



PD Paracanoe and Canoe Sprint Announcement

Chris Furber appointed as Performance Director for Canoe Sprint and Paracanoe

British Canoeing is delighted to announce that Chris Furber has been appointed to British Canoeing as the Performance Director for Canoe Sprint and Paracanoe.

Chris is one of the most experienced practitioners in high performance sport, after a successful tenure as head coach of the GB para-cycling team, before more than eight years at the helm of British Swimming's world leading para-swimming programme.

Chris was appointed after a competitive recruitment process with a panel which included representatives from both disciplines as well as a member of the sprint community, UK Home Nations, athlete representatives and UK Sport.

On his appointment, Chris said: "I'm delighted to have been appointed into this new role and I'm excited to get started.

"British Canoeing is an organisation I have admired for many years and I have followed with interest the performances from both of these programmes.

"I'm very much hoping that I can use the experiences and skills I have gained over the last 21 years in performance sport to continue the success of the Paracanoe programme and support the Canoe Sprint programme to fulfil its huge potential.

"I understand the vital roles played by clubs and their volunteer coaches and committees in the success of any pathway and my intention is to work closely with the canoeing community. British Canoeing has developed a strong strategy in consultation with all stakeholder groups and I want us all to bring it to life and feel a collective pride in the performance of our international teams."

Keir Worth, Director of Paddlesport for British Canoeing, said: "We are delighted to have someone of Chris' calibre join our performance programme.

"Chris has a proven track record in leading performance teams in two sports with a passion and vision for building a strong team culture."

Chris will take up the role on 31 January 2022.

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