



Canoe Slalom International Panel (IP) 2021 Selection – COVID-19 Update #4, 28th April 2021

This statement follows the publication of the 2021 selection policies in late 2020, the updates issued on 28th January, 1st March and 6th April and aims to provide a further update to athletes, volunteers and our community regarding selection.

Junior & U23 Selection

We are pleased to announce that subject to the further easing of government restrictions proceeding as planned on 17th May, the intention is to proceed with the junior & U23 selection series on 22nd/23rd May at Holme Pierrepont. Thanks to Stafford & Stone Canoe Club for taking on the organisation. We remain in consultation with local health authorities regarding additional measures that will be required and ask people to respect the requirements when agreed and communicated. **Entries are now being taken [online](#) and all registered athletes should now complete the entry process by Friday 7th May.**

Registration

A small number of individuals have missed the deadline for U23/Senior registration on 3rd March. The registration process has reopened for a short period until 5pm on Monday 3rd May for any eligible athletes to complete the process [here](#). Note only qualified athletes as per section as per section 2.8 of the [published policy](#) are accepted. No further late registrations will be accepted after this date.

The [registration](#) will remain open for the same period for remaining eligible junior athletes ranked in premier or the specific div 1 athletes outlined in the statement of 6.4.21 [here](#).

Clarity of the selection rules – the policy

The selection process for junior & U23 teams will take place as laid out in the published selection policy. Athletes, coaches and parents are advised to familiarise themselves with the detail of the policy ahead of the competition. Other points to Note:

- Video – There will be no video service provided at the competition. The event will have a 'traditional' protest system and whilst people can take their own video, video evidence will not be admissible as part of the protest process.
- Calculation of performance standards – section 4.4 of the published policy. For clarity, the performance standard will be calculated for each race (which consists of 1 run) based on the best time achieved in that race.

2021 Senior European Championship Team, World Cup #1 and World Cup #2.

In follow up to confirmation in the IP Statement of 28th January, the 2019 senior team will be considered to attend these first events on the calendar if they go ahead. Due to the current covid risks identified, these will be categorised as performance events be prioritised for established senior team athletes and therefore if athletes decline places, the places will not be released for development purposes. Final opt in decisions are due by 19th May. We hope that full teams can be selected following the August selection process.

Final Note

While there is every intention to proceed with the competition as planned in May providing government guidance permits, it is important to understand that this is unlikely to be confirmed until Monday 12th May at the earliest. Please consider this when making bookings ahead of the competition as British Canoeing will not be liable for any losses.

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