

Submission to the Irish Canoe Slalom Committee AGM 2015

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PROPOSAL FOR IRISH CANOE SLALOM SELECTION POLICY FOR 2016

PROPOSAL 1

To delete the type of selection: 1. Pre-Selection

As was set out in the 2015 Selection Policy.....

3. Types of Selection

Athletes may be selected by the following methods

1,Pre-selection

2,Performance Selection

3,Discretionary Selection

Reasoning :

If for some reason i.e sickness , injury , exams , family bereavement etc, an athlete cannot race on the "dates for selections for the Irish Team", the Selection Policy should indicate that another date will be identified where the athlete shall race in order to be considered for selections. The race shall be of the same standing as that outlined in the Selection Policy such as a Premier Race in the UK or an ICF race/equivalent in Europe.

If this Proposal is approved, then Clause 4, Clause 7 will need to be amended to reflect this and new text included in "Performance Selection" to identify the alternative selection race location .

PROPOSAL 2.

To delete the type of selection: 3. Discretionary Selection

As set out in the 2015 Selection Policy.....

3. Types of Selection

Athletes may be selected by the following methods

1, Pre-selection

2, Performance Selection

3, Discretionary Selection

Reasoning :

The Selection Policy should not have a "discretionary selection" which allows an athlete that has not made the specified percentages & criteria set out in the Selection Policy to use Discretionary Selection as a means of making team. The specified percentages & criteria ensures that the athlete is capable of racing at the necessary level at international level.

(If they are ill or have injury , the text set out in Proposal 1 will address that)

PROPOSAL 3.

A) Delete and/or amend the text in Clause 7 which allows athletes to be selected at the discretion of the Irish Canoe Slalom Committee if the athlete has not made the specified percentages & criteria set out in the Selection Policy in order to

1, Complete a team

B) Amend what is "exceptional circumstances" as set out in :

2, Take account of exceptional circumstances

PROPOSAL 4

Add a 2nd location to the of Irish Selection Races Policy.

Add the following: In the event that the Sluice is unavailable for the Selection Races due to flooding or lack of water , the alternative shall be a Premier Race location in the UK or in a European location.

Reasoning

The location for selection race should be of equal technical ability and reflect the level of races that an athlete will compete on at European level for European and World Level.

PROPOSAL 5

8.4 Selection Support

Add the following text to the Selection Policy :

An athlete that is selected to race for the Irish Canoe Slalom Team for Junior, U23 or Senior Races their Entry Fees are paid for by the Irish Canoe Slalom Committee.

Reasoning

The athletes are representing their country and National Governing Body of Sport (Canoeing Ireland). If they make the selection criteria and percentages, Irish Canoe Slalom in their budget should include the costs of the entry fees for races for their athletes.

The athletes / parents of athletes pay for coaching , travel , accommodation , equipment costs already. This is a partnership with Canoeing Ireland/ Sports Council and paying the entry fees give recognition for the hard work and commitment by the athletes.