

## **Paddle UK Canoe Slalom & Kayak Cross International Panel Statement**

### **Updates Following the first weekend of the 2026 selection series**

#### **Thank you**

Firstly the International Panel would like to thank everyone involved in delivering the first weekend of the 2026 selection series, in particular our thanks to the Lee Valley Paddlesports Club who took on the race organisation. The weather conditions at times were challenging, particularly on Sunday so thanks to everyone for your commitment.

#### **Information & Updates:**

We look forward to the second weekend at Holme Pierrepont organised by Holme Pierrepont Canoe Club on 11th/12th April and ahead of this the International Panel wishes to share some important information and updates:

#### **Kayak Cross Results - Important Information**

- Following initial verification of the results data from the Lee Valley selection weekend, the International Panel and the PUK Slalom Timing Team have identified a potential technical error that relates to the Kayak Cross timing data with the issue pin-pointed to the automated start system built into the Kayak Cross ramp.

It is important to stress that the issue relates to the automatic starting system built into the Kayak Cross ramp, so there is no concern over the integrity of the canoe slalom results which have been checked against back ups to verify that the issue only relates to Kayak Cross.

The IP and timing team will continue to investigate further and the IP will meet next week to review the findings and consider the implications once the extent of the issue is known and understood. In the meantime, we would like to take the opportunity to thank our volunteer timing team for their support in working through the analysis. For this reason, the Kayak Cross results remain provisional.

#### **Exceptional Circumstances:**

- The International Panel wishes to share that a request for exceptional circumstances has been received from Nikita Setchell relating to Kayak Cross selection following an incident during the kayak cross competition and subsequent withdrawal on medical advice on Sunday 29th March. The IP will consider the details in conjunction with the wording in section 21 of the published selection policy and provide an update as part of the scheduled team announcement on Tuesday 14th April.

#### **Links to Results & Points Tables:**

The [Lee Valley Canoe Slalom Race Results](#)

The updated [Canoe Slalom Points Table after races 1 & 2 of the 6 race series](#).

The [Lee Valley Kayak Cross Results and Points Tables](#) (see different tabs)

The points tables and results are shown as records from the races but should not be considered as any confirmation of selection decisions particularly in Kayak Cross where there is an ongoing investigation to verify the results. Selection decisions will be communicated on Tuesday 14th April on the [Paddle UK Website](#). Any errors or questions should be directed to [enquiries.internationalpanel@paddleuk.org.uk](mailto:enquiries.internationalpanel@paddleuk.org.uk).