



British Canoeing - Canoe Sprint International Panel Statement - June 2023

This statement provides an important clarification to the Canoe Sprint 2023 Selection Policy ahead of this weekend's July selection regatta:

The senior team selection for the 2023 World Championships (& World Cup #3) in Olympic events (except K4's) will occur over up to 3 races. As this is a new approach for 2023, we urge all competitors striving for selection to read the [2023 policy](#) to be clear on how it works. The IP have identified a situation that will likely arise where some athletes aim to race an Olympic event through to the first final but as it is not a priority event for their selection then they won't race the second final as they are not looking to be selected in this event and want to get prepared for other races during the weekend.

The IP encourages event prioritisation and also wishes to ensure that anyone can race in an event(s) and therefore will add the following wording in blue below in order to be able to identify a full selection order of boats for selection and/or nomination of reserves:

The existing policy wording in the 2023 policy is:

13.1. Events highlighted (in bold) within Table 10 will be subject to a best of three race format. Any athlete or boat winning race 1 and 2 will be deemed the highest ranked boat. In the case of a different winner in race 1 and race 2, there will be a third race between the two first placed boats from races one and two to confirm the highest **and second** ranked boat in that event.*

The IP will determine a full selection order by adding the following text to be read in addition to the published wording in section 13.1. above:

'A ranking for 3rd place onwards will be determined from the results of Race 1 and Race 2 by adding the two positions achieved by each athlete/crew to organise athletes/crews into their final selection position. Race position is equated to points (e.g. 3rd place = 3 points) with the lowest total equating to the higher ranking. In the event of a tie in points/ranking, the athlete/crew with the closest combined percentage time to the winner across Race 1 and Race 2 will be deemed the higher ranking athlete/crew. Athletes/crews not starting in either race 1 or race 2 will score 10 points for ranking purposes.'

This additional wording enables a full ranking to be determined so as to ensure that any athlete meeting the required standard can clearly be considered for selection to the Worlds Team or as a named reserve.

For example: If the winner of race 1 chooses not to race race 2 then the winner of race 2 will win overall if the winner of race 1 does not contest the 'race off' - (race 3) and the winner of race 1 will be considered the second placed boat. If both of the top 2 boats are prioritising a different event, then the additional wording ensures that a clear order for 3rd onwards can be determined.

2024 Canoe Sprint Senior & Olympic Team Selection Policies – NOW PUBLISHED.

The 2024 sprint senior & Olympic team selection policies are published today ahead of the July regatta as there are opportunities at the 2023 senior World Championships that can be counted towards the 2024 selection process. The policies can be found [here](#).

The International Panel would like to take this opportunity to thank those that have taken the time and effort to provide feedback into the draft versions that were circulated as part of the public consultation undertaken in late May. Whilst not every opinion, comment or observation can be accommodated, the panel has considered all of the feedback and has made changes and adjustments as appropriate.