 4.7 will be eligible for consideration.

In order to deliver a selection process to most effectively select representative teams, some examples of contingency measures in addition to those laid out in 4.5 that may be put in place are listed below:

- Changes to race dates and/or venue(s)
- Reduced start lines based upon 2019 ranking (to comply with limits on numbers)
- Adjustment to format of racing or total number of races
- Limits on coaching, support staff and or spectators
- Closed event with a limited number of officials and competitors
- Proceed with selection as planned but addition of a race off event opportunity for athletes unable to attend the selection event and who meet the exceptional circumstances criteria in 4.7 (should timelines allow) rather than the use of historical data from more than 12 months ago

This is not an exhaustive list and other scenarios will be considered.

Any athlete found to be in breach of government guidance, including local lockdown restrictions or requirements to self-isolate, may be removed from any selection process and/or points table.

Any decisions under this clause will engage with the BC Head of Governance and due to the likely time constraints, any decisions taken by a selection panel/committee due to covid-19 is final and binding.

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Any request for exceptional circumstances should in the first instance be direct to Andy Maddock [andy.maddock@britishcanoeing.org.uk](mailto:andy.maddock@britishcanoeing.org.uk) who will then share with the panel.

#### **4.8. Selection meeting and announcement of 2022 Great Britain Teams**

##### **4.8.1 Senior, U23 and Junior team announcement**

Following a meeting of the International Panel, Senior team selections will be announced on [www.canoeslalom.co.uk](http://www.canoeslalom.co.uk) and on [www.britishcanoeing.org.uk](http://www.britishcanoeing.org.uk) by 5pm on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

##### **4.9 Funding and Participation (All GBR Teams)**

Selection to a Great Britain Team is to specific identified races in accordance with the prevailing selection policy. Selected paddlers who are not funded through a British Canoeing UK Sport Lottery funded Programme may apply in writing to the athlete's Home Nation slalom committee for consideration of support. Applicants for such support are reminded that these funds are limited and securing other funding will almost certainly be necessary and that an athlete contribution will be required.

All athletes putting themselves forward for selection for a Great Britain team are expected to hold a valid passport with a minimum of 6 months unexpired validity and hold a current European Health Insurance Card (if still applicable depending on UK's EU status).

Athletes selected in events that are part of the 2024 Olympic Games programme will be fully funded by British Canoeing to attend Senior World Championship, Senior European Championship competitions and 2024 Olympic competitions. Alongside travel and logistics support for these events, team management, emergency medical treatment, race day video and splits support will be provided. Selected athletes not part of funded programmes are responsible for funding attendance at World Cups and preparation/training camps. The athlete may request logistical assistance with travel bookings and projected costs through discussion with the British Canoeing logistics team. Approximate trip costs will be provided at the point of registering for selection.

At U23 & Junior championship events British Canoeing may provide a small subsidy in 2024 Olympic events towards selected non programme athletes, but the majority of the cost will have to be paid for by the individual athlete through an athlete contribution payable prior to departure for the competition.

##### **4.10 Paddler agreement (All GBR Teams)**

Paddlers on a funded programme need to have signed their programme athlete agreement. Paddlers outside programme funding will also be expected to sign up to the British Canoeing Great Britain Team participation agreement on accepting selection, and at least two weeks before travelling to the first event.

##### **4.11 Injury/Illness**

The International Panel reserve the right to withdraw athletes from identified race(s) on the basis of injury/illness or lack of commitment to training. Such decisions will only be taken following consultation with appropriate coaches and/or medical reports.

##### **4.12 Appeals Procedure**

The British Canoeing Appeals process applies to all decisions made under this policy and can be found [here](#). Impartial guidance can also be offered through [zofia.campbell@britishcanoeing.org.uk](mailto:zofia.campbell@britishcanoeing.org.uk). The manual link to the appeals process is: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1DOq7jk345m47oHxVolBJDBDtAbth1hJv/view?ts=5df8fe0d>

##### **4.13 Data Protection**

British Canoeing is a privacy conscious organisation and is strongly committed to your right to privacy. That is why we have drafted a Privacy and Data Protection Statement, which follows guidelines set out in the Data Protection Act 2018 and which can be found on our website: <https://www.britishcanoeing.org.uk/about/privacy-centre> Please note that any data gathered in the course of selection will be used in accordance with this Statement and in particular will not be shared with any third party without your consent.

##### **4.14 Policies**

For the avoidance of doubt this selection policy operates in conjunction with all relevant British Canoeing policies including but not limited to, Equality Policy, Anti-Doping Policy, Anti Bullying Policy & Anti Bribery Policy.

##### **4.15 Communications**

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British Canoeing is committed to providing open and informative communication in relation to selection. All athletes will receive formal confirmation of the selection and for those athletes who wish to discuss the outcome of decision made by the International Panel, the Chair of the International Panel will be available to speak informally to athletes and in the case of minors, parents.

#### **4.16 ICF World Ranking & ECA Competitions (excluding World Cups)**

All selected senior team athletes (including reserves) are first in line (in 2022 Senior Selection rank order) for World Ranking race entries. Entry number limitations may be imposed by the race organisers and entries must comply with British Canoeing International entry procedures.

Unfilled places may be taken up, in the following order, by eligible paddlers:

- Attending Home Nation official training camps up to 2 per event per Home Nation.
- Selected to the GBR U23 Team in order, including named reserves.
- Who have competed at U23 selection (taken in order from the under 23 selection ranking list).
- Who have competed at senior selection and are outside the selected Senior Team and reserves (taken in order from the senior selection ranking list).
- In order from the Premier ranking list at 1 May 2022.

#### **4.17 ECA Junior Cup Races 2022**

ECA Junior Cup Races in 2022 will be reserved and prioritised for Home Nation U16 Development.

The Head Coaches from the Home Nations will discuss and agree intentions in advance and consult with race organisers to determine predicted GBR entry limits. In the event of entry restrictions, the Home Nations will work together to determine who will attend. In the event of dispute, then the International Panel will make a final decision. If places remain at ECA Junior Cup races after Home Nations entries are counted or 1 month before the race whichever is earlier, entries will be submitted in the date order that the entry request was received.

## **SECTION 5 - 2023 ADVANCED INFORMATION**

### **5.1. Senior Team Selection 2023**

The International Panel provisionally intends that a 6 race senior selection series will be held at Lee Valley Whitewater Centre over the Easter Weekend 2023 to select the 2023 senior team to represent Great Britain at the 2023 World & European Championships and World Cups. The International Panel will confirm dates and venue(s) for the 2023 senior team selection series by 1<sup>st</sup> May 2022. This will assist the development of an appropriate managed calendar for the 2023 season. The selection policy will be published by 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2023.

### **5.2 Paris 2024 Selection Strategy & Process of Qualification:**

The IP operates a 4 year phased process around qualification to race in the senior selection series. The process by which athletes/crews may qualify to 2023 selection will be confirmed by 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022.

### **5.3 Pre selection into 2023 Senior Team**

2022 Senior World Championship medallists from each Canoe Slalom events (defined as MK1, WK1, MC1, WC1) may apply to the International Panel for Pre-Selection to the 2023 Senior Team in the boat in which they medalled. The deadline for application is 28<sup>th</sup> October 2022. Athletes pre-selected under this clause are pre-selected in all age categories in which they are eligible to race.

Note: There is a maximum of up to 2 pre-selected places under this clause per event. Should there be more than 2 people eligible for pre selection the order athletes would be selected in would be as follows:

- Worlds Medallist - Gold, Silver, Bronze

### **5.4 Pre selection into 2023 U23 & Junior Teams**

Pre Selection to the 2023 Junior & U23 World & European Championships is available in the following priority order:

1. 2022 Junior & U23 World Championship medallists from each of the 4 individual events (defined as MK1, WK1, MC1, WC1) may apply to the International Panel for Pre-Selection to the 2023 Junior & U23 World & European Championship team in the boat in which they medalled if they remain eligible to race in the same age category in 2023.

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2. 2022 Junior & U23 European Championship medallists from each of the 4 individual events may apply to the International Panel for Pre-Selection to the 2023 Junior & U23 World & European Championship team in the boat in which they medalled if they remain eligible to race in the same age category in 2023.

Note: There is a maximum of up to 2 pre-selected places under this clause per event and age category. The deadline for application is 31st October 2022. Should there be more than 2 people eligible for pre selection the order athletes would be selected in would be as follows:

- Age Category World medallist - Gold, Silver, Bronze
- Age Category European Medallist - Gold, Silver, Bronze

*Once again pre-selection is not being made available for medallists in Extreme Slalom for 2023 due to the anticipated route to extreme canoe slalom selection and representation at the World Championships and Olympic Games. i.e. through a canoe slalom performance at selection or pre-selection policy.*

#### **5.5 2023 U23 & Junior World Championships, Miya County, China**

*The ICF has indicated that the 2023 U23 and Junior World Championships will be hosted the week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> March. In order to enable team athletes to prepare optimally for this race it is likely that the team would travel to China at the start of March. The IP recognises the potential for rapid individual athlete development, particularly in the junior classes. Drawing on the previous experience of having to select similarly for the cancelled World Championships in New Zealand in 2019 the IP is seeking feedback on the following two options for team selection:*

##### **Option 1 –**

Special selection event held at the end of the previous season. An example might be to use the British Open Pre World Championships.

##### **Option 2 –**

A special selection event in February 2023 at the start of the managed calendar.

Feedback from this consultation will be carefully considered and the IP commits to making a further statement on the 2023 policy by 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 should it choose to utilise a race from within the 2022 season.

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**Appendix 1 – Example of 2022 Final Selection Ranking Table for Senior team inclusion :**

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**Appendix 2 – Appeals Process**  
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