

Lee Valley Slalom Training Access

The purpose of this document is to outline the possible ways for access to Lee Valley White Water Centre for Slalom training. The aims of the opportunities outlined are;

- To provide regular opportunities for selection qualifiers to prepare for a selection event at LVWWC.
- To build sustainable slalom training opportunities at LVWWC allowing paddlers to develop and progress through the sport.

There are a number of avenues for access to LVWWC for Slalom Training including;

- LVWWC Public Slalom Sessions.
- LVWWC Private Hire for Clubs
- British Canoeing World Class Programme Sessions
- Home Nation Exclusive Sessions
- Southern England Talent Sessions
- Lee Valley Paddlesports Club

LVWWC Public Slalom Sessions

The Lee Valley White Water Centre and British Canoeing have collaborated to create opportunities to paddle public slalom sessions at Lee Valley. The White Water Centre staff have worked exceptionally hard to create a new session for the slalom community to access, which has been particularly difficult with the ongoing pandemic. Slalom gates will be set before the session by a designated person or a member of the British Canoeing coaching team and will be in place for the duration of the session. The White Water Centre will provide bank support for the sessions and will act as a point of contact should you have any queries, concerns or in case of an emergency. Coaches wanting to operate on these sessions should contact the white water centre directly before travel. Depending on the paddlers divisional ranking and course assessment level there will be different requirements to paddle.

- Any existing centre members that have passed the Olympic assessment or Premier Division paddlers will require a brief induction before their first session.
- Division 1 paddlers or lower who currently aren't members of and haven't passed the Olympic course assessment will need to do this as part of their first session.

Paddlers will be able to book via the White Water Centre website www.gowhitewater.co.uk having created a membership. If you have any questions about the assessment process please contact the LVWWC via their website or email whitewater@leevalleypark.org.uk

LVWWC Private Hire for Clubs

The Lee Valley White Water Centre has a specific exclusive club rate that allows clubs interested in making bookings to do so directly with the venue at a discounted rate. Bookings will need to be made well in advance, around existing white water centre activity and within the venues public opening times. Enquiries regarding this type of booking should be made with the venue directly at scetin@leevalleypark.org.uk. Clubs making the bookings will be responsible for all aspects of the booking including managing numbers, safety, gates and any required briefings in line with venue policies.

British Canoeing World Class Programme Sessions

In addition to public sessions that are available to book directly through the Lee Valley WhiteWater Centre there is the possibility to access British Canoeing UK Program water. On most weekdays there is a morning and afternoon session and a Saturday morning on some weekends. There is a maximum of 23 spaces per session, however some sessions may be restricted depending on the needs of the programme athletes. Sessions on Wednesday to Friday mornings are delivery focused, numbers on these sessions are likely to be reduced. Available spaces are allocated in the following order to Olympic Disciplines;

1. World Class Programme Supported Athletes.
2. Qualifiers for Selection 2022.
3. International Athletes World Ranked top 30 or achieving a top 10 at U23 Championships.*

**And/or as agreed by WCP coaches for the purpose of aiding the training environment.*

Weekdays:

- Morning sessions (08:45 or 09:00 start*): limited spaces available. Spaces will only be released at the start of the month.
- Afternoon sessions (14:15 start*)

Saturday:

- Morning sessions (09:15 start*):

**Session times could change depending on movement within the program.*

Sessions will be available to book one month in advance through the British Canoeing GoMembership event bookings pages. A link for booking will be emailed to all qualifiers shortly.

| Access Arrangement | | | | |
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| World Class Programme Supported Athletes: <i>No payment required</i> | | Selection qualifiers: <i>Payment required</i> | | |
| Joseph Clarke | Megan | David Paterson | Vittorio Pezzaioli | Thomas Mayer |
| David Florence | Hamer-Evans | Amber Maslen | Ailsa Gourlay | Macy Kang |
| Ryan Westley | Etienne Chappell | Jake Brown | Finn Reilly McQueen | Edward McDonald |
| Fiona Pennie | Bethan Farrow | Sam Maingay | Zach Pearson | Luke Kevane |
| Mallory Franklin | Nikita Setchell | Phoebe Spicer | Joanna Blythe-Shields | Gabriel Keen |
| Kimberley Woods | Sophie Ogilvie | Stuart Gerrie | Sam Leaver | |
| Eilidh Gibson | Ben Haylett | Will Smith | Macy Kang | |
| Adam Burgess | Ellis Miller | Rachel Ellis | Michael Denvir | |
| Bradley | Jonny Dickson | Jada Mustafa-Moore | Daisy Cooil | |
| Forbes-Cryans | James Kettle | Eren Yalkin | Reilly Vernon | |
| Christopher | Alfie Boote | William Coney | Rebecca Ogilvie | |
| Bowers | Peter Linksted | Louise Fernie | Luc Royle | |
| | Lois Leaver | Huw Swetnam | Robert Fernie | |
| | Kurts Rozentals | Hannah Bailey | Jake Cox | |
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- If you are not working with an allocated coach on your session you are required to paddle in a group of at least two people.
- British Canoeing reserve the right to withdraw access to its water slots for failure to follow the Lee Valley white water centre rules.

Prices for Individual Passes

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| There are several options to purchase vouchers to access British Canoeing Olympic Programme water: | |
| Annual Pass , this allows unlimited access to water booked by British Canoeing subject to availability. | £750 |
| Summer Season pass (Selection - 31 Oct) this allows unlimited access to water booked by British Canoeing subject to availability. | £400 |
| Winter Season pass (1 Nov - Selection) this allows unlimited access to water booked by British Canoeing subject to availability. | £400 |
| 40 Session Fee (40 sessions at a reduced rate no refunds for unused sessions) . | £300 |
| 20 Session Fee (20 sessions at a reduced rate no refunds for unused sessions) . | £200 |
| 10 session Fee (10 sessions at a reduced rate no refunds for unused sessions) . | £125 |
| Single session Fee | £15 |

Tickets and Passes are not transferable (they can only be used by the purchaser named on each ticket)

Home Nation Passes

British Canoeing would like to extend an opportunity for Home Nations to purchase flexible passes. These passes will allow Home Nations to access UK Programme water slots at Lee Valley, benefiting from discounted prices by bulk buying sessions, and have the flexibility to transfer these passes across athletes.

| Home Nations Passes for British Canoeing Olympic Programme water: | | |
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| 100 Session upfront Pass (100 sessions at a reduced rate no refunds for unused sessions) | £1000 | £10 per session |
| 60 Session upfront Pass (60 sessions at a reduced rate no refunds for unused sessions) | £675 | £11.25 per session |
| 30 Session upfront Pass (30 sessions at a reduced rate no refunds for unused sessions) | £375 | £12.50 per session |

Home Nation Access

British Canoeing works with the Home Nation lead coaches to secure each programme's preferred access times and weekends. Sessions will be available in line with each Home Nations selection and squad criteria. Paddlers on these sessions must be part of the booking Home Nation programme or have agreed the access prior to the session with British Canoeing. Home Nations sharing water must make this known at the time of booking. Bookings at the venue are more likely to be available between 1st November and the end of February, outside of the commercial rafting season. Due to booking constraints it may not be possible to grant everyone's first choice weekends and therefore some flexibility is required. Where possible LVWWC will be flexible for changes in bookings. Each lead coach will undertake a site induction and be able to convey information to coaches, parents and athletes.

Talent Programme Sessions

In addition to the access to UK Program sessions there is the opportunity for Premier and Division 1 ranked paddlers to access Talent Olympic sessions. Spaces will be dependent on the needs of the talent athletes and decided by the talent coaches. Sessions are £10 per session. Times of sessions can be requested and bookings can be made by emailing andrzej.wojs@britishcanoeing.org.uk. Free spaces will be allocated on a first come first serve basis.

Lee Valley Paddlesport Club

As the Resident Club at LVWWC LVPC are looking to develop paddling opportunities across a range of disciplines and at all levels, from beginners through to GB Team representatives. Lee Valley Paddlesports Club has recently entered into an exciting partnership with the England Slalom Talent Programme to become a Talent Club Partner. As the Club programme develops we aim to provide a number of white water sessions exclusively for Club members each week. A significant benefit of the Talent Club Partnership is the opportunity for established paddlers to access Talent sessions from April 2021. Club programmes mirror the current talent squad access to Olympic Course sessions, which are typically between 2 and 5 sessions per week. The exact number each week will vary from week to week based on the competition calendar and the periodisation of training provision within the year. Paddlers accessing this programme must be members of LVPC and will be charged £100.00 per month to cover their contribution to the cost of the water they are accessing. For more information about becoming a club member or access to sessions please visit <http://www.leevalleypaddlesportsclub.org/> or email lvpcslalom@gmail.com