

Irish Canoe Slalom Selection Policy For 2016

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1 Introduction

1.1 Scope of the Selection Policy

The 2016 Selection Policy for Canoe Slalom (hereinafter referred to as the “2016 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 2016 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 Committee of Canoe Slalom Ireland, which is a technical committee affiliated to Canoeing Ireland. Throughout this document the term “Slalom Committee” should be interpreted as referring to the Committee of Canoe Slalom Ireland.

The 2016 Selection Policy applies to 2016 season only. Previous selection policies will have no bearing on the 2016 Selection Policy and cannot be used as a basis upon which an appeal or otherwise can be made in relation to athlete selection for 2016.

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 2016 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 to represent Ireland at International events in 2016.

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 to be Selected

2.1 Eligibility Criteria that apply to all athletes

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

1. Email their entry for the selection events, to irishcanoeslalomsecretary@gmail.com, before the due dates shown in Appendix A.
2. Download the Application Form that will be available on www.canoeslalom.ie/slalom. Sign and return this form so that it is received in the offices of Canoeing Ireland before close of business on the due date.
3. Maintain the conditions and terms detailed in the 2016 Selection Policy;

and
4. Be a currently registered member of Canoeing Ireland who is eligible to represent Ireland at ICF Canoe Slalom Events in accordance with ICF Rules.

2.2 Additional Eligibility Criteria for Non Irish or Non Northern Irish Athletes Only

1. An Athlete must have already competed for Ireland or Northern Ireland before the 1st of January in the season for which the athlete is seeking selection.

OR
2. An Athlete must have at least one Parent of Irish Nationality
AND
Must not have competed in any international canoe slalom event, other than for Ireland or Northern Ireland, in the previous 2 years
AND
Must be a member of the Irish Slalom Squad for at least six months prior to the date of the first Selection Race in the year in which the athlete is seeking selection and must have attended at least half the squad training sessions in that time. This rule may be waived at the sole discretion of the Slalom Committee.

OR
3. An Athlete must have resided in Ireland (including Northern Ireland) for at least 2 years prior to selection.
AND
Must not have competed in any international canoe slalom event, other than for Ireland or Northern Ireland, in the previous 2 years

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AND

Must be a member of the Irish Slalom Squad for at least six months prior to the date of the first Selection Race in the year in which the athlete is seeking selection and must have attended at least half the squad training sessions in that time. This rule may be waived at the sole discretion of the Slalom Committee.

In addition, an Athlete must be an Irish Passport Holder if seeking qualification to compete for Ireland in the Olympic Games.

2.3 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.

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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 is scheduled too close to the date of the proposed Selection Events.

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 Committee of Canoe Slalom Ireland 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 not less than one month before the event 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 winning the greatest number of Ranking Points at 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

Appendix A provides details of the races or runs for which ranking points may be earned together with the number of races or runs that may be retained or discarded by any athlete for the purpose of calculating points.

5.2.2 Ranking Points

Competitors in the Selection Events will be ranked by awarding points to each athlete in respect of their finishing position in each retained 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.

All paddlers who compete in the senior Selection Events are ranked and selected, subject to the Athlete Assessment Process, for events that have ICF world ranking status on the basis of this ranking.

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5.2.3 Tie Breakers

In the event that one or more athletes are tied on points, 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 (time plus penalties) in each athlete's retained races.
(i.e., The total of each tied athlete as a percentage, rounded to 2 decimal places, of the winner's total, in each athlete's retained races, are added together. The tied athlete with the lowest total wins the tie.)

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

2. 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, races that are not contested will count as 199% 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).

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 MK1 time, which will form the basis for selection.

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 MK1 total (i.e., time plus penalties) in a race or run (i.e., the total of the 1st placed MK1 athlete, not the 1st placed Irish athlete) and these percentages, together with the number of races or runs in which they must be achieved, are outlined in Appendix A.

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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 for Discretionary Selection provided that they achieve a time, including penalties, that does not exceed 115% of the performance criteria required for senior selection.

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 10% 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

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be made include but are not limited to the following:

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, shown in Appendix A, may apply to be selected, for 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 CSI 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 CSI 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 UK and 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 2016, the allocation to Ireland is likely to be 3 K1M, 2 K1W, 2 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 selection, at Sluice Weir on the 5th and 6th of March 2016, to the Senior, Under 23, and Junior teams in 2016

This bulletin details provisional information regarding selection to the 2016 Senior, under23 and junior teams that will represent Ireland in 2016.

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

Selection Events at Sluice Weir

Selection will take place at two races that will be held on the 5th and 6th of March 2016 at Sluice Weir. The second race, on the 6th of March, will coincide with the 2016 Irish Open.

Calculation of Ranking Points

For the purposes of Irish selection, each run at the 2 selection races will be treated as if it were a separate race and ranking points will be awarded to Irish athletes seeking selection for each run in accordance with their finishing positions in relation to each other rather than in relation to all athletes, i.e., the 1st placed Irish athlete, seeking selection, in a run is awarded 100 points, regardless of his or her position in the race.

Each athlete may choose to discard one of the four runs for the purpose of calculating his or her ranking order, which will be calculated by adding the ranking points awarded for the remaining three runs. Therefore, athletes need only compete in three runs but are reminded that, in the event of a tie on points, one of the tie breakers is based on the athlete's time in all four runs.

The ranking points of each athlete (excluding discarded points) will be added together in order to establish a ranking order of the athletes in each class.

Performance Standard

Each athlete must achieve a Performance Standard that is expressed as a percentage of the top MK1 total in a run (i.e., the time plus penalties of the 1st placed MK1 athlete, not the 1st placed Irish athlete.) Each athlete must achieve the performance standard in at least 2 runs.

In order to ensure a suitable benchmark for performance standards, the Slalom Committee will invite a number of foreign paddlers, in MK1 and hopefully other classes, to compete in the Selection races.

Athletes who fail to achieve the performance standard may apply for discretionary selection.

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Table 1: All athletes seeking selection to the Senior team must achieve a time, including penalties, that is BELOW the following percentages of the Top MK1 time, including penalties.

MK1	WK1	C1M	C2	C1W
110	130	118	130	150

Table 2: All athletes seeking selection to the Under 23 team must achieve a time, including penalties, that is BELOW the following percentages of the Top MK1 time, including penalties.

MK1	WK1	C1M	C2	C1W
115	137	125	140	160

Table 3: All athletes seeking selection to the Under 18 team must achieve a time, including penalties, that is BELOW the following percentages of the Top MK1 time, including penalties.

MK1	WK1	C1M	C2	C1W
125	155	140	150	180

Discretionary Selection Limit

Athletes seeking to apply for discretionary selection to any race listed in Appendix B must achieve a result that is LESS THAN 110% of the performance standards listed for their class in tables 1, 2, and 3.

Athletes seeking to apply for discretionary selection to any senior race from the ICF or ECA calendar, other than those listed in Appendix B, must achieve a result that is LESS THAN 115% of the senior performance standard listed for their class in tables 1, 2, and 3.

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

Number of Runs available to all athletes	Number of runs used to calculate Selection Ranking	Number of Runs Discarded	Number of runs in which the performance Standard must be achieved
4	3	1	2

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Table 5, Schedule of dates

Activity	Date	Relationship to Scheduled Race date
<p>Last date for applications regarding Pre Selection.</p> <p>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.</p>	06/02/2016	<p>28 Days prior to the date of the first selection race on the 5th of March. Applications will only be accepted after this date if the exceptional circumstances, on which the application is based, occur or first become apparent after this date.</p>
<p>Last date for selection race entries to be received, by email, to irishcanoeslalomsecretary@gmail.com</p>	20 th of February 2016	14 Days prior to the date of the first selection race.
1 st selection race at Sluice Weir	5 th of March 2016	
2 nd selection race and Irish Open at Sluice Weir	6 th of March 2016	
<p>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.</p>	9 th of March 2016	<p>3 days after the 2nd selection race and Irish Open. Athletes who fail to meet the Performance Percentage may apply for Discretionary Selection</p>
<p>Last date for receipt of Appeals concerning selection.</p> <p>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.</p>		<p>To be received within 3 days of the announcement, by the slalom committee, of the teams that are provisionally selected to represent Ireland.</p>

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Appendix B, 2016 Events for Selected Athletes

Senior Team Events

Start Date	End Date	Event	Location
12/05/2016	15/05/2016	Senior European Championships	Liptovsky Mikulas
03/06/2016	05/06/2016	World Cup 1	Ivrea
10/06/2016	12/06/2016	World Cup 2	La Seu D'Urgell
17/06/2016	19/06/2016	World Cup 3	Pau
07/08/2016	11/08/2016	Olympic Games (for those athletes that qualify)	Deodora, Brazil
02/09/2016	04/09/2016	World Cup 4	Prague
09/09/2016	11/09/2016	World Cup Final	Tacen

Junior and U23 Events

Start Date	End Date	Event	Location
13/07/2016	17/07/2016	Junior and Under 23 World Championships	Krakow
25/08/2016	28/08/2016	Junior and Under 23 European Championships	Solkan

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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