

Irish Canoe Slalom Selection Policy For 2017

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1 Introduction

1.1 Scope of the Selection Policy

The 2017 Selection Policy for Canoe Slalom (hereinafter referred to as the “2017 Selection Policy”) outlines criteria and eligibility conditions relevant to the selection of athletes to be members of the Senior, Under 23, and Junior Teams that will represent Ireland at slalom events during the 2017 season.

Athletes who are selected to any team for a particular season will remain selected, provided that they continue to meet the age and other requirements for that team, until the teams are selected for the following season.

The policy is prepared by the Irish Canoe Slalom Committee, which is a technical committee affiliated to Canoeing Ireland. Throughout this document the term “Slalom Committee” should be interpreted as referring to the Irish Canoe Slalom Committee.

The 2017 Selection Policy applies to 2017 season only. Previous selection policies will have no bearing on the 2017 Selection Policy and cannot be used as a basis upon which an appeal or otherwise can be made in relation to athlete selection for 2017.

1.2 Structure of the selection Policy

The policy is structured so that

1. The selection process is described in the main body of the document
2. Specific information relating to the selection of Senior, Under 23, and Junior teams for the 2017 season is detailed in Appendix A

1.3 Purpose, Aims and Principles of the Policy

The primary purpose of the selection policy is to select the best possible athletes of a suitable standard to represent Ireland at International events in 2017.

The long term aims of the policy are to

1. Identify athletes with the capacity to represent Ireland in the future at all levels.
2. Support the development of athletes in all racing classes by providing a target to aim for and an objective test of their ability.

The principles used to meet these aims include:

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1. Objectivity:
The Team will be selected using objective criteria based on clear parameters
2. Transparency:
The selection method will be easily interpreted and published prior to each season

1.4 Implementation of the Selection Policy

The policy will be binding on all athletes seeking selection and on the Slalom Committee who will implement the selection process in line with this policy.

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2 Eligibility and Application Requirements

2.1 Eligibility Criteria that apply to all athletes

In order to be eligible for selection, all athletes applying for selection must;

- a) Show proof that they hold an Irish passport, or a U.K. passport that shows the holder's birthplace to be in Northern Ireland
(NOTE: While athletes are required to meet the passport requirements detailed above, due to the timeframe to selection, the committee will accept documentary proof of entitlement to an Irish passport. This derogation will apply for attendance at the selection races in 2017 ONLY)
AND
- b) Be a current registered member of Canoeing Ireland who is eligible to represent Ireland at ICF Canoe Slalom Events in accordance with ICF Rules
AND
- c) Not have competed in any international canoe slalom event, other than for Ireland, in the previous 3 years.

2.2 Eligibility to Compete at Junior and Under 23 level

As stated in ICF rule 3.4," The first year a competitor can compete in an ICF or International competition is the year that their 15th birthday falls in. The last year they can compete in a Junior category is the year that their 18th birthday falls in. The last year he/she can compete in Under 23 category is the year that their 23rd birthday falls in."

For more details concerning the eligibility to compete at Junior and Under 23 level, please refer to appendices C and D

Appendix C provides an extract of the ICF (International Canoe Federation) rules concerning Junior and Under 23 Eligibility

Appendix D provides an extract of those ECA (European Canoe Association) rules that differ from their ICF counterparts.

Juniors may seek selection at Junior, Under 23, and Senior level.

Under 23 athletes may seek selection at both Under 23 and senior level.

2.3 Application Requirements

All Applicants should:

1. Download the Application Form that will be available on www.canoe.ie/slalom
2. Complete all sections of the form and Email the completed form to irishcanoeslalomsecretary@gmail.com, before the due dates shown in Appendix A.

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3. Print and sign a hard copy of the application form. Then post or otherwise deliver the signed form to the offices of Canoeing Ireland so that it is received before close of business on the due date shown in Appendix A.
4. Maintain the conditions and terms detailed in the 2017 Selection Policy;

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3 Types of Selection

Athletes may be selected by the following methods:

1. Pre-selection
2. Performance Selection
OR
3. Discretionary Selection

Regardless of how an athlete achieves selection, continued selection will always be conditional upon an athlete meeting and maintaining the Athlete Eligibility Criteria, outlined above, and by that athlete signing and complying with the terms and conditions contained in the Athlete Contract.

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4 Pre-Selection

Before the Selection Events take place, athletes may be pre-selected, either for the season or for particular events, on the basis of exceptional circumstances such as illness or injury to an athlete or on the basis that a race, in which the athlete wishes to compete, is scheduled too close to the date of the proposed Selection Events to allow them wait until then before making plans to compete.

4.1 Application for Pre selection

If an athlete is unable to attend or unable to compete at the designated Selection Events due to exceptional circumstances or if one or more of the races that require selection are scheduled so close to the Selection Events that it would be impractical to wait until then in order to make adequate preparations to compete at the race or races in question, he or she may apply, in writing, to the Irish Canoe Slalom Committee for Pre Selection in advance of the selection events.

4.1.1 Applications related to Exceptional Circumstances

Applications for pre selection on the basis of exceptional circumstances, such as injury, illness, severe financial constraints, examinations or other unavoidable commitments, must provide evidence that the athlete could not reasonably be expected to attend or compete at the Selection Events.

Applications for Pre Selection on the basis of exceptional circumstances, including all supporting documentation, should be received at the offices of Canoeing Ireland by close of business on the date shown in Appendix A, as appropriate, or emailed to irishcanoeslalomsecretary@gmail.com by midnight on the same date.

Applications for Pre selection on this basis will only be considered after that date if the particular circumstance leading to the application, for example, the onset of illness or injury, occurred after that date. In these circumstances, the athlete must make their application as soon as it becomes apparent that they are unable to take part in the selection races.

4.1.2 Applications related to the scheduling of a race

Applications for pre-selection, for an event that takes place before the selection events or so shortly afterwards that it would be impractical to wait for selection before entering or making travel arrangements, should be sent to the slalom committee by the date shown in Appendix A or earlier, if interested parties are requested to do so by the committee. As athletes are selected from one Selection Event to the next, it is not necessary for those athletes, who have won selection in a particular year, to seek pre-selection in respect of events that are scheduled to take place prior to the following year's Selection Event and for which specific selection arrangements have not been made.

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4.2 Consideration of Pre-selection Applications

In considering each application, the Slalom Committee will appoint and be advised by an Athlete Assessment Panel who will be made up of Committee members and/or others who are not related to the applicant or to any other athlete who competes in the same class as the applicant. The Panel will give whatever weight it chooses to the applicant's results, the nature of any exceptional circumstances (such as, for example, the seriousness of their injury or illness), and any other issues which the applicant chooses to bring to the attention of the Committee.

It is a condition of consideration for Pre-Selection that an athlete seeking Pre-Selection agrees to accept the decision of the Committee as final and binding.

4.3 Decisions in relation to pre-selection Applications

Following consideration of the application, the Slalom Committee may

1. Seek additional information or documentation before making a decision
2. Treat late applications, that are received too close to the selection events to allow a proper evaluation, as applications for discretionary selection that will be considered after the events are completed
3. Grant the request for pre-selection
4. Refuse the request
5. Order that a race off take place, at a time to be determined by the Slalom Committee, between any or all of the following
 - a. one or more of the athletes seeking pre-selection,
 - b. one or more of the athletes seeking discretionary selection,
 - and
 - c. one or more of the highest placed athletes in the selection races.

The Slalom Committee's decision with regard to Pre-Selection will be considered final.

Where an application is granted or a race off is ordered, the other candidates for selection in the relevant class will be advised as soon as practical so that they will be aware of how many places on the team are available to be won at the selection events.

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5 Performance Selection

5.1 Summary

Athletes may achieve performance selection to the places available on the Senior, Under 23, and Junior teams, taking into account those places assigned by Pre Selection and Discretionary Selection, by finishing with the lowest time (including penalties), as a percentage of the leading MK1 time, at each of the designated Athlete Selection Events (hereinafter referred to as "Selection Events"), subject to the Athlete Assessment Process detailed below.

The provisional dates and venues for the selection events are shown in Appendix A.

5.2 Selection Ranking System

5.2.1 Retained and Discarded Results

Each athlete's ranking position is based on their best time, calculated as a percentage of the leading Irish MK1 athlete, in the Heats of the three races.

Of the two Heat stage runs in each race, they will therefore discard their time in the run that produces the highest percentage of the leading Irish MK1 athlete, and retain their time in the run that produces the lowest percentage of the leading Irish MK1 athlete.

5.2.2 Ranking Order

Competitors will be awarded a percentage for each run using the following formula

$$(\text{Competitors run time} / \text{Fastest Irish Mk1 time for that run}) * 100$$

- The result will be rounded to 1 decimal place
- Run time in all cases is the raw time plus penalties for a particular run
- Fastest MK1 is the fastest run time recorded by an athlete eligible for selection in the MK1 class

Competitors in the Selection Events will be ranked according to the sum of their best percentage in each of the selection races.

The lowest percentage achieved by an athlete in each race over the two Heats is his or her percentage for that race. The sum of these percentages is added for all races and the athlete with the lowest combined percentage achieves first place for that class followed in order by those with the next lowest totals.

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Appendix A provides an example of how the ranking order is calculated for the selection events governed by this policy.

5.2.3 Tie Breakers

In the event that one or more athletes are tied on the sum of their ranking percentages, the ranking order of the tied athletes will be decided, unless otherwise specified, using, in order, the following methods:

1. The lowest aggregate percentage against the winning total in all the races or runs for which points may be earned
(i.e., The total of each tied athlete as a percentage, rounded to 2 decimal places, of the winner's total, in all the races or runs, for which points may be awarded, are added together. The tied athlete with the lowest total wins the tie.
For this tie breaker, runs that are not contested will count as 999%, as this gives an advantage to an athlete who competes in all the selection races or runs over any athlete who only competes in the minimum number of races or runs).

or, in the event that there is still a tie after tiebreaker one is applied:

2. Tied competitors in the Selection Events will be ranked by awarding points to each athlete in respect of their overall finishing position in each race.
Points are awarded in the following order:

1st = 100 points,

2nd = 97 points,

3rd = 95 points,

4th equals 94 points, 5th equals 93 points, 6th = 92 points and so on (i.e. the number of points drop by one for each place after 3rd)

The points awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places decrease by differing amounts in order to reduce the chances of a tie on points and to incentivise the achievement of high places.

5.3 Athlete Assessment Process

In order to verify that athletes are of a high enough standard to compete at international events, the Slalom Committee will set a Performance Standard for each class, expressed as a percentage of the leading Irish MK1 time, as detailed in Appendix A, which will form the basis for selection.

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5.3.1 Performance Standards

Athletes will be selected, up to the number of places available for each race, in accordance with their Selection Ranking, provided that each athlete achieves a Performance Standard, in a number of races or runs.

The Performance Standard is expressed as a percentage of the top Irish MK1, total (i.e., time plus penalties) in a race or run and these percentages, together with the number of races or runs in which they must be achieved, are outlined in Appendix A.

5.3.2 Selection to events other than those listed in Appendix B

These performance standards relate to events listed in Appendix B. Athletes who do not achieve the standard set for the senior events listed in Appendix B and who wish to represent Ireland at other ICF/ECA events on the international calendar may apply to the Slalom Committee, through the Athlete Assessment Panel, for Discretionary Selection to do so.

Junior or Under 23 athletes who do not achieve the performance standard set for the Junior and Under 23 events listed in Appendix B, or who are not within the relevant limit, above that standard, required to apply for discretionary selection for the events in Appendix B, may still apply for discretionary selection to represent Ireland in the ECA Cup events.

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6 Selection Events

The Slalom Committee may decide that selection will be based on a number of races or runs that are scheduled to be held in Ireland, outside of Ireland, or any combination of the two.

6.1 Domestic Selection Events

6.1.1 Domestic Selection Event Organising Committee

The Slalom Committee will appoint a Selection Event Organising Committee to run domestic selection races. The Organising Committee will be made up of members of the slalom community, including, but not limited to, members of the slalom committee, who, in the view of that committee, are qualified, as a group, to perform this task.

6.1.2 Domestic Selection Events and the ICF rules

Each domestic selection race will, as far as the organising committee judge it to be possible, be run in accordance with ICF rules.

6.1.3 Changes to the published arrangements for domestic races

The organising committee, being aware that athletes may have travelled considerable distances to take part in selection on the advertised dates, will do everything they can to ensure that the races proceed as scheduled. However, some factors, such as the weather, cannot be predicted far in advance and, as a result, the Slalom Committee, in consultation with the Organising Committee may have to make changes to the advertised schedule. In considering these issues, the safety of our athletes will be the paramount consideration.

The changes that may be made by the Slalom Committee, in consultation with the Organising Committee, include but are not limited to the following:

1. The cancellation of one or more of the races
2. Moving one or more races to any other site that, in the view of the Organising Committee, is suitable.
3. Cancelling or moving one or more races for a particular class.
For example, the Organising Committee could decide that, for a particular race or races, the conditions at the designated race site are only suitable for Senior Athletes or athletes seeking senior selection.
4. In the event that the races cannot proceed as scheduled, the Slalom Committee may also decide to make changes to the manner in which the series is decided and/or the manner in which Ranking Points are awarded. The changes that may be made include but are not limited to the following:

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5. In the event of one race not starting or not being completed, for some or all classes, the selection race series may be determined, for the classes that were not completed, by the results of the other races/runs held.
6. In the event that a race has to be cancelled before all classes have competed, the Slalom Committee may decide to accept the results of the classes that have completed their runs.
7. A race that is scheduled for two runs may be reduced to one run, and vice versa
8. Following any of these changes, the Slalom Committee may adjust the number of races or runs in which ranking points are awarded, the number of races or runs for which ranking points may be discarded, and the number of races or runs in which the performance percentage must be achieved.

6.2 Selection Events held outside Ireland

Selection events held outside Ireland will be run in accordance with the rules of the local ICF affiliated body. For example, events that are held in Britain will be run in accordance with the rules of the BCU.

6.3 Enquiries or Protests concerning Selection Race Results

6.3.1 Enquiries or protests concerning Domestic Race results

Enquiries concerning timing or penalties must be made to the Organising Committee for the race in question within 20 minutes of the race results for the competitor being published on-site, for example, within 20 minutes of the race card, showing times and penalties, being displayed for the competitor.

The Selection Event Organising Committee will appoint a Competition Jury to adjudicate on each enquiry/protest. No member of the Jury will be related to any athlete who is seeking selection.

The Slalom Committee will accept the outcome of the enquiry / protest and calculate ranking points accordingly.

6.3.2 Enquiries or protests concerning the results of International Selection Races

Enquiries/Protests concerning timing or penalties must be made to the organising authorities for the race in question, through the Team Manager appointed by the Slalom Committee. For example, the authorities for a British race will be those appointed by the BCU. In such cases, the Slalom Committee will accept the outcome of the enquiry/protest and calculate ranking points accordingly.

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7 Discretionary Selection

7.1 Summary

Following the completion of the Selection Events, athletes, who have achieved a result that is LESS THAN the performance Standard, (i.e., the athlete's time is greater than that required to achieve the performance standard) shown in Appendix A, may apply for discretionary selection, in respect of some or all of the races requiring selection. The Committee may select such athletes or ask them to take part in a race off to determine which athletes should be selected, in order to

1. Complete a team
2. Take account of exceptional circumstances

Applications for Discretionary Selection should be submitted to the Slalom Committee, along with any supporting documentation, by the date provisionally shown in Appendix A, Table 5.

7.2 To complete a team

The committee may add athletes to a team or order a race off between athletes in the event that

- a. places on the Senior, Under 23 or Junior Teams, for all races or for a particular race or races, remain unfilled following the designated Selection Events;
or
- b. places subsequently become available on a team, for all races or for particular races
or
- c. one athlete of a C2 crew is injured

In all these cases, applications may be made by athletes, or their parents in the case of athletes who are under 18 years of age, who achieved a result that was within the percentage of the Performance Standard that is listed in Appendix A and titled Discretionary Selection Limit.

Such applications will be considered by an Athlete Assessment Panel who will examine such applications and provide advice to the Slalom Committee. In each case, the panel will be made up of members with experience and knowledge of the sport who are not related to any applicant for selection in the class for which the application is being considered. Any Slalom Committee member with any such conflict of interest will not take part in discussions or decisions on the application.

The Panel will consider the following:

1. The placing, time, and penalties of the athlete in the selection races

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2. The performance of the athlete in any British Prem or Div 1 race and/or international races in the previous season or, in the case of athletes who had been injured or ill, in any previous season that the Panel considers relevant and
3. Any other factors that the athlete, or their parents in the case of Junior athletes, choose to bring to the attention of the Committee in their application.

7.3 To take account of exceptional circumstances

The committee may consider written submissions from athletes who contend that, as a result of exceptional circumstances such as illness or injury, they either did not achieve selection at the Events or that they were unable to attend the Events. However, to be considered for discretionary selection on these grounds, the exceptional circumstances must have arisen or been discovered so close to the races that, in spite of the athlete's best efforts, there was no time for the athlete to prepare and submit an application for pre-selection or, if an application was submitted, there was no time for the slalom committee to consider it.

Medical evidence of illness or injury, if unavailable before the race or races, should be provided to the committee as soon as possible afterwards.

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8 Procedure following selection

8.1 Provisional Selection

Achievement of the selection criteria only confers Provisional Selection on an athlete.

8.2 Athlete Contract and Final Selection

All athletes will be required to sign an Athlete Contract within 10 days of being informed of their selection. An athlete will only be considered finally selected when the Athlete Contract has been signed by an athlete and by Canoeing Ireland.

8.3 Selection Ranking Order

The Slalom Committee will publish a list of athletes in their Selection Ranking Order for each class. The Selection Ranking Order will reflect the results of the selection events as adjusted for the places awarded to athletes that are either pre-selected or selected at the discretion of the slalom committee.

8.4 Financial Support

The achievement of selection will only confer on an athlete eligibility to compete in the respective events outlined in Appendix B and does not entitle a selected athlete to any support through the various Performance Support Programmes.

In addition, the provision of support to an athlete has no bearing on the Selection Process and cannot be used as a basis upon which an appeal or otherwise can be made in relation to the selection of athletes.

When the amount of the High Performance Grant, and the proportion of that grant that is available to support Slalom athletes, is known, the Committee will publish a separate document dealing with funding issues.

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9 Selection Appeals Procedures

9.1 Right of Appeal

An athlete who fails to be selected may appeal against their non-selection.

The sole grounds of any appeal against non-selection are that:

1. An athlete's non selection was as a result of a failure to properly apply the Selection Criteria set out in this Athlete Selection Policy;
OR
2. There were no grounds on which a non-selection decision could reasonably be based.

Any appeal based on these grounds will proceed in accordance with the Canoeing Ireland Complaints and Appeals procedures, copies of which are available from the Canoeing Ireland office.

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10 Released Boat places

10.1 Boat allocations

World Championships and European Championships traditionally allow three boats to be entered in each discipline from each nation.

World Cup races, however, allocate boat spaces according to a quota system that is based on each nation's achievements in the previous year's competitions. For example, in 2017, the allocation to Ireland is likely to be 3 K1M, 2 K1W, 3 C1M, and 2 C2 World Cup boat places. C1W has been regarded as a development category for the last few years with 3 boat spaces allocated to every nation.

These places are offered to the Irish athletes with the highest selection ranking, subject to the Athlete Assessment Process. In the event that one or more of these athletes do not wish to compete in one or more of these races, the race or races are "released" and made available to other athletes.

10.2 Released Senior Boat Places

Places at Senior races that are released will be offered, subject to the athlete assessment process, to other athletes who applied for senior selection, in accordance with their Selection Ranking order. If no such athletes are available or considered suitable to take a released place then consideration will be given to offering the available space, subject to the athlete assessment process, to U23 or Junior paddlers, in accordance with the applicable Selection Ranking order, who had not applied for senior selection.

10.3 Released Under 23 Boat Places

Places at Under 23 races that are released will be offered, subject to the athlete assessment process, to other athletes who applied for under 23 selection, in accordance with their Selection Ranking order, and then, if a place or places are still available, to U23 or Junior paddlers who had not applied for U23 selection, in accordance with the applicable Selection Ranking order, again subject to the athlete assessment process. However, this process will take account of ICF and ECA rules that prevent an athlete from competing as both a junior and Under 23 in certain classes.

10.4 Released Junior Boat Places

Places at Junior races that are released will be offered, subject to the athlete assessment process, to other athletes who applied for Junior selection, in accordance with their Selection Ranking Order and then, if a place or places are still available, to Junior paddlers who had not applied for Junior selection, in accordance with the applicable Selection Ranking order, again subject to the athlete assessment process.

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10.5 Released Boat Spaces and the Athlete Assessment process

Regardless of an athlete's Selection Ranking Order, a released boat space will only be offered to an athlete provided that (s)he has either achieved the appropriate Performance Standard or the Athlete Assessment Panel have assessed that the athlete is of a suitable standard to compete in the race for which the boat space becomes available.

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Appendix A, Information Bulletin regarding performance selection, on the basis of the results in three races, to the Senior, Under 23, and Junior teams that will represent Ireland in 2017

This bulletin details provisional information regarding performance selection to the 2017 Senior, under 23 and junior teams that will represent Ireland in 2017.

A subsequent bulletin or bulletins will only be issued if further information becomes available.

Selection Events

Performance Selection may be achieved on the basis of results in the following three races.

The first race will be held on the 25th of March 2017 at Sluice Weir. The Irish Open will take place on the 26th of March but, while all athletes are encouraged to compete in this event, this race will not be part of the selection process.

The second and third race will take place at Liptovsky Mikulas, Slovakia, on the 22nd and 23rd of April 2017 where Irish athletes will take part in the 33rd Liptov Slalom.

Calculation of Ranking Order

Each athlete's ranking order will be based on the sum of his or her best percentage of the top Irish MK1 athlete at each of the three selection races. This is best illustrated by the example shown overleaf for the MK1 class.

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Calculation of the ranking order for the MK1 class

	Race 1 Run 1			Race 1 Run 2			Race 2 Run 1			Race 2 Run 2			Race 3 Run 1			Race 3 Run 2	
Athlete	Time	%		Time	%		Time	%		Time	%		Time	%		Time	%
Andy	105	100%		110	102%		130	108%		140	127%		135	117%		110	100%
Billy	110	105%		108	100%		120	100%		120	109%		115	100%		120	109%
Christy	125	119%		141	131%		150	125%		110	100%		125	109%		130	118%
Davey	135	129%		131	121%		140	117%		130	118%		145	126%		140	127%

Total % for each athlete	
Athlete	TOTAL of Best % in each Race
Andy	308%
Billy	300%
Christy	328%
Davey	364%

Each Athlete in Ranking Order		
Ranking Order	Athlete	TOTAL of Best % in each Race
1	Billy	300%
2	Andy	308%
3	Christy	328%
4	Davey	364%

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Performance Standard

Each athlete must achieve a Performance Standard that is expressed as a percentage of the top Irish MK1 total in a run (i.e., the time plus penalties of the 1st placed Irish MK1 athlete, not the 1st placed athlete.) Each athlete must achieve the relevant performance standard in at least 1 run at Sluice Weir AND 1 run at Liptovsky Mikulas.

Athletes who fail to achieve the performance standard may apply for discretionary selection, provided that they finish within the relevant discretionary percentage for their class that is shown in tables 1, 2 and 3. This percentage is applied, rather than added, to the performance percentage to arrive at the limit for discretionary applications. So, for example, the performance percentage for U18 C1W at Sluice Weir is 160% of the top Irish MK1 time and the discretionary allowance is 8% so the limit for discretionary applications, in this class, is 172.8% (160×1.08) of the top Irish MK1 time.

Variation in the event that a run or a race is cancelled or numbers limited

In the event that a run or an entire race is cancelled by the race organisers, or in the event that the numbers allowed entry to a race or run is limited by the organisers, with the result that all Irish athletes do not get the number of runs of a particular course that was expected, the Slalom Committee may

1. arrange another run or race
Or
2. change the number of runs taken into account by the ranking order
And/Or
change the number of occasions that the performance standard must be achieved by each athlete

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Table 1: All athletes seeking performance selection to the Senior team must achieve a time, including penalties, in at least one run at Sluice Weir AND one further run at Liptovsky Mikulas, that is BELOW the following Performance Percentages of the Top IRISH MK1 time, including penalties.

		MK1	WK1	C1M	C1W
At Sluice Weir	Senior Sluice Performance %	104.0	127.0	115.0	140.0
At Sluice Weir	PLUS Additional Discretionary %	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
At Sluice Weir	EQUALS Total Sluice Discretionary %	106.1	129.5	117.3	142.8
At Liptovsky Mikulas	LM Senior Performance %	107.1	130.8	118.5	144.2
At Liptovsky Mikulas	PLUS Additional Discretionary %	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
At Liptovsky Mikulas	EQUALS Total LM Discretionary %	109.3	133.4	120.8	147.1

Table 2: All athletes seeking performance selection to the Under 23 team must achieve a time, including penalties, in at least one run at Sluice Weir AND one further run at Liptovsky Mikulas, that is BELOW the following Performance Percentages of the Top IRISH MK1 time, including penalties.

		MK1	WK1	C1M	C1W
At Sluice Weir	U23 Sluice Performance %	106.0	134.0	117.0	146.0
At Sluice Weir	PLUS Additional Discretionary %	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
At Sluice Weir	EQUALS Total Sluice Discretionary %	110.2	139.4	121.7	151.8
At Liptovsky Mikulas	LM U23 Performance %	111.3	140.7	122.9	153.3
At Liptovsky Mikulas	PLUS Additional Discretionary %	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
At Liptovsky Mikulas	EQUALS Total LM Discretionary %	115.8	146.3	127.8	159.4

Table 3: All athletes seeking performance selection to the Under 18 team must achieve a time, including penalties, in at least one run at Sluice Weir AND one further run at Liptovsky Mikulas, that is BELOW the following Performance Percentages of the Top IRISH MK1 time, including penalties.

		MK1	WK1	C1M	C1W
At Sluice Weir	U18 Sluice Performance %	123.0	145.0	135.0	165.0
At Sluice Weir	PLUS Additional Discretionary %	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0
At Sluice Weir	EQUALS Total Sluice Discretionary %	132.8	156.6	145.8	178.2
At Liptovsky Mikulas	LM U18 Performance %	135.3	159.5	148.5	181.5
At Liptovsky Mikulas	PLUS Additional Discretionary %	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0
At Liptovsky Mikulas	EQUALS Total LM Discretionary %	146.1	172.3	160.4	196.0

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Discretionary Selection Limit

Athletes who apply for discretionary selection on the grounds that their participation or performance in the selection races was affected by injury or other exceptional circumstances should provide medical or other relevant evidence to support the application.

All other athletes seeking to apply for discretionary selection to any race listed in Appendix B must achieve a time that is within the Total Discretionary Percentage, of the top Irish MK1 time, that is listed for their class in tables 1, 2, and 3.

Table 4: Number of runs available to all athletes at the selection races

	No of Runs available to all athletes	No of Runs, in each race, that contribute to the calculation of Selection Ranking	No of Runs, in each race, to be Discarded for the calculation of Selection Ranking	No of runs in which the performance Standard MUST be achieved
Race 1 at Sluice	2	1	1	1
Race 2 at LM	2	1	1	1
Race 3 at LM	2	1	1	

Table 5, Schedule of dates

Activity	Date	Relationship to Scheduled Race date
Last Date for athletes to advise the committee of their intention to seek selection (if they wish the Committee to enter them for the LM race, as opposed to entering directly.)	16/12/2016	
Payment of entry fee	To Be Advised	
Last date for applications regarding Pre Selection.	4 th March 2017	21 Days prior to the date of the first selection race on the 25 th of March. Applications will only be accepted after

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It is sufficient to apply by email, to irishcanoeslalomsecretary@gmail.com , unless there is supporting documentation that cannot be scanned and which should be posted to Canoeing Ireland.		this date if the exceptional circumstances, on which the application is based, occur or first become apparent after this date.
Last date for selection race entries to be received, by email, to irishcanoeslalomsecretary@gmail.com and by post to the offices of Canoe Slalom Ireland	11 th of March 2017	14 Days prior to the date of the first selection race.
1 st selection race at Sluice Weir	25 th of March 2017	
2 nd selection race at Liptovsky Mikulas	22 nd of April 2017	
3 rd Selection Race at Liptovsky Mikulas	23 rd of April 2017	
Last Date for applications concerning Discretionary selection. It is sufficient to apply by email, to irishcanoeslalomsecretary@gmail.com , unless there is supporting documentation that cannot be scanned and which should be posted to Canoeing Ireland.	30 th of April 2017	7 days after the 3 rd selection race at Liptovsky Mikulas on the 23 rd of April 2017.
Last date for receipt of Appeals concerning selection. It is sufficient to apply by email, to irishcanoeslalomsecretary@gmail.com , unless there is supporting documentation that cannot be scanned and which should be posted to Canoeing Ireland.		To be received within 7 days of the announcement, by the slalom committee, of the teams that are provisionally selected to represent Ireland.

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Appendix B, 2017 Events for Selected Athletes

Senior Team Events

Start Date	End Date	Event	Location
01/06/2017	04/06/2017	Senior European Championships	Tacen
16/06/2017	18/06/2017	World Cup 1	Prague
23/06/2017	25/06/2017	World Cup 2	Augsburg
30/06/2017	02/07/2017	World Cup 3	Markleeberg
01/09/2017	03/09/2017	World Cup 4	Ivrea
08/09/2017	10/09/2017	World Cup Final	La Seu D'Urgell
27/09/2017	01/10/2017	Senior World Championships	Pau

Junior and U23 Events

Start Date	End Date	Event	Location
18/07/2017	23/07/2017	Junior and Under 23 World Championships	Bratislava
17/08/2017	20/08/2017	Junior and Under 23 European Championships	Hohenlimburg

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Appendix C, Extract from ICF Rules concerning Age Limits

http://www.canoeicf.com/icf/Aboutoursport/Canoe-Slalom/Rules-and-education/main/0/text_files/file/ICF%20Canoe%20Slalom%20Competition%20Rules%202013.pdf

3.4 The first year a competitor can compete in an ICF or International competition is the year in that their 15th birthday falls in. The last year they can compete in a Junior category is the year that their 18th birthday falls in. The last year he/she can compete in Under 23 category is the year that their 23rd birthday falls in.

6.2.2 A competitor may not participate in more than two (2) team events.

42.2 Age Limits

42.2.1 In the individual events of K1M, K1W, C1M, C1W, an athlete may only enter and compete in the same event in either Junior or U23. For these events Athletes may enter different events in different age groups.

42.2.2 In the C2M event an Athlete may enter in both age groups with different partners as long as they comply with Rule 3.4. They may not enter both age groups with the same partner.

42.2.3 Before the competition, the Team Manager must present an official document such as a passport or identification card that includes a photo, for age confirmation purposes of the competitors (Refer to Rule 3.4)

42.3 Team Events

Where a Federation does not have sufficient Athletes to make an entry in a Team event at an age group then in this case, up to two Athletes may compete in both age groups in the same Team event to complete a team as long as they comply with Rules 3.4 and 6.2.2

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Appendix D, Extract from ECA Rules concerning Age Limits

<http://www.canoe-europe.org/index.php/documents/slalom/differences-slalom>

SLALOM:

ECA Slalom Championships will be held every year

Junior and U23 Championships will be organized together

Each nation can enter 3 boats per discipline in each category (3 for juniors, 3 for U23 and 3 for seniors).

Senior Championships should be organized during three and Junior and U23 European Championships should be organized during four days. Every Championships must have defined daily programme according to the disciplines. Only in exceptional circumstances, because of TV needs, the programme can deviate from standardized programme, but it has to be harmonized with ECA until the end of November the year before the championships.

ECA introduces its own competition format for advancing from heats to semi-finals and finals. From heats the following number of boats per category advances to the semi-finals: K1m: 30 boats; C1m: 20 boats; K1w: 20 boats; C2: 20 boats; C1w: 15 boats

From semifinal the following number of boats per category advances to the finals: K1m: 15 boats; C1m: 10 boats; K1w: 10 boats; C2: 10 boats; C1w: 8 boats

The same Competition format stays for one Olympic period. After four years on the base of entries analysis new format for advancing from heats to semi-final and final is introduced.

In all the other cases when ECA rules differences are not defined, ICF Rules for World Championships (Senior or Junior and U23) apply at ECA European Championships.

Only one run is organized in team event.

Entries for Junior and U23 events:

Any athlete may only enter the same event e. g. K1M once (either Junior or U23)

An athlete may enter an event in one age group and a team event (teams or C2) in the other age group (so long as they comply with rule 3.4), even if they are entered in a team event in the first age group.

i.e. An athlete who is U18 may enter Junior K1M, Junior K1M Teams and also U23 K1M Teams and/or U23 C2M