

# Canoe Slalom & Kayak Cross 2023 Senior, U23 & Junior Selection Policy

## **Introduction:**

*2023 promises to be an exciting year with our home World Championships in Lee Valley. It will be amazing to see the best athletes in the World in both Canoe Slalom and Kayak Cross compete and a great opportunity to connect the whole slalom community in the UK. The World Championships is the primary route to Olympic qualification for Paris and so it will be the main focus for the Senior Teams preparations following team selection. Across the year we will again see some fantastic international racing including Bratislava and Krakow at U23 & JNR level and a Senior European Games in Krakow also. Athletes will be motivated and hungry to earn their team spots and to build on a successful 2022 season. I would like to wish all athletes a positive and healthy winters training and look forward to another highly competitive selection series in 2023.*

**Mark Ratcliffe, Performance Director**

All athletes wishing to be considered for selection to a 2023 Great Britain Canoe Slalom & Kayak Cross team should register for selection in order to confirm eligibility. The registration process can be completed [here](#) and should be finalised by 12pm on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023. Following the general selection registration process detailed above, athletes remain responsible for entering the appropriate Canoe Slalom and/or Kayak Cross race(s) before entry limits are reached. Entering the race is not registration.

Athletes wishing to contact the International Panel (IP) in relation to the relevant provisions in this policy should do so via email to [enquiries.internationalpanel@britishcanoeing.org.uk](mailto:enquiries.internationalpanel@britishcanoeing.org.uk)

## **SECTION A: PURPOSE AND PRINCIPLES**

### **1. Purpose**

The purpose of the Canoe Slalom & Kayak Cross selection policy is to clearly outline the processes which will lead to the selection of the GBR Canoe Slalom & Kayak Cross Teams for all international events named within this policy. It also aims to support the longer-term goals of the Canoe Slalom & Kayak Cross strategy to 2024 and 2028.

### **2. 2023 Selection Principles**

- 2.1. The primary focus of Senior National Team Selection will be to optimise performance at International competition in priority order of World Championships, European Games and World Cup.
- 2.2. 2023 marks the third year of the Paris cycle and the primary focus of the year will be to qualify the maximum Paris 2024 Olympic Boat quota places at the 2023 World Championships for GBR as well as selecting the canoe slalom team for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.
- 2.3. To maximise final and medal chances in both canoe slalom and kayak cross whilst facilitating development opportunities at World Cups where appropriate in the Olympic cycle.
- 2.4. The Selection Policy seeks to select the best athletes in a transparent way that prioritises optimal preparation time in order to achieve international success.
- 2.5. At U23 & Junior level, the focus in 2023 will continue to be developing athletes towards future senior success with a particular focus on delivery and performance at the Junior & U23 World and European Championships.
- 2.6. Selection will be based on results in selection races and will be subject to an assessment of performance standards. All eligible athletes will be considered equally for selection against the stated selection criteria regardless of club, training location, age, Home Nation and programme status.

## **SECTION B. ELIGIBILITY**

### **3. GBR Team & Selection Eligibility**

- 3.1. To be eligible for selection to any GBR Senior, U23 & Junior Team, athletes should register, meet the following conditions and enter any applicable selection race(s) by the published deadlines (full detail can be found in British Canoeing's [Eligibility Policy](#)):
  - 3.1.1. Meet age and nationality criteria for international competitions.
  - 3.1.2. Be a full member of British Canoeing or Home Nation Association that enables participation in competition.

- 3.2. All athletes must hold a valid passport with a minimum of 6 months unexpired validity from the last International race of the 2023 season and hold a valid European Health Insurance Card or a valid Global Health Insurance Card (GHIC). Details to apply for a free GHIC card can be found [here](#).
- 3.3. To be eligible for Canoe Slalom selection In particular:
  - 3.3.1. Senior & U23 athletes must be ranked in Premier or top 40 of end of season 2022 ICF World Ranking (at time of qualification) and have qualified through the official 2023 qualification process in section 6.1. below.
  - 3.3.2. With the exception of the division 1 paddlers identified in clause 6.2, Junior athletes must be ranked in the premier division at the end of the 2022 season.
- 3.4. To be eligible for Kayak Cross selection in particular:
  - 3.4.1. Qualified through the Canoe Slalom selection qualification process as listed in section 13.
  - 3.4.2. Qualify to Kayak Cross selection only through specific kayak cross place as listed in section 13.
- 3.5. Where athletes compete in more than one eligible selection event, the policy will be applied in isolation for each specific event.
- 3.6. 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.

#### 4. International Eligibility

- 4.1. Selection will be subject to eligibility in accordance with competition rules laid down by the International Canoe Federation (ICF) and the European Canoe Association (ECA).
- 4.2. The first year a junior can compete at World and European Senior/U23/Junior Championships is the year of their 15<sup>th</sup> birthday.
- 4.3. The last year an U23 may compete in the Under 23 category is the year of their 23<sup>rd</sup> birthday.
- 4.4. The last year a JUNIOR may compete in a junior category is the year of their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday.

## SECTION C: CANOE SLALOM & KAYAK CROSS SEN, U23 & JUNIOR SELECTION

### GREAT BRITAIN 2023 CANOE SLALOM & KAYAK CROSS TEAM SELECTION

#### 5. 2023 Canoe Slalom & Kayak Cross Team Selection Overview:

- 5.1. Selection for all events will be based on either pre-selection or performances in the identified selection races in section 7.1 below.

##### International Competitions Senior Teams 2023

World Cup 1	Augsburg, GER	2-4 June 2023
World Cup 2	Prague, CZE	9-11 June 2023
World Cup 3	Tacen, SLO	16-18 June 2023
Senior European Games	Krakow, POL	29 June – 2 July 2023
World Cup 4	La Seu D'Urgell, ESP	1-3 September 2023
Senior World Championships	Lee Valley, GBR	20-24 September 2023
World Cup 5	Paris, FRA	6-8 October 2023

##### International Competitions U23 & Junior Teams 2023

Jun & U23 European Championships	Bratislava, SVK	20-23 July 2023
Junior & U23 World Championships	Krakow, POL	15-20 August 2023

#### 5.2. Pre-selection into the 2023 Senior Team:

The following athletes are Pre-Selected to the 2023 Canoe Slalom Senior Team as number one boat in line with the published 2022 Senior Selection Policy and International Panel (IP) statement published on [30.5.22](#):

MK1	WK1	MC1	WC1
-	-	-	Mallory Franklin

The following athletes are Pre-Selected to the 2023 Kayak Cross Senior Team as fourth boat in line with the published 2022 Senior Selection Policy and International Panel statement published on [30.5.22](#):

MCSLX	WCSLX
Joe Clarke <sup>^</sup>	Kimberley Woods <sup>^</sup>

<sup>^</sup>Selection to European Games only in the event that GBR receives 4 quota places in CSLX as per statement on [30.5.22](#)  
 Note: any Pre-selected Kayak Cross athletes who are subsequently selected in the top 3 of canoe slalom senior team selection will relinquish their pre-selected kayak Cross places and take their place in order of the canoe slalom selection.

## GREAT BRITAIN CANOE SLALOM TEAM SELECTION 2023

### 6. Qualification for Canoe Slalom Senior & U23 Selection 2023

6.1. Subject to eligibility and registration, the following athletes have qualified their place(s) to race at the 2023 Senior & U23 selection series:

MK1	WK1	MC1	WC1
Joe Clarke	Kimberley Woods	Adam Burgess	<b>Mallory Franklin**</b>
Christopher Bowers	Mallory Franklin	Ryan Westley	Kimberley Woods
Bradley Forbes-Cryans	Megan Hamer-Evans	Peter Linksted*	Sophie Ogilvie
Jonny Dickson*	Phoebe Spicer*	James Kettle*	Ellis Miller*
Ben Haylett*	Lois Leaver*	Kurts-Adams Rozentals*	Phoebe Spicer*
Etienne Chappell*	Sophie Ogilvie	Alfie Boote*	Bethan Forrow*
David Paterson*	Nikita Setchell*	Luc Royle*	Joanna Blythe-Shields*
Jake Brown*	Ellis Miller*	Edward McDonald*	Rachel Ellis*
Sam Leaver*	Macy Kang*	Will Coney	Arina Kontchakov*
Edward McDonald*	Katie Shattock*	Gabriel keen*	Eilidh Gibson
Huw Swetnam	Amber Maslen	Callum Walling	Zoe Blythe-Shields
Edward Dickinson*	Hannah Bailey	Vittorio Pezzaioli*	Katie Shattock
Eren Yalkin*	Joely Walling*	Philip Smith*	Kate Lyndon
Finlay Yates-Jones*	Joanna Blythe-Shields*	Sam Ibbotson	Aimee Collins
James Bailey	Gabrielle Ridge	Sonny Shevill*	Anna-Louise Glendenning
Thomas Mayer*	Tazmin Brown*	Robert Fernie*	Ailsa Gourlay
Finn Reilly-McQueen*	Zoe Blythe-Shields*	William Mayer*	Darcey McMullins
Ben Brown*	Madelaine Jennings	Christopher Royle*	Taliesin McLean*
Matthew Curry*	Eloise Meakins	James Rennie*	Leah Cameron*
Callum Walling	Sofia Alfer*	Klass-Francisks*	Louise Fernie*
Luke Kevane*	Kayleigh Parsons*	William Kettle*	
Paul Sunderland	Rachel Ellis*	Ryan Mallon*	
Michael Brown	Arina Kontchakov*		
Reilly Vernon*	Helen Rogers		
Oscar Wyllie*	Catrin Schroder*		
Oliver Cooper*	Kate Lyndon*		
Gwion Williams*	Sennah Nader-Humphries*		
Jacob Lines*	Hannah Rhodes*		
Rob Neave	Lydia Lafford*		
Jonathan Atkinson	Aimee Collins*		
Anton Lippek	Leah Cameron*		
Murray Robb*			
Sam Moss			
Robert Fernie*			
Eddie Mackintosh*			
Klass-Francisks Rozentals*			

\* U23 for the 2023 season \*\*Pre-selected for the 2023 season

Note-As there is no suitable race opportunity in early 2023, the IP has added the numbers to the end of season process. Therefore this is the final list of qualifiers to 2023 canoe slalom selection.

6.2. In the IP statement of 9.3.22, minimum numbers of 2023 junior selection qualifiers were pledged and as a result the following athletes are eligible for 2023 junior selection in addition to those already ranked in Premier division at the end of the 2022 season:

MK1	WK1	MC1	WC1
16 eligible prem paddlers	11 eligible prem paddlers	7 eligible prem paddlers	7 eligible prem paddlers
Nathan Nibali	Claire Wilson	Isaac Wright	Sadie Sterry
Louie Gordon	Taliesin McLean	Talu Aysan	Jasmine Wilde
Jacob Law	Maddie Hobbs	Dan Joyce	Hannah Rhodes
Dominic Thomas	Alana Middleton	Louie Gordon	Alana Middleton
	Hannah Toovey	Harry McKenna	Hannah Lancaster
	Iga Tomasik		
	Sadie Sterry		
	Hanna Griffiths		
	Olivia Wears		

## 7. **2023 Senior, U23 & Junior Canoe Slalom Team Selection Race Series:**

7.1. Subject to contingency there will be one competition for Senior, U23 and Junior team Canoe Slalom selection, comprising of 5 races with course design specified in **Appendix D**.

Race 1&2	Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> April 2023	Lee Valley
Race 3&4	Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> April 2023	Lee Valley
Race 5	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> April 2023	Lee Valley

7.2. The Back-up for this series would be dealt with within the dates above through the contingency provisions outlined in section 16.

## 8. **Points allocation – 2023 Senior, U23 & Junior Canoe Slalom Selection Ranking:**

8.1. For the selection races, the course designers will be drawn on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2023 in accordance with the provisions detailed in **Appendix D**. Day one and two of racing will provide 2 runs in each event and day 3 of racing will provide 1 run in each event with each run independently awarded points resulting in 5 sets of results.

8.2. The start order for all 2023 selection races will be the reverse order of qualification to the Senior/U23 selection process followed by reverse order of National Ranking 2023 bib.

8.3. Where an athlete who has been pre-selected to the 2023 Senior team in accordance with clause 5.2 chooses to race in any of the selection races, their results will be omitted from any event in which they are pre-selected and they will not be allocated any points in those event(s).

## 9. **Calculating the overall 2023 Senior, U23 & Junior Selection results:**

9.1. For each event, results for every race of the selection series will be combined into a table (Final Selection Ranking Table) which will be ranked in descending order of total points achieved. There will be a table jointly ranking the Senior and U23 athletes and a separate table for Juniors.

9.2. 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.

9.3. Points will be based on the finishing order of each run.

9.4. The individual boat's best three points scores from the five races (as specified in **Appendix B**) are combined to give their overall selection ranking points score.

9.5. Athletes competing in three races or fewer will keep any points achieved. Athletes are not required to compete in all five races of selection.

9.6. Where two or more athletes have the same overall selection ranking points score, their final position in the ranking table will be resolved by comparing individual races results in the following order:

9.6.1. Best single result from the series (points)

9.6.2. Second best single result from the series (points)

9.6.3. Third best single result from the series (points)

9.6.4. Fourth best single result from the series (points)

9.6.5. Best result in the final (last) race of the series (points)

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

## 10. **2023 Senior, U23 & Junior Team Selection & Reserves**

10.1. Athletes & reserves will be selected in descending order of the Final Selection Ranking Table providing they have achieved the minimum Performance Standard

10.2. Those athletes who have not achieved the minimum standard (even when finishing higher in the Final Selection Ranking Table) will not be eligible

10.3. Subject to 10.1, 10.2 and any Exceptional Circumstances or pre-selection through the 2022 selection policy, the top three boats in each event will be selected

10.4. Named reserve boats outside the top three are non-travelling reserves that will travel only in case of withdrawal of an entry

10.5. The IP will always consider sending the maximum boats subject to the attainment of Performance Standards

10.6. See **Appendix B** for an example final selection ranking table

## 11. **2023 Canoe Slalom Released Race Policy**

11.1. There will be no formal released race opportunity in 2023.

- 11.2. Any Canoe Slalom released individual places from the 2023 senior team will be offered in the following order:
- 11.2.1. 2023 Senior Team named reserves in order of the final selection ranking table.
- 11.3. For athletes selected through the Canoe Slalom selection for the Junior & U23 World and European Championships any released places will be offered as follows:
- 11.3.1. 2023 selected named reserves for the respective age group in order of the final selection ranking table.

## **GREAT BRITAIN KAYAK CROSS TEAM SELECTION 2023**

### **12. Kayak Cross – Selected Events**

Female	Male
WCSLX	MCSLX

### **13. Qualification for Kayak Cross Senior, U23 & Junior Selection 2023**

13.1. The following athletes have qualified their place(s) to race at the 2023 Senior, U23 & junior kayak cross selection series:

13.1.1. Through qualification within the numbers below to Canoe Slalom selection:

MK1	WK1	MC1	WC1
All qualifiers to Canoe Slalom Selection identified in section 5.2 and 6.1	All qualifiers to Canoe Slalom Selection identified in section 5.2 and 6.1	All qualifiers to Canoe Slalom Selection identified in section 5.2 and 6.1	All qualifiers to Canoe Slalom Selection identified in section 5.2 and 6.1

13.1.2. Subject to eligibility and registration, there is one final qualification opportunity for Kayak Cross selection by achieving the following:

	MCSLX	WCSLX
Kayak Cross Event – Date to be announced by mid-January 2023.	Top 2 eligible boats in each event who have not already qualified plus top U23 and top Junior boats not already qualifying	

### **14. Kayak Cross 2023 Senior, U23 & Junior Team Selection & Reserves**

For 2023 GBR may again enter up to four (4) boats in each gender for kayak cross in ICF events and up to three (3) boats in ECA events (Including European Games). There will be two routes to selection to the GBR Kayak Cross team at Senior, U23 and Junior:

#### **14.1. Route 1 – Through Canoe Slalom Selection (three places in each gender):**

- 14.1.1. For the Senior, U23 & Junior teams, three (3) kayak cross places are available in both MCSLX and WCSLX. Places will be offered in descending order to the named canoe slalom kayak teams (including pre-selected canoe slalom athletes) and reserves will be named from the named C1 team members.
- 14.1.2. For the avoidance of any doubt, if a selected Canoe Slalom K1 boat releases their team position and it is filled by the first kayak reserve, this boat would also be nominated for the kayak cross event (as opposed to it being offered to the first placed team C1 member).
- 14.1.3. Subject to 21.2, any entry released by an athlete selected through route 1 will be reallocated down the list of selected Canoe Slalom kayak reserves and then down the canoe selected athletes.

#### **14.2. Route 2 – Through Kayak Cross Selection (one place in MCSLX and one place in WCSLX):**

- 14.2.1. A stand-alone selection event is proposed for Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2023 to determine a selection order for the remaining kayak cross place in Senior, U23 & Junior teams where a 4<sup>th</sup> entry is permitted. The 4<sup>th</sup> boat in each team will be offered in order of the kayak cross selection process which includes pre-selected boats as outlined in 5.2. named as top kayak cross boat.
- 14.2.2. Subject to contingency and pre-selection there will be one competition for Senior, U23 and Junior team kayak cross selection, comprising of two timed runs.
- 14.2.3. The final ranking will be determined from the best single run score from a two run race. Performance standards must be achieved on at least one run to be considered for team inclusion as outlined in section 15.
- 14.2.4. For athletes selected through the 2023 Kayak Cross (Route 2) Senior, U23 & Junior Team Policy there will be a up to three reserves named in each age range.

- 14.2.5. Subject to 21.2, any entry released by an athlete selected through route 2 will be reallocated down the list of selected kayak cross reserves of their respective age group.

## SECTION D: PERFORMANCE STANDARDS & PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

### 15. Performance Standards and General Selection Provisions

- 15.1. The IP, subject to contingency provisions, will apply a performance standard for all selections under this policy. The application of performance standards will be in accordance with the detail outlined in **Appendix A** and is enforced to ensure athletes are of the appropriate level for the competition they are being considered for. Upon completion of the 2023 selection series the IP will select the senior, U23 & Junior teams including reserves. In selecting teams, the IP will reference the Final Selection Ranking Table (described in section 9) 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 3 race runs) in order to be considered eligible for senior team nomination.
- 15.2. Athletes who enter more than one Canoe Slalom and or Kayak Cross event will need to demonstrate a full commitment to the competition programme of each event 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).
- 15.3. The IP reserves the right not to nominate, or to de-select an athlete for any international event on the following grounds:
- 15.3.1. Medical grounds – i.e. when an injury/illness may, in the reasonable opinion of the IP and a suitable medical professional, inhibit the achievement of appropriate performance and/or mean the athlete cannot reasonably be considered fit to travel; or
- 15.3.2. Suitability as a team member, where for example (but not limited to) an athlete's behaviour or attitude leads the IP to determine in its opinion that the selection of such athlete would be inappropriate; or
- 15.3.3. Poor form – i.e. when an athlete's form in events and/or training has decreased to such a level that, in the opinion of the IP, they would no longer be able to achieve the required level of performance to be competitive at the applicable competition(s).
- 15.4. Any decisions taken in accordance with 15.3, will only be made following consultation with the athlete, appropriate BC coaches and/or medical reports and in the case of 15.3.3. include reference to applicable performance standards.

## SECTION E: CONTINGENCY AND EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES

### 16. Contingency

- 16.1. The IP retains the right to implement contingency measures where circumstances arise that prevent full, fair and competitive racing and adapt racing to ensure as fair a selection process as possible. This may include circumstances such as weather conditions and covid-19 implications.
- 16.2. 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 IP will also have the responsibility to make any adjustments to the timetable following any delays.
- 16.3. Should weather conditions or other significant issues arise making it inappropriate or impossible to conduct a selection race, then the Chief Judge and IP reserves the right to invoke any of the following non-exclusive alternatives in any way necessary to complete fair racing:
- 16.3.1. Adjustments to race format/schedule/start or finish lines
- 16.3.2. Early morning/evening racing under floodlights.
- 16.3.3. Counting results from runs where a whole event/phase has been completed fairly.
- 16.3.4. Reducing start intervals.
- 16.3.5. Not changing the course between races.
- 16.3.6. Changing order of events.
- 16.4. The minimum number of races that all Canoe Slalom GBR Team Selection series will include is 2 and in kayak cross there will be a minimum of 1 run.
- 16.5. Where possible, decisions made under 16.3 above will be done in advance of the start of a race(s) or event(s) that may be impacted.

- 16.6. All IP announcements relevant to contingencies will be posted on [www.britishcanoeing.org.uk](http://www.britishcanoeing.org.uk). During competitions, important information will be posted at race control on the live results messaging, on the British Canoeing Social Media or messaging App.

### 17. Exceptional circumstances

- 17.1. Should an athlete miss a Selection event due to illness or injury during, or prior to, elements of the 2023 selection process; or have any other exceptional circumstances, the IP reserve the right to provide an opportunity for such a boat to be eligible for selection. For the purposes of this clause, exceptional circumstances are unplanned, unexpected, unavoidable and unforeseen.
- 17.2. Where an athlete wishes to invoke this clause, exceptional circumstances requests should be directed to the IP prior to the commencement of the selection competition via email at [enquiries.internationalpanel@britishcanoeing.org.uk](mailto:enquiries.internationalpanel@britishcanoeing.org.uk) and should provide:
- 17.2.1. Certificated evidence of illness or injury, or other significant exceptional circumstance.
- 17.2.2. Any evidence the athlete wishes the IP to consider which demonstrates in both training and racing, a superior performance level than other selected athletes.
- 17.3. To be considered for an exceptional circumstances, an athlete must be able to demonstrate the following performance level in the event(s) they are applying for exceptional circumstances to be considered:
- 17.3.1. For Senior Teams selection, the athlete must have made a canoe slalom and/or kayak cross final at the Senior World and/or Senior European Championships/Games in the previous 12 months.
- 17.3.2. For U23 European and/or U23 World Championship events, the athlete must have made a minimum of a canoe slalom and/or Kayak cross final result at the U23 World and/or U23 European Championship in the previous 12 months or have met the Senior criteria as outlined in 17.3.1.
- 17.3.3. For Junior European and/or Junior World Championship events, the athlete must have made a minimum of a canoe slalom and/or kayak cross final result at the Junior World and/or Junior European Championship in the 2022 season.
- 17.4. When considering whether an athlete meets the criteria outlined above, the IP will consider the following:
- 17.4.1. The athlete's training and racing profile (from GBR performance analysis data) in the event(s) requested;
- 17.4.2. ICF World Ranking, Performance at Olympic, Senior & U23 World Championship, Senior & U23 European Championship/Games and/or World Cup races within the previous 24 months.
- 17.5. Where the IP accepts an exceptional circumstance request following the process detailed above, the IP reserves the right to:
- 17.5.1. Identify a single race opportunity whereby the lowest ranked boat that has been selected and the identified athlete(s) would compete for a GBR Team place;
- 17.5.2. Where no athlete has been selected for the relevant event under this policy or a team place remains unfilled, accept the exceptional circumstances and select the athlete;
- 17.5.3. Substitute the lowest placed selected athlete under this policy with the selection of the athlete making the exceptional circumstances request.
- 17.6. If this situation arises more detail would be provided following the IP meeting immediately after the appropriate Selection race series.
- 17.7. All decisions under this Clause that relate to injury, illness (including Covid-19) or medical conditions will be determined by the IP members. When assessing if an athlete is fit to race, the decision of the IP is final.
- 17.8. **The IP has the sole discretion to invoke the provisions in this clause and any decision is final and not subject to appeal.**

## SECTION F: 2024 ADVANCED INFORMATION

18. The 2024 Olympic selection process will start at the 2023 selection held on Lee Valley Whitewater centre on 7-10 April 2023. The top 3 boats at 2023 team selection (including pre-selected athletes) will have the opportunity to secure bonus points towards 2024 Senior & Olympic team selection during the 2023 International season. 2024 senior team and Olympic team selection will take place in the autumn of 2023 to enable optimal preparation for the Paris Games and a focus on Kayak Cross into 2024. **The 2024 Senior**

**Team & Olympic Team Canoe Slalom & Kayak Cross Selection Policy including any opportunities for pre-selection will be published by the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023.**

19. The dates and venues for 2024 U23 & Junior team selection will be announced by 13<sup>th</sup> April 2023 and the selection policy published by the end of December 2023.

## SECTION G: GENERAL INFORMATION

### 20. Selection meeting and announcement of Great Britain Canoe Slalom & Kayak Cross Teams

Following a meeting of the IP, 2023 Senior, U23 and Junior team selections will be announced on [www.britishcanoeing.org.uk](http://www.britishcanoeing.org.uk) by 5pm on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

### 21. Acceptance of Team Places:

- 21.1. To ensure the most cost effective and efficient planning and to enable the appropriate logistics, selected athletes are required to confirm participation in each International competition as outlined in the team announcement. Any released places will be offered to reserve boat(s) on the understanding that the original selected athlete may apply to the Performance Director up to fourteen days prior to the date of competition commencing requesting 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 which is not subject to appeal from any interested party.
- 21.2. In the event of a team place becoming available either within 2 days of the team travelling to a camp or competition or after the team have arrived at a camp or competition, then the Performance Director or nominated deputy at their absolute discretion may nominate a replacement but the decision will be final. This is reference to reserve nominations contained in 10.4, 14.1.3. and 14.2.5.
- 21.3. Selection is conditional upon selected athletes on a funded programme having signed their Programme Athlete Agreement and completed a full medical disclosure. Athletes outside Programme funding will also be expected to sign up to the British Canoeing Great Britain Team participation agreement on accepting selection at least two weeks before travelling to the first competition, completing the fitness to travel process and settle any outstanding payments prior to travel.
- 21.4. Once a GBR Team is selected, the Team Manager or Performance Director 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.
- 21.5. The 2023 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).

### 22. Responsibility

The Canoe Slalom & Kayak Cross IP (IP), which is appointed by and reports to the Board of British Canoeing, is responsible for all aspects of developing, approving and managing the implementation of the Canoe Slalom & Kayak Cross selection policies. The Terms of Reference can be found [here](#) and the IP comprises the following members: Andy Maddock (Chair), David Spencer, Jim McConnachie, Mark Ratcliffe, Gareth Wilson.

### 23. Conflicts of Interest

Any member of the IP shall declare any conflicts or potential conflicts of interest and shall refrain from participation in the discussion of and any vote in respect of any selection matter in which they have a material conflict of interest. If a person has any queries in this area, they should consult the British Canoeing Director of Governance.

### 24. Policy Changes

- 24.1. The selection policy may be amended at any time by British Canoeing for one or more of the following circumstances:
- 24.1.1. Any changes in rules governing a particular event;
  - 24.1.2. Any change in ICF eligibility, rules or programme of events;
  - 24.1.3. To give effect to the selection process in case of a drafting error or oversight
  - 24.1.4. To clarify any ambiguity to the intended meaning of the selection policy
  - 24.1.5. 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



24.1.6. Circumstances arising from Covid-19

24.2. Any changes will be communicated and publicised on [www.britishcanoeing.org.uk](http://www.britishcanoeing.org.uk)

## 25. Appeals Procedure

25.1. Certain decisions made throughout this Policy are not subject to appeal and where this is the case, specific reference will be made to the decision being final. For other selection decisions made under this Policy, the British Canoeing Appeals process applies and this procedure can be found [here](#).

25.2. Guidance is available from the British Canoeing Performance Wellbeing Coach, [zofia.campbell@britishcanoeing.org.uk](mailto:zofia.campbell@britishcanoeing.org.uk). UK Sport funded World Class Programme athletes who require support and advice can also contact the BEAA at [support@britishathletes.org](mailto:support@britishathletes.org).

## 26. Data Protection

26.1. British Canoeing is a privacy conscious organisation and is strongly committed to an individual's right to privacy. All data gathered during the selection process will only be utilised for the purposes of an athlete's participation in a GBR Team. This may include administering their event/race entry and certain information may be published as part of the results and rankings of the event/race.

26.2. Any personal data will be processed and stored in compliance with the British Canoeing Data Protection Policy and in accordance with all applicable Data Protection laws in effect at the time of publication of this Selection Policy, including but not limited to, the Data Protection Act 2018 and UK GDPR.

26.3. Further information on British Canoeing's approach to privacy and data protection, including British Canoeing's privacy notices, policies and contact details, can be located in their Privacy Centre (<https://www.britishcanoeing.org.uk/about/privacy-centre>). Should an athlete wish any data British Canoeing hold relating to them to be deleted at any point; they should contact British Canoeing at [GDPR@britishcanoeing.org.uk](mailto:GDPR@britishcanoeing.org.uk).

## 27. Policies

27.1. This Selection Policy operates in conjunction with all relevant British Canoeing policies including but not limited to, Equality, Anti-Doping, Pregnancy, Safeguarding, Anti-Bullying Anti-Bribery, Covid vaccination Policy and relevant disciplinary policies.

## 28. Communications

28.1. 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 IP, the Chair of the IP will be available to speak informally to athletes and in the case of minors, parents/carers.

## 29. 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 British Canoeing Director of Governance, to make a decision in line with the principles, strategy and mission of this selection policy.

**-End of Policy-**

## Appendix A 2023 Performance Standards:

### Calculation of Race Performance Standard

- A.1. The Race Performance Standard is based upon the Best Single Run Score (BSRS) achieved by the event winner in a given race. 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.

*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.*

### Calculation of Average Performance Standard

- A.2. The table below details the number of race runs that will be used to calculate an athlete's average Performance Standard.

Team	Number of race runs to calculate average performance standard (rounded up to nearest whole number if fewer races completed)
SENIOR Team	3 from 5
U23 Team	3 from 5
JUNIOR Team	2 from 5

- A.3. The tiered system accounts for development at junior level to performance at senior level.

*Example average performance standard calculation*

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

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

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

### Performance Standards for 2023 Great Britain Canoe Slalom Teams:

- A.4. Subject to contingency, Performance Standards will be strictly applied as outlined below. If an athlete achieves the minimum average Performance Standard from up to 5 opportunities, they are deemed to have met the Performance Standard. Performance Standards can be achieved on any run in the race series.

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

### Canoe Slalom Performance Standard Methodology and Ongoing Review

- A.5. The percentage performance criteria have been adjusted based upon data from the period 2009-2019 and 2021-2022 and have been re-assessed for 2023. The Performance Standards do not reference the 2020 season due to International data not being fully representative. The senior age range percentages are based upon a top 20 placing at senior world cups and world championships (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 and 2022 policy.

### Performance Standards for 2023 Great Britain Kayak Cross Teams:

- A.6. Subject to contingency, Performance Standards will be strictly applied as outlined below. If an athlete achieves the Performance Standard on at least one run from two, they are deemed to have met the Performance Standard. (This includes any pre-selected athletes)

	MCSLX	WCSLX
SENIOR Team	<105%	<107%
U23 Team	<107%	<111%
JUNIOR Team	<114%	<121%



**Kayak Cross Performance Standard Methodology and Ongoing Review**

A.7. Kayak Cross Performance Standards are based on a top 20 finish in the time trial at the 2022 senior World Cups and world championships. The future of these standards will be subject to the same monitoring as seen below.

**Appendix B Example Final Canoe Slalom selection ranking table**

Cat	Fastest Run		R1		R2		R3		R4		R5		R6		R7		R8		Total	SNR AVG	Best Points	2nd best	3rd best	4th best	Final Race (Race 5)	Position	
	R1	%	R1	%	R2	%	R3	%	R4	%	R5	%	R6	%	R7	%	R8	%									
Senior	88	100.00%	88.87	100.25%	86.95	100.00%	88.87	100.00%	81.00	100.00%	80	100.00%	80	100.00%	80	100.00%	80	100.00%	80	100.00%	80	80	80	80	80	80	1
Senior	92.09	101.22%	88.75	100.00%	86.98	100.00%	88.86	100.00%	82.87	100.00%	82.87	100.00%	25	80	27	80	27	80	87	100.18%	80	80	80	27	27	80	2
U23	89.35	100.39%	93.7	105.58%	87.86	100.00%	86.12	100.00%	81.19	100.00%	81.19	100.00%	27	28	25	25	25	25	77	101.14%	27	25	25	25	25	25	3
Senior	92.15	101.54%	92.51	102.49%	87.77	100.00%	201.11	238.79%	86.92	100.00%	82	100.00%	22	25	23	21	22	20	70	100.70%	25	23	23	23	22	81	
Junior	98.41	111.59%	96.24	108.89%	89.87	101.12%	88.29	100.60%	84.89	100.00%	84.89	100.00%	28	18	22	23	23	23	68	100.22%	23	23	23	18	18	82	
Senior	93.26	104.79%	93.78	105.67%	90.2	101.00%	83.13	96.60%	87.88	107.71%	31	32	21	22	21	21	21	46	105.54%	22	22	21	21	21	21	83	
Senior	93.87	105.47%	82.61	94.08%	93.86	110.49%	90.21	101.54%	89.21	108.10%	23	20	16	17	16	17	16	60	107.40%	23	20	18	16	17	not selected(%)		
Junior	96.05	107.82%	96.78	108.05%	92.93	108.09%	95.22	113.66%	89.00	108.91%	28	21	18	18	20	20	18	60	108.64%	21	20	18	18	20	not selected(%)		
U23	93.4	104.84%	102.17	115.12%	91.31	101.89%	90.88	100.88%	88.97	108.81%	20	18	20	18	19	19	19	59	106.97%	20	20	20	18	19	86		

**Appendix C Example Final Kayak Cross selection ranking table**

Position	Cat	R1	%	Fastest Run	R2	%	Best	%
1	Senior	57.62	101.52%	56.76	56.76	100.00%	56.76	100.00%
2	U23	56.79	100.05%	63.21	63.21	111.36%	56.79	100.05%
4	Junior	57.54	101.37%	59.32	59.32	104.51%	57.54	101.37%
3	Senior	58.32	102.75%	58.67	58.67	103.37%	58.32	102.75%
6	Junior	62.43	109.99%	63.23	63.23	111.40%	62.43	109.99%
5	Senior	64.87	114.29%	62.54	62.54	110.18%	62.54	110.18%
7	Junior	63.54	111.95%	65.21	65.21	114.89%	63.54	111.95%
8	Junior	65.63	115.63%	67.21	67.21	118.41%	65.63	115.63%
9	U23	70.3	123.85%	67.23	67.23	118.45%	67.23	118.45%

**Appendix D Additional Information**

**Course Design Senior, U23 and Junior Canoe Slalom & Kayak Cross Team Selection Races**

- D.1. For the races outlined in section 7, the course designers for all selection races detailed in this Policy will be drawn on Friday 7th April 2023. Two coaches are responsible for the course design for each phase of selection racing: Races 1 & 2, Races 3,4,5, and kayak cross respectively and they will be drawn as follows:
  - D.1.1. Draw 1 contains technical coaches from the UK Olympic Podium Programme or substitute approved in advance by the IP.
  - D.1.2. Draw 2 contains employed coaches from Scotland (1), Wales (1) England (1) as well as the UK Academy Programme (2).
- D.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 demonstration runs. Final pole adjustments are made by the course designers (or delegated to the Performance Director) in consultation with the Chief Judge.
- D.3. Subject to contingency and changes for safety reasons, course configurations will be set and will remain in place from 14 January 2023 for Lee Valley. Course design will reflect 2023 ICF rules and 2022 start and finish lines in Lee Valley. Note due to the anticipated installation of a Kayak Cross ramp in early 2023, we reserve the right to adjust the top section to ensure an appropriate configuration for use of the ramp.