



## Paddle UK - Canoe Sprint & Paracanoe International Panel Statement Wednesday 15th April 2026

The International Panel would like to start by sincerely thanking the volunteers, officials, Regatta Committee and SRC for creating and delivering another successful National regatta in extremely challenging conditions.

### Performance standards

It is important to note that the weather conditions over the weekend were extremely challenging for the full duration of racing, with strong head winds and gusts. Although challenging, we believe this was 'fair' across the competition. As we are selecting athlete pools (rather than first past the post), we are able to be flexible with standards and deemed the weather to be sufficient for this process. Performance standards have been assessed by looking at the percentage from the winner rather than % of WLT.

### Exceptional Circumstances: (Not subject to appeal)

The International panel received and considered requests for Exceptional Circumstances from the following:

#### Canoe Sprint:

Dianora De Bilio - Request for direct entry to junior K1 athlete pool due to injury - **Accepted**

Tom Patterson - Request for direct junior Crew Boat athlete pool entry due to injury - **Accepted** & K1 200m race - **Rejected**

Elise Montagna - Request for direct U23 Crew Boat athlete pool entry due to injury during the regatta - **Accepted**

Jessie Urquhart - Request for consideration for the K1 1000m race off after falling ill during the regatta - **Rejected**

Benji Cabrera - Request to be added to the K1 500 race due to weather conditions - **Rejected**

#### Paracanoe:

Jack Evers - Request to be added to the VL3 athlete pool and to be given the opportunity for a race off or time trial to be considered for Brandenburg team selection, due to injury - **Accepted**

Emma Wiggs - Request to be added to the KL2 athlete pool and for a time trail in the Kayak to prove performance standard, due to being unable to race due to adverse weather conditions - **Accepted**

Any athletes granted direct entry to the athlete pool are shown with a \*\* by their name.

### Selection to the Canoe Sprint 2026 Senior Athlete Pool:

Subject to appeal, the following athletes are selected into the senior athlete pool based on an assessment of performance standard:

Men		Women	
Kayak	Canoe	Kayak	Canoe
T. Lusty (SOL)	T. Lambert (LIN)	D. Kerr (SPS)	B. Gill (NOT)
D. Johnson (NOT)		E. Lewis (WOR)	A.Fitzhenry (BCC)
D. O'Connor (RIC)		L. Lee - Smith (NOR)	
T. Holland (WEY)		K. Armstrong (SPS)	
M. Collinge (NOT)		Z. Clark (ROY)	
B. Cabrera (FOY)		A.Green (WOR)	
M. Johnson (NOT)		A.Burgess (WEY)	
X. Hinvès (SOU)		M. Johnson (NOT)	
G. Popham - Coveley (NOT)			
James Russell (NOT)			

The actual nominal entries for the 2 World Cup races will be announced on the [paddleuk.org.uk](http://paddleuk.org.uk) website by 4pm on Thursday 23rd April.

Doubles head to head racing will take place on Tuesday 21st April at 9am. Crews must be available to race to be eligible for team selection. **To express your interest in racing at this, please email Justine by 4pm on Friday with confirmation of your crew.**

### Selection to the Paracanoe 2026 Athlete pool:

Subject to appeal, the following athletes are selected into the Paracanoe 2026 Athlete pool:

Men		Women	
Kayak		Kayak	
KL3 200m	R. Oliver (SOL) J. Young (PAR) J. Tarrant (RLS) C. Knowlden (RLS) F. Stallard (FLA)	KL3 200m	H. Gordon (SPS) L. Thorpe (4AS)
KL2 200m	D. Phillipson (PAR)	KL2 200m	C. Henshaw (NOT) E. Wiggs (NOT) **
KL1 200m		KL1 200m	
Va'a		Va'a	
VL3 200m	S. Wood (NOT) D. Phillipson (PAR) J. Eyers (POO) **	VL3 200m	C. Henshaw (NOT) H. Gordon (SPS)
VL2 200m	E. Clifton (CLM) X. Van Der Poll (RLS)	VL2 200m	E. Wiggs (NOT)
VL1 200m	T. Price (RLS) T. Gough (RLS)	VL1 200m	

### Selection to the Paracanoe 2026 World Cup, Brandenburg, GER:

Subject to appeal, the following athletes are selected into the Brandenburg World Cup team:

Men		Women	
Kayak		Kayak	
KL3 200m	R. Oliver (SOL) J. Young (PAR)	KL3 200m	H. Gordon (SPS) L. Thorpe (4AS)
KL2 200m	D. Phillipson (PAR)	KL2 200m	C. Henshaw (NOT) E. Wiggs (NOT)****
KL1 200m		KL1 200m	
Va'a		Va'a	
VL3 200m	S. Wood (NOT) D. Phillipson (PAR) or J. Eyer's POO)***	VL3 200m	C. Henshaw (NOT) H. Gordon (SPS)
VL2 200m	E. Clifton (CLM) X. Van Der Poll (RLS)	VL2 200m	E. Wiggs (NOT)
VL1 200m		VL1 200m	

\*\*\* Subject to race off on Tuesday 28th April for Brandenburg selection.

\*\*\*\*Subject to coaching panel decision

**All Senior Sprint & Paracanoe athletes are required to confirm or decline their place by emailing ([justine.lucas@paddleuk.org.uk](mailto:justine.lucas@paddleuk.org.uk)) or whatsapping (07719086449) Justine by 4pm on Friday 17th April.**

### 2026 U23 World & European Championships Crew Boat Athlete Pool Nominations:

Subject to appeal, the following athletes are nominated into the U23 Crew Boat athlete pool based on an assessment of performance standard:

Men		Women	
Kayak	Canoe	Kayak	Canoe
D. O'Connor (RIC)		K. Armstrong (SPS)	
B. Cabrera (FOY)		A. Green (WOR)	
X. Hives (SOU)		E. King (ROY)	
G. Popham - Coveley (NOT)		K. Pocklington (NOT)	
N. Kinzler (RIC)		E. Wong (CDF)	
L. Lovell (WOR)		J. Urquhart (NOT)	
W. Short (ELM)		S. Dunlop (ELM)	
T. Bullock (NOT)		N. Hall (WEY)	
W. Stevely (SPS)		E. Montagna** (ROY)	

## 2026 U23 World & European Championships K1 & C1 Single Boat Athlete Pool Nominations:

Subject to appeal, the following athletes are nominated into the K1/C1 athlete pool based on an assessment of performance standard: **Selection will take place on Friday 29th May at the May regatta.**

Men		Women	
Kayak		Kayak	
K1 200m	D. O'Connor (RIC) L. Lovell (WOR) N.Kinzler (RIC)	K1 200m	A. Green (WOR) K. Armstrong (SPS) K. Pocklington (NOT)
K1 500m	X. Hinves (SOU) D. O'Connor (RIC) G. Popham - Coveley (NOT)	K1 500m	K. Armstrong (SPS) A.Green (WOR) J. Urquhart (NOT)
K1 1000m	G. Popham - Coveley (NOT) X. Hinves (SOU) T. Bullock (NOT)	K1 1000m	K. Armstrong (SPS) A.Green (WOR) E. Wong (CDF)
Canoe		Canoe	
C1 200m	G. Bell (FLA) O. Chisholm (RIC)	C1 200m	
C1 500m	G. Bell (FLA) O. Chisholm (RIC)	C1 500m	
C1 1000m	O. Chisholm (RIC) G. Bell (FLA)		

Please note, following the crew boat weekend, the IP have the discretion to add additional athletes to the race off due to spots becoming available once crews have been decided.

**All U23 & Junior athletes are required to confirm their place within the pool by emailing ([charlie.barwis@paddleuk.org.uk](mailto:charlie.barwis@paddleuk.org.uk)) or whatsapping (07596553763) Charlie by 4pm on Friday 17th April.**

## 2026 Junior World & European Championships Crew Boat Athlete Pool Nominations:

Subject to appeal, the following athletes are nominated into the Junior Crew Boat athlete pool based on an assessment of performance standard:

Men		Women	
Kayak	Canoe	Kayak	Canoe
T. Hatton (RIC)		A. Bates (RIC)	B. Keane (RIC)
O. Mazur (RDG)		M. Burton (ELM)	H. Toovey (GLW)
F. Heard (EXE)		S. Green (WOL)	
S. Dickson (FOX)		I. Field (ELM)	
S. Sroka (SPS)		E. Landsborough (NOT)	
F. Fowler - Rimell (WOR)		R. Shephard (RDG)	
S. Sparks (RLS)		D. De Bilio** (ROY)	
B. Eskriett (GAI)			
A. Hunter Hopkins (DEV)			
I. Popham - Coveley (FOX)			
T. Kinder (RDG)			
N. Nagy (RDG)			
T. Patterson** (SPS)			

## GBR Junior & U23 Crew Boat Process Overview:

The primary goal of the Great Britain Junior and U23 Crewboat Process is to unite athletes across the UK to form the most competitive GBR crews. Within K4 events the crew boat assessment days will act as the main part of selecting boats for the JUN/U23 European and World Championships in 2026. There is also scope within this process to identify K2s that can race for selection at the May Regatta.

The Crew Boat Panel will use the crew boat assessment days to form K4s that will be nominated to the International Panel for selection to the JUN/U23 European and World Championships. The International Panel is ultimately responsible for the final selection of these boats and will consider Performance Standards and other

criteria as set out in the Paddle UK Canoe Sprint Junior and U23 Selection Policy when making a final decision on selection.

The U23 & Junior crewboat process will take place at the National Watersports Centre, Nottingham on the 25th & 26th April. Athletes will be required to arrange their own travel and accommodation for the weekend.

**Full details of the U23 & Junior crewboat process can be found [HERE](#).**

### 2026 Junior World & European Championships K1 & C1 Single Boat Athlete Pool Nominations:

Subject to appeal, the following athletes are nominated into the K1/C1 athlete pool based on an assessment of performance standard: **Selection will take place on Friday 29th May at the May regatta.**

Men		Women	
Kayak		Kayak	
<b>K1 200m</b>	T. Hatton (RIC) F. Heard (EXE) O. Mazur (RDG)	<b>K1 200m</b>	C. Fulford (RDG) A. Bates (RIC) S. Green (WOL) D. De Bilio** (ROY)
<b>K1 500m</b>	T. Hatton (RIC) S. Dickson (FOX) O. Mazur (RDG)	<b>K1 500m</b>	A. Bates (RIC) C. Fulford (RDG) M. Burton (ELM) D. De Bilio** (ROY)
<b>K1 1000m</b>	T. Hatton (RIC) S. Dickson (FOX) O. Mazur (RDG)	<b>K1 1000m</b>	A. Bates (RIC) R. Shephard (RDG) M. Burton (ELM) D. De Bilio** (ROY)
Canoe		Canoe	
<b>C1 200m</b>	A. Szalontai (RIC)	<b>C1 200m</b>	B. Keane (RIC) H. Toovey (GLW)
<b>C1 500m</b>	A. Szalontai (RIC)	<b>C1 500m</b>	B. Keane (RIC) H. Toovey (GLW)
<b>C1 1000m</b>	A. Szalontai (RIC)		

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### FISU World University Canoe Sprint Championships (Governed by BUCS not the International Panel)

Thank you to all athletes who submitted an expression of interest for the World University Championships taking place in Sukoro, Hungary in August. The selection meeting is taking place today. All those who were eligible, will receive an email with the outcome of the selection meeting by COP today (Wednesday 15th April). You will have 24 hours to accept or decline your place, as per the policy.

### Compete Clean+

A reminder that ALL selected athletes are required to have a valid **Compete Clean+ certificate** to compete internationally. Please ensure yours is up to date, prior to competition.

### Questions?

The International panel recognises that the selection policy can seem a complicated process and in the situation that you have a question about the application of the policy or wish to simply discuss an aspect of the selection process then we would welcome the opportunity to assist. If you have any questions, please contact the IP through this email: [enquiries.internationalpanel@paddleuk.org.uk](mailto:enquiries.internationalpanel@paddleuk.org.uk).

### Appeals

The Paddle UK selection policy has a clear appeals process as outlined in the policy and can be found [here](#). Please remember that any appeal must be submitted within 2 working days of the publication of this statement to the Head of Governance at: [appeals@paddleuk.org.uk](mailto:appeals@paddleuk.org.uk). Any Appeal would be heard by three members of the Paddle UK Disciplinary and Appeal Panel Register (a current list is available [here](#)). If you object to any potential Panel members hearing your Appeal, please detail this in your Notice of Appeal as well as outlining the reasons for the objection.