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SECTION 1 - OVERVIEW

The European Youth Olympic Festival (EYOF) provides an opportunity for young athletes to gain multisport event experience and aid their development into senior athletes capable of medal winning success at future Olympic Games.

The purpose of this document is to outline the policy for nomination of athletes to the British Olympic Association (BOA) for selection to Team GB to represent Great Britain and NI at the European Youth Olympic Festival in Győr, Hungary from 21st - 30th July 2017 in Canoeing.

There are sixteen sprint canoeing events at the EYOF; K1M (200m and 500m), K2M (200m and 500m), K1W (200m and 500m), K2W (200m and 500m), C1M (200m and 500m), C1W (200m and 500m), mixed K4 (200m and 500m) and Mixed C2 (200m and 500m).

Medals will be awarded for each event (Gold, Silver and Bronze).

SECTION 2 – ELIGIBILITY

The EYOF is open to athletes born in 2001 or 2002 who hold a British passport and are eligible to represent Great Britain and N.I. at an Olympic Games, under the rules of the International Canoe Federation (ICF).

Athletes must be available to attend the whole duration of the 2017 Győr EYOG from 21st July to 30th July 2017.

SECTION 3 - SELECTION PROCEDURE

1. Register of Interest

Any athlete wishing to be considered for selection must have registered their interest with British Canoeing by **18th April 2017** by emailing Emily Illinesi at Emily.illinesi@britishcanoeing.org.uk and have completed the online accreditation process by **24th April 2017** from an email link you will receive via Emily Illinesi.

Any athletes with outstanding information after this time will not be eligible for selection.

2. Selection Process

Eligible athletes having completed the accreditation process (24th April 2017) will be selected on the following criteria:

Two male kayak and one male Canoe athletes and two female kayak and one female canoe athletes will be nominated to the BOA for selection to Team GB **based on their K1/ C1 200m and 500m performances at June Regatta 2017 (3rd and 4th June 2017)** held at National Water Sports Centre.



The athletes (born 2001 and 2002), will be ranked per distance (200m and 500m) by time from finals, and will be selected for nomination on their combined ranking, to be nominated to the BOA to compete at the EYOF. Should athletes have the same ranking, the athlete with the time closest to the Under 16 medal winning time in the 200m will be selected.

A non-travelling male and female athlete will also be identified but these athletes will not be nominated to the BOA unless a replacement is required. Please refer to Section 4 below for more details.

The Selection panel will then consider the performance of the top ranked Sprint paddlers and nominate the athletes who they consider capable of the highest placing in any single event at the EYOF. These will also be considered against the likely standard of the EYOF event.

The 2016 Olympic Hopes Regatta results will be used as a guide to the expected standard at the 2017 EYOF.

3. Selection Panel

The British Canoeing International Panel (IP) has agreed the following selection panel for the Championships:

- Chair of International Panel
- British Canoeing Performance Manager – Canoe Sprint
- Talent Pathway Manager – Canoe Sprint
- British Canoeing GB Junior Lead Coach
- Other members of the International Panel

In the event of a tied vote the Chair will have an extra vote.

4. Selection and De-selection

British Canoeing reserves the right to deselect an athlete who has lost form, or is suffering from illness or injury up to the EYOF Delegation Registration Meeting (DRM).

In these circumstances, the Talent Pathway Manager will determine if a fitness trial is required. The Talent Pathway Manager may request that the British Canoeing medical officer or another appointee should conduct a fitness trial or test to determine ability to participate.

After the DRM any replacement will be the next named athletes on the ranking list for both male/female, kayak/canoe.

No replacements will be made after the 7th July 2017.



5. Conflicts of Interest

British Canoeing is committed to upholding high standards of integrity and as such any person who sits on the selection committee/panel shall declare any conflicts or potential conflicts and shall refrain from participation in the discussion of and any vote in respect of any selection matter in which they have a conflict of interest. If a person is unsure whether they have a conflict or potential conflict they should consult the Head of Governance and Compliance.

6. Data Protection

British Canoeing is a privacy conscious organisation and is strongly committed to your right to privacy. That is why we have drafted a Privacy and Data Protection Statement, which follows guidelines set out in the Data Protection Act 1998 and which can be found on our website: <https://www.britishcanoeing.org.uk/privacy-statement/>

Please note that any data gathered in the course of selection will be used in accordance with this Statement and in particular will not be shared with any third party without your consent.

7. Policies

For the avoidance of doubt this selection policy operates in conjunction with all relevant British Canoeing policies including but not limited to, Equality Policy, Anti-Doping Policy, Anti Bullying Policy and Anti Bribery Policy. British Canoeing has the right to deselect any athlete who has been found guilty of any breach of British Canoeing rules.

8. Communications

British Canoeing is committed to providing open and informative communication in relation to selection. All athletes will receive formal confirmation of the selection, and for those athletes who wish to discuss the outcome of decision made by the Selection Panel/Committee, the Chair of the Selection Panel/Committee will be available to speak informally to athletes and in the case of minors, parents.

British Canoeing has the right to deselect any athlete who has been found guilty of any disciplinary offence under British Canoeing rules.



9. Appeals

If there is dissatisfaction with a decision of the Selection Panel/Selection Committee (this process applies to all British Canoeing selections) this two stage process will apply:

1. REVIEW:

- 1.1 A written request for a formal review is submitted in the first instance to the Chair of the Selection Panel who will carry out a review with the Selection Panel.
- 1.2 This must be done within 48 hours of the selection being announced or communicated to the athlete whichever is later.
- 1.3 Within 24 hours the Chair of the Selection Panel will advise in writing the outcome of the review and the Selection Panel decision.

2. APPEAL

- 2.1 Where required the time limits set out below for appeal and decision can be accelerated by the Head of Governance and if this is required it will be communicated with the outcome of the formal review and the Selection Panel decision under 1.3 above.
- 2.2 If following the review the athlete wishes to formally appeal the decision then a written notice of appeal must be submitted to British Canoeing Head of Governance within 48 hours of receiving the outcome of the review.

3. NOTICE OF APPEAL

- 3.1 The Notice of Appeal will set out the grounds of the appeal and will include full details of the basis of the appeal including the precise manner in which the appellant alleges the selection criteria have not been followed. The Notice of Appeal should be as full as possible as it will form the basis of the remainder of this procedure.

4. GROUNDS OF APPEAL

- 4.1 The sole grounds of appeal against the decision of any selection panel will be that there has been a failure to follow the applicable selection criteria or that the selection panel reached a decision on the basis of an error of fact. This Appeals process is provided on these limited grounds only and must not be seen as an opportunity to dispute the opinion of the selection panel where they have followed the proper procedure.
- 4.2 There are no appeals allowed against the content of the published selection criteria and therefore against the actions of the selection panel, provided they follow the selection criteria.

5. APPEAL PANEL

- 5.1 The Head of Governance and Compliance will convene a three person Panel to determine the appeal.
- 5.2 The Appeal Panel shall contact the Chairman of the Selection Panel to inform him of the Appeal, provide him with a copy of the Notice of Appeal and request that the



Chairman provides any response which he wishes to make on behalf of the Selection Panel within 24 hours of receiving the notification.

- 5.3 The Appeal Panel will determine based on the written submissions of the athlete and the Selection Panel/Committee without a hearing or the calling of witnesses or the giving of oral evidence. It will seek to reach its conclusion within 5 working days of receipt of the Notice, and will inform all interested parties in writing.
- 5.4 The Appeal Panel will be entitled to rescind the decision of the selection Panel and confirm the selection of the Athlete only in clear cases where the Selection Policy has not been followed and it is plain that had it been followed the Athlete would have been selected.
- 5.5 The Appeal Panel shall be entitled to confirm the decision of the Selection panel and reject the Appeal.
- 5.6 The Appeal Panel may also quash the selection decision and remit the matter back to the Selection Panel identifying the errors they have identified in the conduct of the Selection process and requesting that a new decision is made within one week.
- 5.7 At its discretion, the Appeal Panel may also make an award for appeal costs up to a maximum of £200

6. FINAL AND BINDING

- 6.1 This is intended to be an accelerated process to enable any challenge to be resolved as quickly as is reasonably possible. Due to the nature of selection for events, decisions often need to be taken shortly before the events to which the selection relates. Furthermore, there is a considerable potential for 'knock on' to athlete preparation related to the outcome of the appeal.
- 6.2 The aim of this process is to return a decision on appeal in a timely manner. If the athlete fails to adhere to the time limits set out in this process he or she will have lost their right of appeal under this procedure, save in wholly exceptional circumstances which will be judged by the CEO of British Canoeing in their absolute discretion.
- 6.3 Further this process is intended to be conclusive and therefore any athlete who enters into this appeal process accepts that the decision will be final and binding.

10. Anti-doping

Athletes must be compliant with British Canoeing's anti-doping policy at all times.

The British Canoeing anti-doping Policy can be viewed at:

<https://www.britishcanoeing.org.uk/competition/anti-doping-1/>