

GB Canoe Slalom Senior/U23 Selection 2010 Policy

Events Senior Team - 2010 programme

Senior World Championships	Tacen, SLO, 11/12 September 2010
Senior European Championships	Bratislava, SVK, 5/6 June 2010
Pre World Championships	Bratislava, SVK, 14 / 15 August 2010
World Cup 1	Prague, CZE, 19 / 20 June 2010
World Cup 2	La Seu d'Urgell, ESP, 26 / 27 June 2010
World Cup 3	Augsburg. GER, 3 / 4 July 2010

Events U23 Team - 2010 programme

U23 European Championships	Markkleeberg, GER, 7 / 8 August 2010
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Events J18 Team - 2010 programme

Junior European championships	Markkleeberg, GER, 7/8 August 2010
Junior World championships	Foix, FRA, 10 / 11 July 2010

Aims of this selection policy

To select the best possible athletes to represent GB at International Championships and continue development towards excellence and delivery at World and European Championships.

Senior team selection summary

- Focus for 2010 GB Senior Team to deliver medals at 2010 World and European championships.
- One selection race weekend for Senior team with three races.
- Race 1 consists of a two run race (final result based on best single run). Races 2 and 3 each consist of a Heat (Run 1) and a Final (Run 2). In each of races 2 and 3 the top placings, as follows (C1 – 6, WK1 – 6, MK1 – 8, C2 – 6, C1W – 6) of the start line progress from the Heats to the Final. Placings will be ordered on the Final (Run 2) followed by the order of the Heat (Run 1).
- Tie breaker is decided on discarded result, then aggregated best single run race scores (Race1 + Race 2 + Race 3). In the case of a paddler recording two runs the faster run will count, regardless of whether it is the qualification or final run.
- Use performance percentage criteria based on 2009 World cup and World / European championship races. average Top 20. Qualification/Semi-Final placing in each class; C2 based on Semi Final or Qualification Top 15 as a guideline. With the introduction of new ICF rules, these will be based on best single run scores.
- Paddlers who are doubling up will need to demonstrate a full commitment to the competition programme of both classes in the case of being selected into Team GB. If this is not the case, the place will be awarded to the next boat in line (pending fulfilment of selection criteria). Athletes who double up and relinquish places in a single class, will be able to take these places up at a later date (three weeks prior to the race date) in the case where a partner (in a crew boat) becomes injured after the selection series.

- Any medallist from the 2010 World championships can be considered for pre-selection to the 2011 senior GB team.
- Facilitate a shared GBR Team environment with member equality.

Events: World ranking events

All selected Senior and U23 paddlers and reserves are first in line (in Selection rank order) for World Series (including World cups) ranking races' entries to a maximum of 6 boats per class. Entry number limitations may be imposed by the race organisers and entries must comply with BCU International entry procedures. Vacated places may be taken up by (International) eligible paddlers who have competed at selection and are outside the Senior and U23 teams and reserves

The following World Ranking Series (WRS) races will be reserved for the named members (including reserves) of the senior team:

Bratislava - Pre Worlds World Ranking Event (August)
Tacen - World Ranking Event (15 / 16 May)

The following WRS races will be reserved for the named members (including reserves) of the J18 (3 places) and U23 team (3 places):

Markkleeberg - World ranking series event, 10 – 13 June
Zoetermeer – Dutch Open, tbc

For all other 2010 WRS races (including World Cups) first priority will be given to selected Senior and U23 teams and reserves, to a maximum of 6 boats per class.

Vacated places may be taken up by eligible paddlers who have competed at senior selection and are outside the selected Senior and U23 teams and reserves.

Entry number limitations may be imposed by the race organisers and entries must comply with BCU International entry procedures.

Following selection paddlers can submit entries for WRS Races. The entries will be prioritised as follows:

- (1) Selected paddlers as per this Policy.
- (2) Rank order in Selection up until 10th May.
- (3) Date that entry request is received takes priority from 11th May.

For more detail on entering refer to the section on International entries.

Selection into GBR Senior Team 2010

K1 Men, K1 Women, C1: The top three (or the number of boats available in World cups) within senior performance % criteria in each of these classes will be selected. Boats outside the selected team, within performance % criteria are non travelling reserves.

C2: The top three crews (or the number of boats available in World cups) in each class within age related performance % will be selected. Boats outside the top three within age related performance % criteria are non travelling reserves.

C1W: The top three boats achieving a guideline standard (155%) at selection will be selected. Discretion may be applied at this event and also in any repechage event (dates to be confirmed by International panel).

In the event of a boat not accepting a team place the following priorities apply to the reallocation of a vacated place:

1. Senior non travelling reserve (s)
2. Under 23's selected, in descending order from the under 23's selection series.

The first year a senior may compete is the year in which his/her 15th birthday falls.

Selection into 2010 U23 Team

The last year an U23 may compete is the year in which his/her 23rd birthday falls.

K1 Women, KI Men, C1, C2, The top three within % criteria in each of these classes will be selected. Boats outside the top three, within performance % criteria, are non travelling reserves.

In the event of a boat not accepting an U23 team place the following priorities apply to the reallocation of a vacated place:

1. U23 non travelling reserve (s).
2. J18 team selected boats who having raced U23 selection and have made J18 related performance % criteria.

In consideration of the demands of the race schedule athletes selected for both U23 and Senior Teams are required to confirm their planned summer's racing within 7 days of the final selection race. This is to allow next boats in line time to plan their summer and for cost effective logistics.

Race venues/dates Senior / Under 23 Selection 2010

Race 1	Nottingham	Saturday, 1 st May 2010
Race 2	Nottingham	Sunday, 2 nd May 2010
Race 3	Nottingham	Monday, 3 rd May 2010

Back up races will be organised if required. A statement will be released by the International Panel if required. The international panel reserve the right to amend venues and dates of selection races in the light of any mitigating external factors.

Selection Meeting and announcement of 2010 GB Senior & U23 Teams

Team selections will be made by the evening of the day of Race 3 at an International Panel meeting and announced on www.canoeslalom.co.uk and/or www.worldclass-canoeing.org.uk

An announcement on start / finish lines will be made on 31st March 2010. The course configuration will be agreed on 1st April 2010, and will remain in place to the selection 2010 dates. Should local conditions threaten the planned racing then the race schedule and start/finish line of the race may be adjusted. In the need to postpone racing to the back up days the decision will be made the Thursday evening before the races. For announcements refer to www.canoeslalom.co.uk and/or www.worldclass-canoeing.org.uk

Course Design

Course designers will be drawn from a group that consists of coaches from BCU World Class Podium, UK Development Programmes. At each race two coaches are responsible for course design, along with the appointed chief judge, who will be involved in the design proposals. Course approval takes place immediately following demonstration runs. Final pole adjustments are agreed by the course designers together with the Chief Judge.

Race Format

Race 1: two runs to ICF rules, Standard format
Race 2 Heats and finals, to ICF rules, numbers as below
Race 3 Heats and finals, to ICF rules, numbers as below:

Numbers qualifying to final - C1 – 6, WK1 – 6, MK1 – 8, C2 – 6, C1W – 6

Start list order will be confirmed by The International Panel, 31st March 2010.

The chief judge will have the responsibility to measure wind conditions and make necessary decisions relating to the timetabling of the event. The chief judge will also have the responsibility to make any adjustments to the timetable following any delays.

Scoring

Paddlers in each class for each race to be ordered on scores as follows:

Race 1 : Placings will be ordered by the results of the best single run (time plus penalties) from a two run race.
Races 2 and 3: Placings will be ordered on the Final (Run 2) followed by the order of the Heat (Run 1).

Points allocation and 2010 Senior & U23 Team Selection ranking

The points system used is 30pts 1st place, 27pts 2nd place, 25pts 3rd place, 23pts 4th place, 22pts 5th place etc for each of the three races.

One set of points in each class is to be used to define Senior and under 23 ranking.

The individual boat's best two results from the three relevant races are added to give their overall selection ranking points score.

Ties in points decided using, in order :

- Best discarded result (points)
- Aggregate total scores (time plus penalties of aggregate single run scores; Race1 + Race 2 + Race 3)
(*race not completed to count as score of 999.00*)

Application of Performance standards Senior and U23

Performance standards in all classes are worked on scores (accuracy 0.01 seconds) as a % of the winning MK1 (In race 1, this will be the best single run over the 2 runs in a day; In race 2 and 3, this will be the best single run of the relevant race). For automatic selection into a GB Team in 2010 a boat must achieve at least two runs inside the minimum performance standard as detailed below:

Example, where <108% means 107.99% or less

Example percentage calculation on single run

Winning MK1: score = 94.44 secs total; 5th place WK1: score = 109.93 secs total, thus 5th place WK1 percentage: 116.4%

Definition of minimum performance standards for 2010 GB Teams

	MK1	WK1	C1	C2	C1W
Senior	<107%	<128%	<115%	<126%	155%*
U23	<109%	<130%	<118%	<132%*	X
U20	<111.5%	<131%	<121%	<135%*	X

* Discretion in C2: these % are a guideline only as a development class in the UK

Where age group % are applied, the rule is only applied within the top 3 boats (4th place boats and below will not be taken into the team above boats in the top three who have not made %).

C1 W : Given the developmental nature of these classes, discretion may be adopted, based on the use of % performance criteria at senior selection races 2010.

Performance Percentage Criteria monitoring

The percentages listed correspond to a top 20 World Cup, World Championship or European Championship placing in each class with the exception of C2 which is defined from Top 15 standard.

Mitigating circumstances

Should an athlete or crew (C2) of a given standard, (criteria listed below), miss the Senior Selection series in May 2010 due to illness, injury (certificated detail of which must be given to the panel prior to the International panel selection meeting) or any other mitigating circumstances (which must be provided to the panel prior to commencement of the race series), the International Panel reserve the right to provide an opportunity for such an athlete (or crew) to compete at the 2010 World Championships. In such a case, the International Panel may identify a single International race, whereby the third boat at the selection series and the identified athlete(s) would compete for a World Championship place. If this situation arises, more detail would be provided following the International Panel meeting immediately after the May Selection Series. This procedure would not be applied to the 2010 Senior European Championships. The International Panel has the sole discretion to invoke this clause if required.

- The Athlete/Crew must meet at least one of the following criteria for consideration:
 - Top 5 at 2009 Senior World Championships
 - Top 5 at 2009 Senior European Championships
 - Top 5 in overall 2009 World Cup ranking

Funding and Participation

If support monies for a non-funded (not on a Programme) selected paddler are required from Slalom Committee or home nation this will require a direct, written request to the Slalom Secretary or home nation representative. Applicants for such

support are reminded that these funds are limited and securing other funding may be necessary. Once funding is in place equality within the Team environment is assured. All funding through BCU Slalom Committee and Programme sources is dealt with centrally thus supporting Team identity with group travel, group accommodation, technical support, physiotherapy, meals/food allowance and coaching facilitated.

Given the increased start lines available at World cups, funding support may be variable in relation to the placings of boats within the team, recognising that priority of funding support will be given to the World / European championship team (1st three boats).

Paddler agreement

Paddlers on a funded programme need to have signed their Programme Agreement. Paddlers outside Programme funding will also be expected to sign up to the BCU Great Britain Team participation agreement on accepting selection.

Fast Progress Performers – a reminder

World Class Programmes staff constantly monitor results from domestic races and paddlers who are making fast progress are encouraged to be confident of being recognised when working close to and within the minimum performance criteria. Details on funded Programme inclusion is available on the respective web-sites. You are encouraged to contact a member of World Class staff with questions.

GB Canoe Slalom Under 18 Selection 2010

Junior European championships

Marklebeerg, GER, 7/8 August 2010

Junior World championships

Foix, FRA, 10 / 11 July 2010

Aims

To select the best possible athletes to represent GB at International Championships and continue development towards excellence and delivery at European Championships.

Race venues/dates Under 18 Selection 2009

Race 1	Grandtully	10 th April 2010 (back up race 11 th April)
Race 2	Bala	17 th April 2010 (back up race 18 th April)
Race 3	Nottingham	1 st May 2010 (back up race 2 nd May)

The international panel reserves the right to amend venue and dates of selection races in the light of any mitigating external factors.

Selection Meeting and announcement of 2009 GB Junior Team

Team selections will be made by the evening of the day of Race 3 at an International Panel meeting and announced on www.canoeslalom.co.uk and/or www.worldclass-canoeing.org.uk

An announcement on start / finish lines will be made by 1st March 2010. Should local conditions threaten the planned racing then the race schedule and start/finish line of the race may be adjusted to suit. In the need to postpone racing to the back up days the decision will be made the Thursday evening before the races. For announcements refer to www.canoeslalom.co.uk and/or www.worldclass-canoeing.org.uk

The first year a junior can compete at ICF / ECA championships is the year in which his/her 15th birthday falls. Only juniors eligible to compete at ICF / ECA championships will be included in the points table at UK junior selection.

Course Design

Races 1 and 2: Two coaches for each race will be selected from four coaches (2 WCP development, 1 Wales, 1 Scotland). The appointed jury chair will be involved directly in the course design proposals.

Race 3: Course design as per senior policy.

Race Format

All races 1,2 & 3, Standard format

Scoring

Paddlers are ordered on best single run (time plus penalties) at each of race 1, 2 & 3.

Points allocation and 2010 Junior Team Selection ranking

Under 18 boats are ranked according to Junior team selection series points.

The points system used is 30pts 1st place, 27pts 2nd place, 25pts 3rd place, 23pts 4th place, 22pts 5th place etc for each of the three races.

One set of points in each class is to be used to define Junior Under 18 ranking.

The individual boat's best two results from the three relevant races are added to give their overall selection ranking points score.

Ties in points decided using, in order:

- Best discarded result (points)
- Aggregate total scores (time plus penalties of aggregate best single run scores; Race1 + Race 2 + Race 3)
- (race not completed to count as score of 999.00)

The jury chair will have the responsibility to measure wind conditions and make necessary decisions relating to the timetabling of the event. The jury chair will also have the responsibility to make any adjustments to the timetable following any delays.

Application of Performance standards (Under 18)

Performance standards in all classes are worked on scores (accuracy 0.01 seconds) as a % of the winning MK1 (best single run of the day). For automatic selection into a GB Team in 2010 a boat must achieve at least two runs inside the minimum performance standard as detailed below:

Example. where <115% means 114.99% or less

Example percentage calculation on single run

Winning MK1: score = 94.44 secs total; 5th place WK1: score = 109.93 secs total, thus 5th place WK1 percentage: 116.4%

Definition of minimum performance standards for 2010 GB Teams

(age in year in question)	C2 *	C1 *	K1W	K1M
U18 (18) (BSRS)	<140%	<126%	<135%	<115%
U17 (17) BSRS	<144%	<129%	<138%	<118%
U16 (16) BSRS	<150%	<134%	<144%	<123%
U15 (15) BSRS	<155%	<138%	<149%	<127%
U14 (14)	Ineligible due to ICF regulations			

% criteria will be strictly applied in the case of last year U18 boats.

Where age group % are applied, the rule is only applied within the top 3 boats (4th place boats and below will not be taken into the team above boats in the top three who have not made %).

Selection of C2 class for Junior European championships or Junior World Championships.

Selection of the C2 class will be based on the results at the junior selection series. Should there be vacant C2 class places on the team a subsequent, nominated event will be identified at which C2 performance will be considered for a Team place.

Discretion in C1 and C2: these % are a guideline only.

Junior C1 W: Given the developmental nature of this class, discretion may be adopted, based on the use of % performance criteria at junior selection races 2010. Should there be vacant C1W class places on the team a subsequent, nominated event will be identified at which C1W performance will be considered for a Team place.

Performance Percentage Criteria monitoring

The percentages listed correspond to a top 20 Junior World Championship or Junior European Championship placing in each class with the exception of C2 which is defined from Top 15 standard.

2012 Olympic Games

It is proposed to introduce a qualification system for paddlers to enter selection for the 2011 senior selection series. In preparation for the 2012 Olympic Games Selection Policy it is proposed that the entry for Selection 2011 for Olympic classes be capped at up to 17 boats in K1 men and 14 boats in K1W, C1M, C2M and 10 boats in C1 W and C2 W.

K1 Men, K1 Women, C1, C2: The top 5 boats in senior selection and top 3 under 23 boats in 2010 will secure places for the 2011 selection series (paddlers must gain senior selection performance %). C1W and C2W: Boats selected for GB team in 2010 (Up to 4 boats) will secure places for the 2011 selection series

Further opportunities will be available to secure places at the following races:

HPP, September 2010 (3 boats in K1 Men, 2 boats in other classes)

Bala, March / April 2011 (3 boats in K1 Men, 2 boats in other classes)

Grandtully, March / April 2011 (3 boats in K1 Men, 2 boats in other classes)

Thereby, up to 17 boats in K1 Men and 14 boats in other classes may be selected, pending the attainment of senior selection performance %, to secure a place at the 2011 senior selection race series (proposed to be held in May 2011).

Where places are not gained at an individual race, these can be carried through to the next race where there is an opportunity to secure a place at 2011 selection.

The detailed 2011 Senior selection policy and 2012 Olympic games policy will be published in December 2010.

End of policy

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