



British Canoeing – Extreme & Canoe Slalom International Panel Statement– 30th May 2022

Pre-Selection to 2023 GBR Teams

The Olympic Qualification System (OQS) for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games has now been published [here](#) by the ICF. The IP have been working on a framework for the Olympic selection policy for canoe slalom and extreme slalom for several months now and within the published 2022 selection policy committed to confirming any opportunities for pre-selection to 2023 teams by 1st June 2022.

Full consultation will be undertaken later in the year on the 2023 team selection policies and 2024 Olympic selection process but as an overview, it is likely that making the top three of the 2023 GBR senior team at the 2023 spring selection series will be an initial filter that will determine which athletes may be objectively selected to attend races for additional counting races or bonus points at identified international races in 2023.

In the context of the above, the purpose of this statement is to formally confirm the following opportunities for pre-selection to the 2023 GBR Canoe Slalom & Extreme Slalom teams based upon performances at the World Championships in the 2022 season:

Pre selection into 2023 Senior Team

Canoe Slalom:

2022 Senior World Championship medallists from each of the 4 individual Canoe Slalom Olympic events may apply to the International Panel for Pre-Selection to the 2023 Senior Team in the boat in which they medalled. Athletes pre-selected under this clause are pre-selected in all age categories in which they are eligible to race.

Note: There are a maximum of up to 2 pre-selected places under this clause per event. The deadline for application is 31st October 2022. Athlete(s) pre-selected under this clause are to the canoe slalom team and confirmation of their status relating to extreme slalom will be in accordance with the 2023 selection policy when published. 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.

Extreme Slalom:

2022 Senior World Championship medallists from each of the 2 Extreme Slalom events may apply to the International Panel for Pre-Selection to the 2023 Senior World Cup and World Championship team in the boat in which they medalled. Pre-selection would only apply to the Senior European Championships in the event that the ECA rules permit more than 3 entries per event.

Note: There is up to one pre-selected place under this clause per event. In this situation, the pre-selected athlete will take the 4th boat place allocated to GBR for extreme slalom at ICF competition. The deadline for application is 31st October 2022. Should there be more than 1 person eligible for pre selection the order athletes would be selected in would be as follows: Age Category World medallist - Gold, Silver, Bronze.

Important information: The identified pre-selection opportunities will be treated in isolation. For example if the same athlete wins a medal at the senior world championships in canoe slalom and in extreme slalom, each medal will be considered in isolation against the relevant clause.

Pre selection into 2022 U23 & Junior Canoe Slalom & Extreme Slalom Teams

Pre-selection to 2023 GBR Junior & U23 Teams in Canoe Slalom or Extreme Slalom can only be achieved through pre-selection to the 2023 senior team.

Exceptional Circumstances – WC1 Update

The Slalom International Panel confirmed the following in its statement of 4th May 2022 in italics regarding exceptional circumstances:

Should Sophie Ogilvie achieve the published performance criteria outlined in 3.7.1 (achieve a final) at either the Senior European Championships, World Cups 1,2 or 3, then Sophie will retain her place in the Senior team for the remainder of the season.

Only in the event that Sophie does not achieve the published performance criteria then there will be a single race off opportunity for Bethan Forrow to be selected for the 2022 senior world championship and World Cup 4 and 5 team.

The race off will be between Bethan Forrow and Sophie Ogilvie and take place at the U23 World Championships at Ivrea, ITA on 5th-10th July.

The highest placed finisher in the final results at the 2022 U23 World Championship in C1W between Sophie Ogilvie and Bethan Forrow will be selected to the Senior Team for the remainder of the 2022 season which includes the Senior World Championships and World Cups 4 & 5.

For the avoidance of doubt, the race off overrides section 3.7.1 in the event that the race off is required.

The International Panel have reviewed its position following feedback from affected parties and has revised its statement to retain alignment with the published policy. The following confirms the decision taken:

- 1. Should Sophie Ogilvie achieve the published performance criteria outlined in 3.7.1 (achieve a final) at either the Senior European Championships, World Cups 1,2 or 3, then Sophie will retain her place in the Senior team for the remainder of the season.*
- 2. Only in the event that Sophie does not achieve the published performance criteria then there will be a single race off opportunity for Bethan Forrow to be selected for the 2022 senior world championships and remainder of the 2022 season.*
- 3. The race off will be between Bethan Forrow and Sophie Ogilvie and take place at the U23 World Championships at Ivrea, ITA on 5th-10th July.*
- 4. The race off opportunity remains subject to a final sign off by the medical team in line with section 4.11 of the policy ahead of travelling out to the U23 Worlds. If Bethan Forrow is determined unfit to race at the U23 Worlds there will be no race off and the vacant U23 team place will be allocated to the first U23 named reserve. In this situation the IP reserve the right to postpone the race off to the U23 European championships to determine the selection for World Cups 4 & 5.*
- 5. In the event of Sophie Ogilvie not meeting the performance criteria outlined in 3.7.1 at the senior European Championships, World Cups 1, 2 or 3 and then subsequently wins the race off as described above, Sophie will be selected to the senior World Championships but will then only be selected to world cups 4 & 5 if she reaches the final. If Sophie does not reach the final, the provisions of 3.7.1 will be invoked.*
- 6. In the event Bethan Forrow wins the race off described above, she will be selected to the Senior Team for the remainder of the 2022 season which includes the Senior World Championships and World Cups 4 & 5. For the avoidance of doubt, the race off overrides section 3.7.1 in the event that the race off is required and Bethan Forrow wins.*
- 7. If the race off is postponed to the U23 European Championships pursuant to paragraph 4, Sophie Ogilvie will be selected for the senior World Championships. If Sophie reaches the final and therefore meets the performance criteria per 3.7.1 of the policy, she will retain the place for World cups 4 & 5. If she does not reach the final and therefore not meet the performance criteria specified in 3.7.1, the race off at the U23 European Championships will be between Bethan Forrow and Ellis Miller as (4th boat at senior selection) for a place at World Cups 4 & 5.*

This correction is to align the policy fairly to the principles laid out in the released race policy and to be fair to the 4th place boat at 2022 spring selection. It should also be stated that should Bethan Forrow win a race off, then the performance standard outlined in 3.7.1 will not apply as the exceptional circumstances will override this.