

# Paddle UK Canoe Slalom & Kayak Cross

## International Panel – Selection Announcement – 14<sup>th</sup> April 2026

Firstly, huge thanks are due to the officials and volunteers who make the races happen and in particular thanks to Holme Pierrepont Canoe Club and Lee Valley Paddlesport Club who organised the races. Well done to all the participants who put themselves forward for GBR Team selection.

### Canoe Slalom:

**Note: Exceptional Circumstances** were received from Arina Kontchakov (U23 K1 & U23 C1) and Nikita Setchell (Senior K1). The panel assessed the requests in line with the criteria set out in section 21 of the [published selection policy](#) and determined that none of the applications met the criteria for consideration that are set out in clause 21.3.

Following the 2026 Junior, U23 & Senior Canoe Slalom team selection process held at Lee Valley White Water Centre and Holme Pierrepont, subject to appeal, the following athletes have achieved the required performance standards and are selected in accordance with the published policy:

### GBR Senior World Cup, World & European Championship Canoe Slalom Team 2026

Male		Female	
MC1	MK1	WC1	WK1~
Ryan Westley*	Joe Clarke	Mallory Edwards^	Kimberley Woods*
Adam Burgess	Sam Leaver	Kimberley Woods	Lois Leaver
Peter Linksted	Ben Haylett	Ellis Miller	Bethan Forrow+
<b>Reserve</b>	<b>Reserve</b>	<b>Reserve</b>	<b>Reserve</b>
<i>James Kettle</i>	<i>Jonny Dickson</i>	<i>Bethan Forrow</i>	<i>Ellis Miller</i>
<i>Luc Royle</i>	<i>Jake Brown</i>	<i>Sophie Ogilvie</i>	
<i>Edward McDonald</i>	<i>Jonah Hanrahan</i>	<i>Zoe Blythe-Shields</i>	
	<i>David Paterson</i>		
	<i>Thomas Mayer</i>		

\*Pre-Selected in line with published 2026 policy

^In line with the IP Statement of [20th March 2026](#) Clause 20 is not invoked in WC1 and Mallory Edwards is selected for the 2026 season.

+In line with the IP Statement of [20th March 2026](#) Clause 20.5.4 will be invoked and subject to the demonstration of a performance standard, Mallory Edwards will be selected for the 2026 European Championship in WK1 and the 3rd boat is required to release the race.

~Should the opportunity arise where a vacant place remains following offering places to the reserve in WK1, subject to the demonstration of a performance standard, the IP reserves the right to invoke clause 21.5.2 to provide an additional International race opportunity to Mallory Edwards linked to the IP Statement of [20th March 2026](#)

### Great Britain U23 World & European Championship Canoe Slalom Team 2026

Male		Female	
MC1	MK1	WC1	WK1
Luc Royle	Sam Leaver	Zoe Blythe-Shields	Sofia Alfer
Edward McDonald	Jonah Hanrahan	Rachel Ellis	Tazmin Brown
William Mayer	Thomas Mayer	Joanna Blythe-Shields	Macy Kang
<b>Reserve</b>	<b>Reserve</b>	<b>Reserve</b>	<b>Reserve</b>
<i>Philip Smith</i>	<i>Gwion Williams</i>	<i>Katie Shattock</i>	<i>Zoe Blythe-Shields</i>
	<i>Harry Kirby</i>		<i>Helena Nabili</i>
	<i>Nathan Nabili</i>		<i>Katie Shattock</i>
			<i>Joely Walling</i>

### Great Britain Junior World & European Championship Canoe Slalom Team 2026

Male		Female	
MC1	MK1	WC1	WK1
Sid Griffiths	Sid Griffiths	Sophie Forster	Helena Nabili
Lewis Arden	Jake Mitchell	Darcey McMullins	Olwen Yates
Alex Cleator	Alex Cleator	Jasmine Wilde	Jasmine Wilde
<b>Reserve</b>	<b>Reserve</b>	<b>Reserve</b>	<b>Reserve</b>
<i>Leo Miller</i>	<i>Cally De Silva</i>		<i>Sophie Forster</i>
<i>Sebastian Reeves</i>	<i>Ben Watkins</i>		

The final Canoe Slalom Selection Points Table can be found [here](#)

### Kayak Cross:

**Important Update:** To retain the integrity of the selection process, The IP shares this update:

- The IP became aware of possible inaccuracies in the Time Trial Data and [updated the community](#) regarding their concerns whilst they investigated the issue.
- The timing team investigated and subsequently corrected the time trial data using actual timing impulse data. This was then verified by the Performance Analysis staff using video.
- It was identified that 12.5% of the corrected results (25 from 201) would have resulted in either a different head to head ‘bracket’ or lane choice order.
- The IP met and reviewed the Actual Results in a [corrected points table](#) which shows changes highlighted in red to demonstrate where corrections were made and the resulting impact on the ranking.
- The IP considered the following:
  - Re-running the competition was not possible because of the additional unplanned cost to officials and participants, practicalities of fitting into the calendar and venue availability.
  - That whilst the seedings/brackets for the results cannot be adjusted, the corrected data provides correct time trial results (50% of the points opportunities) and the head to head competition can be treated as fact whilst acknowledging that some seedings cannot be reflected.
  - The situation could not be dealt with at the event as it was not known at the time of competition
  - There was only the ability to correct the time trial data. The impact or changes that this would have had on the head to head rounds could not be corrected or changed.
  - The impact of the changes, particularly where a correction has occurred where there was an overall change in ranking when followed through, were not substantive to the overall selection for any athlete.

In considering the above, the IP took the decision to use the corrected data from the actual timing impulses to create factual results for the time trial data and considered this data alongside the unadjusted results of the head to head rounds to make the selections.

**Note: Exceptional Circumstances** were received from Arina Kontchakov (U23 WX1) and Nikita Setchell (Senior WX1). The panel assessed the requests in line with the criteria set out in section 21 of the [published selection policy](#) and determined that only the application from Nikita Setchell met the criteria for consideration set out in clause 21.3.1.

The IP considered the performance data presented in line with clause 21.4 and determined in kayak Cross that Nikita Setchell demonstrated a strong international performance profile ahead of other competitors and has invoked clause 21.5.3 of the policy which permits the IP to ‘substitute the lowest placed selected athlete under this policy with the selection of the athlete making the exceptional circumstance request’. Therefore the team selected below reflects that clause 21.5.3 has been invoked.

Subject to appeal, the following athletes have achieved the required performance standards and are selected in accordance with the published policy:

GBR Senior World Cup, World & European Championship Kayak Cross Team 2026	
MX1	WX1
Joe Clarke*	Kimberley Woods
Sam Leaver	Lois Leaver
Ben Haylett	Nikita Setchell+=
Reserve	Reserve
Jonny Dickson	Macy Kang
Jake Brown	Ellis Miller

\*Pre-Selected in line with published 2026 policy

+In line with the IP Statement of [20th March 2026](#) Clause 20.5.4 will be invoked and subject to the demonstration of a performance standard, Mallory Edwards will be selected for the 2026 European Championship in WX1 and the 3rd boat is required to release the race.

=Athlete meets criteria in clause 21.3.1 and the IP has invoked Exceptional Circumstances, in particular clause 21.5.3.

## Great Britain Junior & U23 World & European Championship Kayak Cross Team 2026

U23 World & European Championship Kayak Cross Team 2026		Junior World & European Championship Kayak Cross Team 2026	
MX1	WX1	MX1	WX1
Sam Leaver	Macy Kang	Jake Mitchell	Olwen Yates
Thomas Mayer	Joely Walling	Sid Griffiths	Helena Nabili
Jonah Hanrahan	Katie Shattock	Leo Miller	Darcey McMullins
<b>Reserve</b>	<b>Reserve</b>	<b>Reserve</b>	<b>Reserve</b>
<i>Gwion Williams</i>	<i>Sofia Alfer</i>	<i>Dan Clarke</i>	<i>Jasmine Wilde</i>
<i>Murray Robb</i>	<i>Sadie Sterry</i>	<i>Lewis Arden</i>	<i>Lara Elcock</i>

The Kayak Cross Points Tables & Summary of results Can be found [here](#) and Time Trial data [here](#)

### Appeals

The Paddle UK selection policy has a clear appeal process as outlined in the policy and can be found [here](#). Please remember that any appeal must be submitted within 2 working days of the publication of this statement to the Head of Governance at: [appeals@paddleuk.org.uk](mailto:appeals@paddleuk.org.uk). Any Appeal would be heard by three members of the Paddle UK Disciplinary and Appeal Panel Register (More details can be found [here](#)). If you object to any potential Panel members hearing your Appeal, please detail this in your Notice of Appeal as well as outlining the reasons for the objection.

### IMPORTANT – Acceptance of places

Athletes will be contacted at the email supplied as part of the entry process by the Programme Manager with the 2026 logistics briefing. **Athletes are asked to confirm their intentions to take up their place in the 2026 Senior, Under 23 and Junior Canoe Slalom and/or Kayak Cross team by 17:00 on April 22nd, 2026** by completing the form shared within the briefing. As part of this process, athletes will have the opportunity to request any special arrangements to facilitate their performance. For team acceptance and logistics enquiries, contact [slalomWCP@paddleuk.org.uk](mailto:slalomWCP@paddleuk.org.uk) U23 and JNR athletes (and legal guardians for U16s) are invited to attend a meeting with the Academy Lead Coach on Saturday, May 9th, at the PaddleUK HPP office from 6:00 to 7:00 PM. A link to join the meeting virtually will be shared.

### 2027 Selection process and provisional dates

It remains the intention of the International Panel to share further detail regarding how senior International performances will be rewarded relating to 2027 team selection. This is set out in section 18 of the published selection policy that details will be issued by the 15th May 2026 ahead of the start of the International season.

Please look out during the next couple of weeks for a link to the feedback process on the [Paddle UK](#) and [Canoe Slalom](#) websites.

### Questions?

The International Panel recognises that the selection policy can seem a complicated process particularly following the required corrections to the kayak cross time trial data. In the situation that you have a question about the application of the policy or wish to simply discuss an aspect of the selection process then we would welcome the opportunity to assist. If you have any questions, please contact the chair of the IP at [enquiries.internationalpanel@paddleuk.org.uk](mailto:enquiries.internationalpanel@paddleuk.org.uk).