



British Canoeing Canoe Slalom International Panel Statement

Implementation & Clarification of 2024 Selection Policies

Clarification 2023 ICF World Cup Final , Paris FRA – Amendment to 2024 Senior Team Policy

The 2023 ICF World Cup final in Paris, France will be running progressions in line with the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. Which for events with 27 entries and over, mean that only 24 athletes will progress to semi-finals and 12 to finals. This change impacts the published 2024 selection policy – specifically 10.3.2.1 and 10.3.2.2. The IP will interpret the term inside/outside the top 10 as top 12 in 10.3.2.1 and 10.3.2.2.

Original wording:

10.3. Races 5 & 6:

- 10.3.1. Points will be based on the final finishing position in each race.
- 10.3.2. The points system used for each of races 5 & 6 is:
 - 10.3.2.1. 0 points awarded to all athletes finishing outside the top 10 (11th or below)
 - 10.3.2.2. 31 points to all athletes finishing inside the top 10 (4th-10th inclusive)
 - 10.3.2.3. 33 points to all athletes finishing inside the top 3 (a medal winning position)

Revised wording to be applied following the change made by the ICF:

10.3. Races 5 & 6:

- 10.3.1. Points will be based on the final finishing position in each race.
- 10.3.2. The points system used for each of races 5 & 6 is:
 - 10.3.2.1. 0 points awarded to all athletes finishing outside the top 12 (13th or below)
 - 10.3.2.2. 31 points to all athletes finishing inside the top 12 (4th-12th inclusive)
 - 10.3.2.3. 33 points to all athletes finishing inside the top 3 (a medal winning position)

Important change to 2024 Equipment Rules published by the IP in July 2023.

In July 2023 the IP released advanced information on the 2024 equipment rules to assist paddlers to prepare for the selections. The background behind the announcement in July reflected an awareness of the cost challenges facing the community at present so a decision was made to delay the enforcement of the current ICF rules on the selection competitions.

Following the announcement and despite the good intent of the IP's decision, a number of approaches have been made to the IP that this decision may actually cost people more money as athletes seek to buy and use older design equipment in order to not be disadvantaged.

As a result, the IP wishes to apologise for the confusion and has changed the requirements for 2024 team selection to the following (thus superseding the July statement on equipment). Changes are in bold:

2024 Senior Team Canoe Slalom Selection – The rules for equipment will be in accordance with **ICF** rules for the 2023 season.

2024 Junior & U23 Canoe Slalom Selection – The rules for equipment will be in accordance with UK rules for the 2024 season.

2024 Junior, U23 & Senior Kayak Cross Team Selection – The rules for equipment will be in accordance with ICF rules for the 2023 season. This means that paddles must be taped to remove sharp edges **and the edges must meet a minimum thickness of 5mm**, Buoyancy aids must meet the rules for kayak cross, boats are on an approved ICF kayak cross list (there will be some boats to borrow) and Helmets must be those approved for kayak Cross. Long Sleeve tops are also mandatory in Kayak Cross. The IP recognises that this may require equipment that not everyone will have which is why this is being flagged early to enable consideration of borrowing of suitable equipment for the selection races.

The ICF rules can be found at: <https://www.canoaicf.com/rules#slalom>

The UK Rules can be found at: <https://www.canoeslalom.co.uk/committee/2023%20Slalom%20Rules.pdf>