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Canoe Sprint Selection Policies 2022

For Public Consultation

The Canoe Sprint International Panel have been working with the SRC and prepared this draft 2022 policy document for feedback from the Canoe Sprint community. The policy consultation commences the week commencing 20th December 2021 and runs for just over 2 weeks with all consultation responses to be received by 23.59 On Sunday 9th January 2022. **Responses can be provided by following [this link](https://britishcanoeing.formstack.com/forms/sprint_selection_policy_feedback) or the manual link below:**

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The IP welcomes feedback and in particular alternative solutions or suggestions as it seeks to finalise the 2022 policies. Please also feedback if you like the proposals or elements of the proposals outlined to ensure that a balanced view is received to influence the final decision. The draft policy has been numbered throughout so please if referring to a specific point use the appropriate reference number (e.g. 1.3 Principles...) to assist in understanding the feedback.

This policy is split into 4 sections with some specific questions highlighted in each section:

1. Generic Information applicable to all policies

In particular this includes reference to performance standards which are now contained in the selection principles (1.3.7) and it also includes reference to costs of trips. At present the policy states the estimated actual per person cost of each trip. Dialogue is ongoing in parallel with the policy development on what if any subsidies will be available to support athletes at each level which will be communicated further prior to selection.

2. Senior Selection Policy Detail

This proposes a policy with an April selection to the World Cup as development events with a June selection for World & European Championship Teams.

3. U23 Selection Policy Detail

Selection for U23 Europeans is proposed as through an athlete pool identified at the April regatta with selection for the U23 World Championships taking proposed at the July regatta.

4. Junior Selection Policy Detail

The IP continue to explore the possibility of a later selection to optimise 'in season' development but the timelines in 2022 are likely to be too tight for this year to be able to facilitate as there are only 2 weeks between team announcement and team travel with the 2 weeks needing to accommodate any appeals, logistics bookings etc. 2 scenarios are presented but at present unless the appeals process permits a 'fast track' process it is unlikely that this will happen in 2022 but we will work on this plan for 2023 if the consultation supports the principle of a later selection.

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1. PURPOSE, STRATEGY AND PRINCIPLES

1.1 Purpose

The purpose of the Canoe Sprint selection policies is to clearly outline the processes which will lead to the selection of the GBR Canoe Sprint Teams for all 2022 international events named within the specific Senior, U23 and Junior policies.

1.2 Canoe Sprint strategy - Paris 2024 and LA 2028

The agreed target with UK Sport is to qualify four boats for Paris 2024 and achieve one medal and a further two A Finals at the Olympic Games in Paris 2024. Alongside this, the agreed LA 2028 target is two medals and a further two A Finals. The International Panel will support this strategy through its policies and decision making. The International Panel wishes to note the change in events for Paris 2024 which puts a greater emphasis on crew boats within the Olympic programme. The development of the 2022 policies and a longer-term strategy for selection policies will aim to facilitate the development of crew boat skills and experiences. Alongside this there is a greater focus on providing appropriate level racing opportunities for athletes that support their development and experience. The use of “pools” within the policies are directly related to these points. Within the development of all 2022 policies a key consideration has been to give athletes as much flexibility as possible to choose their route through a season which best supports their preparations for development and delivery. Based on this all policies have a stand-alone selection point for World Championships so that athletes can prepare for this without the constraint of a multi-point selection if they so wish.

1.3 Principles

1. This selection policy provides the process to all athletes/crews on how selection decisions will be made and which competitions will be used to determine selection for international race(s) outlined in this policy.
2. The primary focus of National Team Selection will be to optimise performance in targeted Olympic events. Supportive events may be used as athlete development events from athletes included within the selected squad of athletes.
3. Competition results at the nominated selection events are taken into consideration alongside the performance standard when making selections. Subject to mitigating circumstances athletes achieving the stated criteria are automatically selected (including reserves).
4. The selection policy seeks to select the best athletes in a transparent way that prioritises optimal preparation time for achievement of international success.
5. To support proactive choice for athletes wherever possible.
6. Where athletes have been selected for multiple events within a European or World Championships, they will be consulted with **prior** to the relevant IP meeting about which events they would like to be considered for and a prioritisation of these events. If an athlete wishes to be considered for multiple events the IP will at its sole discretion make a decision on which event(s) the athlete is selected for.
7. For all teams the IP, at its sole discretion can apply a performance standard to ensure athletes/boats are of the appropriate level for the competition they are being considered for. Where this is applied it will use the following method:
 - All Olympic events checked against World Leading Time*.
 - Non-Olympic events checked in relation to Olympic events.
8. It is acknowledged that Canoe Sprint is an outdoor sport where results can be affected by environmental conditions and lane draws. Where conditions may hamper holding a fair selection competition, contingency measures may be considered as outlined in section 7 of this policy. This decision will be made at the total discretion of the IP in line with an agreed internal protocol for monitoring racing conditions (3.2).
9. All eligible athletes will be considered equally for selection against the stated selection criteria regardless of club, training location, age, Home Nation and programme status.
10. A non-travelling reserve may be named in each individual event based solely on position in the identified selection race where performance standards have been achieved. This is to recognise achievement of athletes achieving performance standards who are outside the

finishing position(s) required for selection. In order of selection, named reserves will only travel in the event of injury or illness to a selected athlete or where a place(s) is declined.

11. The respective Head Coach and Team Manager can jointly at their total discretion within the selected team use events within the international competition programme for further start line opportunities subject to not compromising performances at the main event that athletes have been selected for. This only applies where events are unfilled by the maximum British athlete quota and must be communicated to the Chair of the IP in advance of the competition commencing. Athletes selected to an event under this clause may not be eligible for selection in that event for a subsequent competition.
12. Following the selection of a crew boat to a GBR team, the respective coach must propose any changes to the composition of the crew due to injury, illness, poor performance or other circumstance to the IP who will consider the circumstances and determine an appropriate process to follow.
13. The selection policy may be amended at any time by British Canoeing for one or more of the following circumstances:
 - Any changes in rules governing a particular event
 - Any change in ICF eligibility, rules or programme of events
 - To give effect to the selection process in case of a drafting error or oversight
 - To clarify any ambiguity to the intended meaning of the selection policy
 - Any other reason determined by British Canoeing at its total discretion that is in the best interest of British Canoeing and in line with the principles outlined for selection
 - Circumstances arising from Covid-19 restrictions

2. ELIGIBILITY FOR SELECTION

2.1 Eligibility

To be eligible to be selected to any 2022 GBR Team, athletes/crews must meet the following conditions (full detail can be found in British Canoeing's [Eligibility Policy](#)):

1. Meet age and nationality criteria for international competitions as outlined below
2. Be a full member of British Canoeing or Home Nation Association that enables participation in competition
3. Athletes on a funded programme need to have signed their Programme Athlete Agreement. Athletes outside Programme funding will also be expected to sign up to the British Canoeing Great Britain Team participation agreement on accepting selection at least two weeks before travelling to the first competition and settle any outstanding payments prior to travel.

2.2 International Eligibility

Selection will be subject to eligibility in accordance with competition rules laid down by the International Canoe Federation (ICF) and the European Canoe Association (ECA).

The first year a junior can compete at World and European Senior/U23/Junior Championships is the year of their 15th birthday.

Where athletes compete in more than one eligible selection event, the policy will be applied in isolation for each specific event. British Canoeing reserves the right to deselect an athlete who has been found guilty of a disciplinary offence under British Canoeing/ICF rules. This includes doping offences.

3. GENERAL INFORMATION

3.1 Contingency

The IP retains the right to adapt racing to ensure a fair process in line with the following principles and procedures:

In extreme circumstances the IP will implement contingency measures and adapt racing to ensure as fair a selection process as possible within the limited options available. The IP will observe weather conditions throughout the competition and if conditions become inappropriate to conduct a selection race, they may declare that a race(s) will not be used for selection.

Where possible this will always be done in advance of the start of a race(s) that may be impacted and in consultation with the National or International Regatta Competition Committee.

Examples of other such amendments could include:

- Rescheduling of any affected selection race(s) to early morning/ evening racing within the same regatta (if scheduling and weather conditions permit).
- Rescheduling of any affected selection races to reserve competition (as described below)
- Changing the location of racing
- Amending lane draw for direct comparability of performances

This is not an exhaustive list and all other options may be considered to complete a fair selection regatta in accordance with the specific challenge(s) identified.

Should weather conditions at a domestic or international selection regatta be such that it would not be possible to complete fair racing within that regatta then the Monday's immediately following the regatta are reserved as a back-up selection regatta. A back up is only required in the event of racing conditions being declared inappropriate during or in advance of competition and will be made by a minimum of two IP Members plus a member of the National Regatta Competition Committee and communicated at the earliest opportunity through British Canoeing channels.

For IP announcements refer to www.britishcanoeing.org.uk and during the competition important information will be posted at race control on the live results messaging, on the British Canoeing WhatsApp group <https://chat.whatsapp.com/FJFF2D6VQ4D9cjDMeXzoQO> as well as the Facebook/Twitter page.

3.2 Monitoring Racing Conditions

The International Panel has developed an internal protocol for monitoring weather conditions ahead of a selection race, during the race and a process for communication of real-time information. The protocol will be in place ahead of the start of the 2022 domestic regatta season and is intended to assist in making fair decisions and communicating information quickly in the event of inclement conditions.

3.3 Exceptional circumstances

Should an athlete miss an event or fall ill during, or prior to, elements of the 2022 selection process; or have any other mitigating circumstances, the IP reserve the right to provide an opportunity for such a boat to compete and challenge for selection under the following conditions:

- Certificated evidence of illness or injury other significant mitigating circumstance must be logged with the IP prior to the commencement of the selection competition via email enquiries.internationalpanel@britishcanoeing.org.uk
- In such a case the IP may identify a single race opportunity whereby the top boat of 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 IP meeting immediately after the appropriate 2022 Selection regatta
- Where there are other mitigating circumstances, certified details must be provided to the IP no later than 1 hour prior to a scheduled selection competition via enquiries.internationalpanel@britishcanoeing.org.uk
- The IP has the sole discretion to invoke this clause if required and any decision is final
- The athlete/crew must satisfy the criteria stated below:

The athlete/crew must be able to demonstrate an established consistent track record in racing performance that objectively demonstrates their performance above other athletes/crews based upon performance analysis training data (from GBR performance analysis data) and other objective data such as performance at Olympic, World Championship, European Championship and/or World Cup races for the previous period.

In the case of an incident occurring during racing then details must be provided in writing to the Chair of the IP within two hours following the end of the specific race in which the incident occurred (such as a broken paddle in competition).

Where an athlete who has met the selection criteria has been selected to the World Championship Team and withdraws or is unable to compete, the IP at its total discretion may select a replacement athlete. The IP is not

obliged to replace an athlete and will make the decision in line with the time prior to competition and principles outlined.

All decisions under mitigating circumstances that relate to injury, illness or medical conditions will be determined by the Performance Director, Head Coach Canoe Sprint and British Canoeing Chief Medical Officer (CMO) to ensure a transparent process that also considers the medical needs of the athlete involved. When assessing if an athlete is fit to race, the CMO decision is final. Any request for exceptional circumstances should in the first instance be directed to enquiries.internationalpanel@britishcanoeing.org.uk who will then share with the panel.

For the avoidance of doubt, Covid-19 or associated issue would be classed as applicable to invoke exceptional circumstances, policy amendments (1.3.13) or Force Majeure (3.12).

Covid-19 has presented unprecedented challenges for all aspects of society and continues to impact many aspects of normal life. Accurate forward planning has become very difficult and any selection process relies on a degree of certainty and stability to be fully equitable and transparent. Whilst it is hoped that selection races will be able to run as outlined in selection policies, it is necessary to highlight that it remains likely that there may be some adjustments required in order to determine representative teams in the timeframes required which will have to respond to prevailing circumstances at the time.

British Canoeing would like to acknowledge that everyone will have been impacted by Covid-19 to some extent but the level of impact on each individual will vary hugely and across a broad range of areas such as financially, emotionally, personally, medically etc.

Recognising that eligibility for selection to a Great Britain and Northern Ireland team involves athletes from 4 Home countries each with devolved powers relating to guidance around covid-19. In the event that government guidance precludes all athletes from one (or more) home country from attending a selection event the decision to run a selection race will consider other options prior to proceeding.

In determining if selection processes can go ahead, British Canoeing will follow the following principles to aid decision making:

- Base decisions on government guidance
- Put athlete, volunteers and staff health and wellbeing first
- Make decisions regarding selection in the most transparent and fair way given the constraints/ challenges presented

Covid-19 related requests for consideration of individual athlete exceptional circumstances:

- If an athlete wishes consideration of any issue that they are aware of 14 days or more before the first day of competition, this can only be considered if notified at least 14 days prior to the first scheduled day of selection competition.
- Within 14 days of the competition, only matters arising within this period will be considered under exceptional circumstances.

For both the above, only athletes meeting the criteria laid out above in 3.3 will be eligible for consideration.

In order to deliver a selection process to most effectively select representative teams, some examples of contingency measures in addition to those laid out in 3.1 that may be put in place are listed below:

- Changes to regatta dates and/or venue(s)
- Reduced start lines based upon divisional status (to comply with limits on numbers)
- Adjustment to format of racing or total number of races
- Prioritise events for competitions that are closest in time frame
- Limits on coaching, support staff and or spectators
- Closed event with a limited number of officials and competitors
- Proceed with selection as planned but addition of a race off event opportunity for athletes unable to attend the selection event and who meet the exceptional circumstances criteria in 3.3 (should timelines allow) rather than the use of historical data from more than 12 months ago

This is not an exhaustive list and other scenarios will be considered.

Any athlete found to be in breach of government guidance, including local lockdown restrictions or requirements to self-isolate, may be removed from any selection process.

Any decisions under this clause will engage with the BC Head of Governance and due to the likely time constraints, any decisions taken by a selection panel/committee due to covid-19 is final and binding.

3.4 British Canoeing Canoe Sprint International Panel (IP)

The Canoe Sprint International Panel (IP), which is appointed by and reports to the Board of British Canoeing, is responsible for all aspects of developing, approving and managing the implementation of the Canoe Sprint selection policies. The Terms of Reference can be found [here](#). The IP will consult with athletes, coaches, clubs and the Sprint Racing Committee in the formulation of policies.

The Canoe Sprint International Panel is responsible for proposing and agreeing the selection policy on an annual basis including selecting the Great Britain teams against this policy. The discipline committee play an integral part in helping to formulate the draft selection policy for consultation within the sport.

In line with the IP Terms of Reference, British Canoeing Governance has commissioned an independent review of the Canoe Sprint International Panel that will conclude in Mid-January 2022 which will be presented to the BC Board in January 2022. The Board and Head of Governance will then finalise and publish the terms of reference and appointments of panel members in spring 2022. The IP's will operate as currently until completion of the review:

Sprint & Paracanoe:

Chair: Paul Dimmock (Independent)

Core members: James Train (Acting Lead Coach British Canoeing), Barney Wainwright (Independent), Andy Maddock (British Canoeing), Steve Train (Paracanoe – British Canoeing), Vacant (Independent).

Non-voting member Sprint Racing Committee Non-Voting Observer: Tim Scott (SRC)

All correspondence regarding selection should be addressed to enquiries.internationalpanel@britishcanoeing.org.uk and then it will be passed to the chair and other members.

3.5 Conflicts of Interest

Any member of the IP shall declare any conflicts or potential conflicts of interest and shall refrain from participation in the discussion of and any vote in respect of any selection matter in which they have a material conflict of interest. If a person has any queries in this area, they should consult the British Canoeing Head of Governance and Compliance.

3.6 Funding and Participation

Selection to a Great Britain Team is to specifically identified races in accordance with the prevailing selection policy. Any athlete putting themselves forward for selection to a British Team in 2022 should be aware that there may be significant costs to attend any event(s) to which they are selected. For this reason, British Canoeing has provided the approximate costs for all competitions to assist athletes and families to prepare. Some support may be available through the Sprint Racing Committee and/or National Associations but almost certainly some costs will have to be funded by the selected individuals. Subject to confirmed funding, the funding principles and estimated costs for attending the 2022 competitions are as outlined below:

UK World Class Programme athletes will be funded to attend all races and to which they are selected.

Athletes who are not in receipt of World Class Programme funding will be required to fund their direct costs for each event.

The direct costs for attending the 2022 events, based on flight and event daily participation fee (which includes accommodation and transfer) are approximately:

Senior	Junior/U23
World Cup 1: £1280pp	Junior/U23 European Championships. Total Cost approximately £1100pp.
World Cup 2: £1100pp	Junior/U23 World Championships. Total Cost approximately £1235pp.
Senior World Championships: £1600pp	Olympic Hopes competition. Total Cost approximately £1150pp
Senior European Championships: 1400pp	

Where the level of contribution towards event attendance is not yet known, we recognise a reduction in UK Sport monies which will have repercussions across the board. The funding of our National Teams is an ongoing discussion between SRC, BC and WCP. A further update from Senior Team Manager Holly Fairclough will be made by March 2022 which will include clarity on the level of contributions for each event.

Alongside travel and logistics support for these competitions, team management, emergency medical treatment, race day support will be provided. Preparation/training camps for non-funded athletes are the responsibility of the individual athlete and not part of the GBR Team programme unless specified above.

All athletes putting themselves forward for selection for a Great Britain team are expected to hold a valid passport with a minimum of 6 months unexpired and hold a current European Health Insurance Card (EHIC).

3.7 Injury/Illness

The International Panel reserves the right not to nominate, or to de-select for The World Championships or any international event, any athlete or reserve on the following grounds:

- a) Medical grounds – i.e. when an injury/illness may, in the reasonable opinion of the International Panel, inhibit the achievement of appropriate performance; or
- b) Suitability as a team member, where for example (but not limited to) an athlete's behaviour or attitude leads the International Panel to determine in its opinion that the selection of such athlete would be inappropriate; or
- c) Poor form – i.e. when an athlete's form in events and/or training has decreased to a level which, in the opinion of the International Panel, would inhibit the achievement of appropriate performance.

Such decisions will only be taken following consultation with appropriate section coaches and/or medical reports

3.8 Appeals Procedure

The British Canoeing Appeals process applies to all decisions made under this policy and can be found [here](#). Impartial guidance can also be offered through zofia.campbell@britishcanoeing.org.uk.

3.9 Data Protection

British Canoeing is a privacy conscious organisation and is strongly committed to an individual's 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 2018 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 appropriate consent.

3.10 Policies

For the avoidance of doubt this selection policy operates in conjunction with all relevant British Canoeing policies including but not limited to, Equality, Anti-Doping Policy, Pregnancy, Anti Bullying Policy and Anti Bribery Policy.

3.11 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 IP, the Chair of the IP will be available to speak informally to athletes and in the case of minors, parents.

3.12 Force Majeure

"Force Majeure" means any act, event, omission, cause or circumstance not within the reasonable control of British Canoeing or the race organisers, including but not limited to any strike, lockout or other industrial action, any civil commotion or disorder, riot, invasion, war or terrorist activity or threat of war or terrorist activity, any action taken by a governmental or public authority of any kind (including, without limitation, not granting a consent, exemption, approval or clearance), any fire, explosion, storm, flood, earthquake, subsidence, epidemic or other natural physical disaster. In the event of such Force Majeure affecting the application of the policy, the IP shall have the sole discretion, in consultation with the BC Head of Governance and Compliance, to make a decision in line with the principles, strategy and mission of this selection policy.

4. 2023 ADVANCED INFORMATION

4.1 The intention is that the 2023 Canoe Sprint Senior selection policy will be published by 1st December 2022 to aid in the preparation of all athletes preparing for the 2023 season and Olympic Qualification.

4.2 The intention is that the 2023 Canoe Sprint Junior and U23 policies will be published by 1st January 2023.

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5. GREAT BRITAIN SENIOR TEAM SELECTION 2022

5.1 Senior Team Selection Overview

Team Selection is based upon performances in identified selection regattas or from any pre-selection from previous year results. Subject to mitigating circumstances in order to be considered for selection, athletes must participate in all applicable regattas and events. GBR Teams will be selected for the following competitions in 2022 at the April regatta on 9th/10th, and the June regatta on 4th/5th.

2022 selection can originate from 3 possible points:

- **Based on 2021 results** - Athletes pre-selected to 2022 World Cups 1 (Racice) & 2 (Poznan)
- **April Regatta 9th/10th April 2022** - 2022 World Cups 1 (Racice) & 2 (Poznan)
- **June Regatta 4th/5th 2022** - World Championships (Halifax) and European Championships (Munich)

5.2 Format of Racing

The selection will be based on the outcome of the identified selection race(s) at the 2022 Selection regattas and events.

5.3 Notification of Selection and announcement of 2022 Great Britain Teams

Following a meeting of the International Panel, team selections will be announced on the news section of the British Canoeing website www.britishcanoeing.org.uk by 5pm on the date specified in table 1 below.

5.4 2022 Senior Competitions

Table 1: 2022 Competitions			
Competition/Regatta	Venue	Date	Date of Selection Announcement by IP
Canoe Sprint World Cup Team (Pool) Selection (World Cups 1 & 2)	Holme Pierrepont, GBR	9 th /10 th April 2022	Tuesday 12 th April 2022
World Cup 1	Racice, CZH	20 th /22 nd May 2022	N/A
World Cup 2	Poznan, POL	27 th /29 th May 2022	N/A
Senior World Championship and European Championships Selection	Holme Pierrepont, GBR	4 th /5 th June 2022	Tuesday 7 th June 2022
Senior World Championships	Halifax, CAN	3 rd /7 th August 2022	N/A
Senior European Championships	Munich, GER	18 th /21 st August	N/A

6. WORLD CUPS 1 & 2 SELECTION OVERVIEW

6.1 Pre-selection to the 2022 World Cup Pool

To support preparation for the 2022 Senior World Championships, athletes that achieved an A Final performance in Paris Olympic events at either the 2020(1) Tokyo Olympics or 2021 Senior World Championships will be pre-selected into the 2022 World Cup Pool. The athlete/crew will be considered the winning boat in that specific event for purposes of building the 2022 World Cup Pool.

To support preparation for the 2022 Senior World Championships, athletes that achieved a medal winning performance in a non-Olympic event at the 2021 Senior World Championships will be pre-selected in that event for the 2022 World Cups.

6.2 Athlete's Pre-selected to 2022 World Cup Pool:

Name/Discipline/Event		Name/Discipline/Event	
Charlie Smith	Men's K1 1000m	Deborah Kerr	Women's K2 500m
		Emma Russell	Women's K2 500m
		Katie Reid	Women's C1 200m

6.3 Athlete's Pre-selected to 2022 World Cup – Events

Name	Discipline/Event
Lizzie Broughton	WK1 1000m and 5km

Pre-selected boats must confirm their intention of taking up this place by 31st March 2022 by contacting enquiries.internationalpanel@britishcanoeing.org.uk

6.4 World Cup Pool Qualification Criteria

Athletes fulfilling the below criteria at the April 9th/10th 2022 regatta will be selected to the 2022 World Cups. Athletes will either be selected in a specific event **and** to the World Cup Pool **or** to a World Cup Pool only place. The Section Coach and Individual Athlete Coaches will determine final event entries in each competition and submit rationale to the International Panel for sign off.

Men's Kayak – up to 12 athletes places in the pool

Event	How?	Total No to Pool	Notes:	
K1 200m	First 4 boats qualify to Pool	4	As well as qualifying to the World Cup Pool up to 8* athletes from these events also qualify for the Senior K4 Crew Boat Process** .	All Boats must be within 105% of winning boat.
K1 500m	First 4 boats qualify to Pool	4		
K1 1000m***	First two boats qualify to Pool	2		
K2 500m	Winning Boat qualifies to Pool	2	Guaranteed to race K2 500m in at least one of the World Cups	
<p>*In the case of the same athlete(s) being in top 4 in both K1 200m and K1 500m the IP can at its sole discretion nominate the next best placed athletes to the World Cup Pool and Senior K4 Crew Boat Process. This will be done on the basis of next best % time in relation to winning boats in each event.</p> <p>**In the case of athletes not taking up a place in the Senior K4 Crew Boat Process or withdrawing prior to World Cups the IP can at its sole discretion nominate the next best placed athletes to the World Cup Pool and Senior K4 Crew Boat Process. This will be done on the basis of next best % time in relation to winning boats in K1 200m and K1 500m from the April Regatta.</p> <p>***Athlete pre-selected to World Cup Pool from 2021 result in this event.</p>				

Women's Kayak – up to 12 athlete places in the pool

Event	How?	Total No to Pool	Notes:	
K1 200m	First 4 boats qualify to Pool	4	As well as qualifying to the World Cup Pool up to 8* athletes from these events also qualify for the Senior K4 Crew Boat Process** .	Winning Boat guaranteed to race K1 500m in at least one of the 2022 World Cups.
K1 500m	First 4 boats qualify to Pool	4		
K2 500m***	First 2 boats qualify to Pool	4	Guaranteed to race K2 500m in at least one of the 2022 World Cups.	
<p>*In the case of the same athlete(s) being in top 4 in both K1 200m and K1 500m the IP can at its sole discretion nominate the next best placed athletes to the World Cup Pool and Senior K4 Crew Boat Process.</p> <p>**In the case of athletes not taking up a place in the Senior K4 Crew Boat Process or withdrawing prior to World Cups the IP can at its sole discretion nominate the next best placed athletes to the World Cup Pool and Senior K4 Crew Boat Process. This will be done on the basis of next best % time in relation to winning boats in K1 200m and K1 500m from the April Regatta. This will be done on the basis of next best % time in relation to winning boats in each event.</p> <p>*** Athletes pre-selected to World Cup Pool from 2021 results in this event</p>				

Women's Canoe – up to 7 athlete places in the pool

Event	How?	Total Number to Pool	Notes:	
C1 200m*	First 2 boats qualify to Pool	2	Winning Boat guaranteed to race in that specific event in at least one of the 2022 World Cups.	All Boats must be within 105% of winning boat.
C1 500m	Winning boat qualifies to Pool	1		
C2 500m	First 2 boats qualify to Pool	4		
*Athlete pre-selected to World Cup Pool in this event				

6.5 World Cup Pool Events

Men's Kayak	Women's Kayak	Women's Canoe
K1 200m	K1 200m	C1 200m
K2 200m	K2 200m	C2 200m
K1 500m	K1 500m	C1 500m
K2 500m	K2 500m	C2 500m
K4 500m	K4 500m	
K1 1000m		
K2 1000m		

6.6 Events outside of World Cup Pool – highest ranked boat selected

Men's Kayak	Women's Kayak	Men's Canoe	Women's Canoe
K1 5000m	K1 1000m*	C1 500m	C1 5000m
	K1 5000m*	C1 1000m	
		C2 500m	
		C2 1000m	
		C1 5000m	
<p>Note that in an event where there are less than five boats contesting selection, the IP has sole discretion to select an athlete/crew based on available performance data.</p> <p>* Athlete pre-selected to World Cup(s) in this event</p>			

7. WORLD AND EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP SELECTION OVERVIEW

7.1 Qualification Criteria

The highest ranked boat in the following events* at the June 4th/5th 2022 regatta will be selected to the World Championship and European Championship team.

Men's Kayak	Women's Kayak	Men's Canoe	Women's Canoe	Mixed Events
K1 200m	K1 200m	C1 500m	C1 200m	K2
K2 200m	K2 200m	C1 1000m	C2 200m	C2
K1 500m	K1 500m	C2 500m	C1 500m	
K2 500m	K2 500m	C1 5000m	C2 500m	
K4 500m	K4 500m		C1 5000m	
K1 1000m	K1 1000m			
K2 1000m	K1 5000m			
K1 5000m				

- Men's K4 1000m, Women's K2 1000m, Men's C4 500m, Men's C2 1000m, and Women's C4 500m can be put together from athletes already making the team in other events and where the event does not compromise their other events.
- Any athlete finishing within 102% of the winner will be named as a reserve.

*Subject to events taking place.

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8. GREAT BRITAIN U23 TEAM SELECTION 2022

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8. GREAT BRITAIN U23 TEAM SELECTION 2022

8.1 U23 Team Selection Overview

Team Selection is based upon performances in identified selection regattas. Subject to mitigating circumstances. In order to be considered for selection, athletes must participate in all applicable regattas and events. GBR Teams will be selected for the following competitions in 2022 at the April regatta on 9th/10th April (European Championships) and the July regatta on 2nd/3rd July (World Championships).

2022 selection can originate from 2 possible points:

- Selection to the European Championship Pool at the domestic regatta on 9th/10th April 2022.
- Selection for the World Championships at the domestic regatta on 2nd/3rd July 2022.

8.2 Format of Racing

The selection will be based on the outcome of the identified selection race(s) at the 2022 Selection regattas and events.

8.3 Notification of Selection and announcement of 2022 Great Britain Teams

Following a meeting of the International Panel, team selections will be announced on the news section of the British Canoeing website www.britishcanoeing.org.uk by 5pm on the date specified in table 2 below.

8.4 2022 U23 Competitions

Competition/Regatta	Venue	Date	Date of Selection Announcement by IP
U23 European Championships selection	Holme Pierrepont, GBR	9 th /10 th April 2022	Tuesday 12 th April 2022
European Championships	Belgrade, SRB	23 rd /26 th June 2022	N/A
U23 World Championship Selection	Holme Pierrepont, GBR	3 rd /4 th July 2022	Tuesday 6 th July 2022
U23 World Championships	Szeged, HUN	1 st /4 th Sept 2022	N/A
FISU Canoe Sprint Championships*	POL	16 th /18 th Sept 2022	TBC

*Further information on selection to the University Worlds will be published in coordination with BUCS

9. U23 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS SELECTION OVERVIEW

9.1 European Championship Qualification Criteria

Athletes fulfilling the below criteria at the April 9th/10th 2022 regatta will be selected to the 2022 U23 European Championships. Athletes will either be selected in a specific event **and** to the European Championship Pool **or** to a European Championship Pool only place. The U23 Head Coach and Individual Athlete Coaches will determine final event entries in each competition and submit rationale to the International Panel for sign off.

Men's Kayak – up to 9 athletes places in the pool

Event	How?	Total No to Pool	Notes:
K1 200m	First 3 boats qualify to Pool	3	Must be within 108% of the winning boat.
K1 500m	First 5 boats qualify to Pool	5	
K1 1000m	Winning boat qualifies to Pool	1	
*In the case of the same athlete(s) qualifying in K1 200m, K1 500m or K1 1000m the IP can at its sole discretion nominate the next best placed athletes to the Pool. This will be done on the basis of next best % time in relation to winning boats in each event.			

Women's Kayak – up to 9 athlete places in the pool

Event	How?	Total No to Pool	Notes:
K1 200m	First 3 boats qualify to Pool	3	Must be within 108% of the winning boat.
K1 500m	First 6 boats qualify to Pool	6	
*In the case of the same athlete(s) qualifying in both K1 200m and K1 500m the IP can at its sole discretion nominate the next best placed athletes to the Pool. This will be done on the basis of next best % time in relation to winning boats in each event.			

Women's Canoe – up to 3 athlete places in the pool

Event	How?	Total No to Pool	Notes:
C1 200m	First 3 boats qualify to Pool	3	2 nd and 3 rd boats must be within 108% of the winning boat.
			Winning Boat entry into C1 200m at U23 European Championships

Men's Canoe – up to 3 athlete places in the pool

Event	How?	Total No to Pool	Notes:	
C1 500m	First 2 boats qualify to Pool	2	2 nd boat must be within 108% of the winning boat.	Winning Boat entry into C1 500m at U23 European Championships
C1 1000m	Winning boat qualifies to Pool	1	Entry in C1 1000m at the U23 European Championships.	

9.2 European Championship Pool Events*

Men's Kayak	Women's Kayak	Women's Canoe
K1 200m	K1 200m	C1 200m
K1 500m	K1 500m	C2 200m
K2 500m	K2 500m	C1 500m
K4 500m	K4 500m	C2 500m
K1 1000m	K1 1000m	
K2 1000m		

*Subject to events taking place

10. U23 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SELECTION OVERVIEW

10.1 Qualification Criteria

The highest ranked boat in the following events* at the July 3rd/4th 2022 regatta will be selected to the U23 World Championship team.

Men's Kayak	Women's Kayak	Men's Canoe	Women's Canoe	Mixed Events
K1 200m	K1 200m	C1 500m	C1 200m	K2
K1 500m	K1 500m	C1 1000m	C2 200m	C2
K2 500m	K2 500m	C2 500m	C1 500m	
K4 500m	K4 500m		C2 500m	
K1 1000m	K1 1000m			
K2 1000m				

- Any additional events can be entered from athletes already making the team and where the event does not compromise their other events.
- Any athlete finishing within 102% of the winner will be named as a reserve.

*Subject to events taking place.

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Text in red highlights the two scenarios being considered and feedback being requested.

11. GREAT BRITAIN JUNIOR TEAM SELECTION 2022

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12. JUNIOR EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP SELECTION OVERVIEW (2 SCENARIOS)*

- 12.1 European Championship Qualification Criteria (Scenario 1 April Selection)
- 12.2 European Championship Pool Events (Scenario 1 April Selection)
- 12.3 European Championship Qualification Criteria (Scenario 2 June Selection)*

*Subject to a maximum appeals process of 7 days

13. JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SELECTION OVERVIEW

- 13.1 Qualification Criteria

14. OLYMPIC HOPES REGATTA

- 14.1 Principles & Purpose
- 14.2 Competition Entries and OH Camp

11. GREAT BRITAIN JUNIOR TEAM SELECTION 2022

11.1 Junior Team Selection Overview

Team Selection is based upon performances in identified selection regattas. Subject to mitigating circumstances. In order to be considered for selection, athletes must participate in all applicable regattas and events. GBR Teams will be selected for the following competitions in 2022 at the **April regatta on 9th/10th April Or the June Regatta 4th/5th June 2022 (European Championships)** and the July regatta on 2nd/3rd July (World Championships).

2022 selection can originate from 2 possible points:

- Selection to the European Championship Pool at the domestic regatta on 9th/10th April 2022. Or to the European Championship team at the domestic regatta 4th/5th June 2022.
- Selection for the World Championships at the domestic regatta on 2nd/3rd July 2022.

11.2 Format of Racing

The selection will be based on the outcome of the identified selection race(s) at the 2022 Selection regattas and events.

11.3 Notification of Selection and announcement of 2022 Great Britain Teams

Following a meeting of the International Panel, team selections will be announced on the news section of the British Canoeing website www.britishcanoeing.org.uk by 5pm on the date specified in table 3 below.

11.4 2022 Junior Competitions

Competition/Regatta	Venue	Date	Date of Selection Announcement by IP
Junior European Championships selection	Holme Pierrepont, GBR	9 th /10 th April 2022 or 4 th /5 th June 2022	Tuesday 12 th April 2022 or Tuesday 7 th June 2022
Junior European Championships	Belgrade, SRB	23 rd /26 th June 2022	N/A
Junior World Championship and Olympic Hopes Selection	Holme Pierrepont, GBR	3rd/4 th July 2022	Tuesday 6 th July 2022
Junior World Championships	Szeged, HUN	1 st /4 th Sept 2022	N/A
Olympic Hopes	Bratislava, SVK	10 th /11 th Sept 2022	Tuesday 6 th July 2022

12.1/2 JUNIOR EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS SELECTION OVERVIEW (APRIL SELECTION)

12.1 European Championship Qualification Criteria (April Selection)

Athletes fulfilling the below criteria at the April 9th/10th 2022 regatta will be selected to the 2022 Junior European Championships. Athletes will either be selected in a specific event **and** to the European Championship Pool **or** to a European Championship Pool only place. The U23 Head Coach and Individual Athlete Coaches will determine final event entries in each competition and submit rationale to the International Panel for sign off.

Men's Kayak – up to 8 athletes places in the pool

Event	How?	Total No to Pool	Notes:
K1 200m	First 2 boats qualify to Pool	2	Must be within 108% of the winning boat.
K1 500m	First 3 boats qualify to Pool	3	
K1 1000m	Winning boat qualifies to Pool	1	Entry in K1 1000m at the Junior European Championships.
K2 500m	Winning boat qualifies to Pool	2	Entry in K2 500m at the Junior European Championships.

*In the case of the same athlete(s) qualifying in multiple events the IP can at its sole discretion nominate the next best placed athletes to the Pool. This will be done on the basis of next best % time in relation to winning boats in each event.

Women's Kayak – up to 8 athlete places in the pool

Event	How?	Total No to Pool	Notes:	
K1 200m	First 2 boats qualify to Pool	2	Must be within 108% of the winning boat.	
K1 500m	First 4 boats qualify to Pool	4		Winning Boat entry into WK1 500m at U23 European Championships
K2 500m	Winning boat qualifies to Pool	2		Entry in K2 500m at the Junior European Championships.

*In the case of the same athlete(s) qualifying in multiple events the IP can at its sole discretion nominate the next best placed athletes to the Pool. This will be done on the basis of next best % time in relation to winning boats in each event.

Women's Canoe – up to 3 athlete places in the pool

Event	How?	Total No to Pool	Notes:	
C1 200m	First 3 boats qualify to Pool	3	2 nd and 3 rd boats must be within 108% of the winning boat.	Winning Boat entry into C1 200m at Junior European Championships

Men's Canoe – up to 3 athlete places in the pool

Event	How?	Total No to Pool	Notes:	
C1 500m	First 2 boats qualify to Pool	2	2 nd boat must be within 108% of the winning boat.	Winning Boat entry into C1 500m at Junior European Championships
C1 1000m	Winning boat qualifies to Pool	1	Entry in C1 1000m at the Junior European Championships.	

12.2 European Championship Pool Events*

Men's Kayak	Women's Kayak	Women's Canoe	Men's Canoe
K1 200m	K1 200m	C1 200m	C1 200m
K1 500m	K1 500m	C2 200m	C1 500m
K2 500m	K2 500m	C1 500m	C1 1000m
K4 500m	K4 500m	C2 500m	C2 500m
K1 1000m	K1 1000m		C2 1000m
K2 1000m			

*Subject to events taking place

12.3. JUNIOR EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS SELECTION OVERVIEW (JUNE SELECTION)

Note this scenario is only practical if the revised British Canoeing appeals process provides a defined 'fast track' appeals process that must complete within 7 days of the team announcement.

2.3 Qualification Criteria

The highest ranked boat in the following events* at the June 4th/5th 2022 regatta will be selected to the Junior European Championship team.

Men's Kayak	Women's Kayak	Men's Canoe	Women's Canoe	Mixed Events
K1 200m	K1 200m	C1 500m	C1 200m	K2
K1 500m	K1 500m	C1 1000m	C1 500m	C2
K2 500m	K2 500m	C2 500m	C2 500m	
K4 500m	K4 500m			
K1 1000m				

- Any additional events can be entered from athletes already making the team and where the event does not compromise their other events.
- Any athlete finishing within 102% of the winner will be named as a reserve.

*Subject to events taking place.

13. JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SELECTION OVERVIEW

13.1 Qualification Criteria

The highest ranked boat in the following events* at the July 3rd/4th 2022 regatta will be selected to the Junior World Championship team.

Men's Kayak	Women's Kayak	Men's Canoe	Women's Canoe	Mixed Events
K1 200m	K1 200m	C1 500m	C1 200m	K2
K1 500m	K1 500m	C1 1000m	C2 200m	C2
K2 500m	K2 500m	C2 500m	C1 500m	
K4 500m	K4 500m		C2 500m	
K1 1000m				
K2 1000m				

3. Any additional events can be entered from athletes already making the team and where the event does not compromise their other events.

4. Any athlete finishing within 102% of the winner will be named as a reserve.

*Subject to events taking place.

14. OLYMPIC HOPES REGATTA

14.1 Principles & Purpose:

The Olympic Hopes Regatta serves primarily as a performance event for the best U15/U16/U17 athletes.

1. The maximum team size will consist of up to 32 athletes in total
2. The event will offer racing opportunities for U15, U16 and U17 athletes
3. All athletes who are selected for the Junior Worlds team who remain U18 for 2023 are automatically selected to the 2022 Olympic Hopes team. Note it is the athlete not the boat that is selected.
4. Remaining athletes will be selected based upon their performances at the British Canoeing regatta on 2nd and 3rd July 2022.

The makeup of the team should consist of the following (including those eligible athletes selected through the Junior Worlds team):

Male		Female	
Kayak	Canoe	Kayak	Canoe
U17 - Up to 4 athletes	Up to 4 athletes from U17/U16/U15	U17- Up to 4 athletes	Up to 4 athletes from U17/U16/U15
U16- Up to 6 athletes		U16- Up to 6 athletes	
U15 - Up to 2 athletes		U15 - Up to 2 athletes	

Subject to remaining spaces within the maximum team size (32) any vacant places will be allocated to the relevant highest placed boat(s) at the Regatta on 2nd and 3rd July 2022 in the following classes in U16, U15 and U17 in priority, in order to best achieve a balance across classes and genders:

The highest Ranked Male and Female U16 K2 500m, then the remaining places in the team allocated by K1 500m ranking. (In the event of U15 athletes qualifying in the U16 K2 this would count as an U16 athlete place)

Male		Female	
Kayak	Canoe	Kayak	Canoe
1 x U16 K2 500m K1 500m	C1 500m	1 x U16 K2 500m K1 500m	C1 500m

14.2 Competition entries for all events will be finalised at the Olympic Hopes Camp at Holme Pierrepont TBC. Camp attendance is strongly advised for forming crew boats for events.

APPENDIX 1 - DEFINITIONS

DEFINITIONS	
BC	British Canoeing
British Canoeing Member	An individual holding current British Canoeing 'on the water' membership or National Association equivalent membership
IP	International Panel (appointed by the British Canoeing Board)
ICF	International Canoe Federation
IOC	International Olympic Committee
OCOG	Organising Committee of the Olympic Games
World Leading Time (WLT)	The aggregate of the best 40 times recorded in that event at international level competition.
'World Cup Pool' (Senior Policy)	The International panel will oversee the selection of a World Cup pool through the published policy who are then able to race identified World Cup events to maximise opportunities for crew preparation & individual athlete development. The final race schedule for World Cup pool athletes will be determined by Head Coach, Section Coach and Coaches of Individual Athletes.
European Championships Pool (U23 Policy and Junior April Selection Policy)	The International panel will oversee the selection of a Junior/U23 European Championship pool through the published policy who are then able to race identified European Championship events to maximise opportunities for crew preparation & individual athlete development. The final race schedule for the Junior/U23 European Championship athletes will be determined by U23 HC, Section Coach and Coaches of Individual Athletes.

**Thanks for reading – Please provide
 feedback [here](#) by
 23.59 on Sunday 9th January 2022**

Clarification of Responsibilities - This document relates to the **selection** of individual and crew boats at identified selection regattas which is the responsibility of the International Panel and is detailed in this selection policy. How crew boats are formed fall outside the remit of the IP and this policy. It should also be noted that this is selection to GBR teams and not World Class Programme qualification which falls outside of the remit of the IP.