

Paracanoe Talent Club Partnership Programme

Developing a world-leading and inspiring Paralympic sport talent programme.

What is the vision?

As part of British Canoeing's Stronger Together strategic plan, the Paracanoe Talent Programme is committing to supporting and working in partnership with English performance focused clubs during the Tokyo Paralympic cycle by providing additional engagement, resources and support.

The Paracanoe Talent Club Partnership Programme, which is funded by Sports Aid's Backing the Best scheme will enable clubs to play a crucial role in the creation of a world-class Paracanoe talent pathway, which cultivates talent and creates opportunities for more athletes to become part of the World Class Programme. It will also support clubs to increase the numbers of disabled participants in paddle sports.

What are the Programme Objectives?

- 200% increase in Paracanoe athletes competing within National Regattas and eligible for Performance Programme selection by 2021.
- Develop a network of 3 resource equipped and accessible Partnership clubs capable of developing Paracanoe athletes to a Performance Programme level.
- Create a Paralympic Coaching Pathway.
- Create an education programme for coaches working with athletes that require additional support.
- Increase disability membership numbers within British Canoeing.

What might a Partnership club look like?

Clubs which become part of the programme will be supported with funds to secure a paid coaching role, specifically to increase disability membership and ultimately increase the number of new athletes onto the Paracanoe World Class Programme. Selected clubs will be supported to develop nationally classified Paracanoe athletes each year, who are able to compete at the national regattas.

What support is available to a Partnership Club?

Funding of £12,500 PA is available to support a part-time Paracanoe specific coaching role within 3 clubs. There is also financial support of £12,000 total split between all 3 clubs to help with small infrastructure changes and equipment purchases where required. The Paracanoe Talent Programme will assist with facilitating the establishment of the clubs' new coaching role and will provide help, resources and advice to enable the development of English clubs. Clubs based in other home nations should contact their relevant lead in order to discuss what opportunities are available directly from their own home nation.

What will each Partnership club do?

The club will contract, deploy and manage the club coach with support from the Paracanoe Talent Programme, who can assist throughout this process. The British Canoeing Paracanoe talent coaches will share best coaching practice and provide opportunities for continual development. The club will need to have an established committee structure in place, be affiliated with British Canoeing and currently hold or be working towards Club Mark.

What would be the measures of a successful Club Partnership?

- The club will establish a pathway for Paddle-ability participation from identified partners in its local community.
- The club will show a growth in the number of its disabled members and increased participation in Paddleability.
- The club will develop 5 new athletes per year with a National Classification racing at National Regattas
- The club will develop Paracanoe athletes capable of progressing to the Paracanoe World Class Performance Programme by 2021.
- The club will have a plan in place to ensure the sustainability of the Paracanoe coaching role beyond the funding of this programme (2021 onwards)

What is the application process and timeline?

British Canoeing truly wants to ensure that the support we are able to offer to clubs is appropriate to the environment that they operate in. We invite clubs to examine their current activity and submit an application to become a Paracanoe Talent Club Partner by **Monday 10th December 2018**.

Applications for the Paracanoe Talent Club Partnership will open on Monday 12th November 2018 and can be found [HERE](#), and must be submitted by **12 Noon on Monday 10th December 2018**. **Clubs will need to submit an expression of interest detailing how they will engage with the community to help increase number of disability participants within the sport and feed athletes through to the World Class Programme.** Members of the England Talent Team and the Paracanoe World Class Programme will review and assess the applications and identify which clubs to support. Resources are finite and the support available allows us to support up to 3 clubs.

1. Applications open week commencing 12th November 2018 and close 10th December 2018 at 12 Noon.
2. Assessment of the club applications by the review panel by Monday 14th January 2019.
3. All applicants will be informed of outcome, Partnership clubs will be announced and implementation will begin week commencing 21st January 2019

The review panel will consist of:

Backing the Best the Co-ordinator – Roger Weir
Paracanoe Head Coach – Scott Simon
Senior Podium Technical Coach – Colin Radmore
Head of Talent - Rich Ramsdale
Head of Strategy- Guin Batten

The panel will assess applications and review against the criteria listed below. No single element will be considered in isolation and the panel will be seeking to ensure that investments maximise impact and strategic value within the domestic Paracanoe talent pool.

- **Potential long term impact of the Club Partnership.**
 - **Location of the club and access to and relationships with disability charities/schools/colleges/universities.**
 - **Ability to evidence of an existing performance pathway that will support the development of a Paracanoe Talent Pathway.**
 - **Ability to evidence current Paddle-Ability Accreditation and Club Quality Mark (or working towards and likely to achieve).**
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