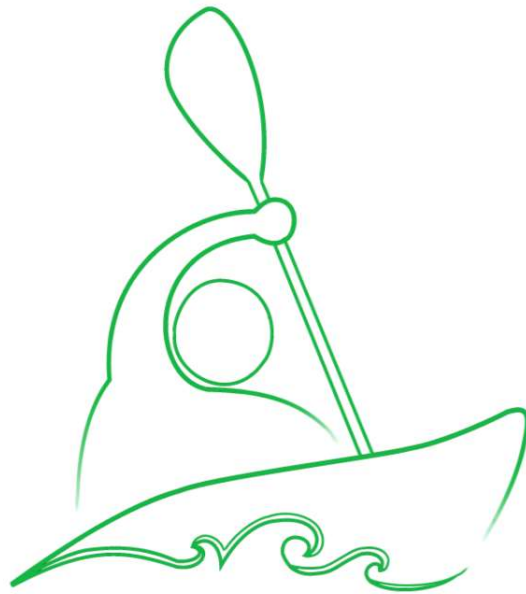




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Notes: Creating the 2020 Selection Policy has been a challenge for all those apart of the process. We sincerely apologize for the delay in getting this to you.

We have removed the Olympic nomination policy, it is now a separate document to be circulated independently. It is in its 1st draft and it it currently with the OFI.

With the Olympic year ahead, the complications and variables within our sport were quite Significant. This bringing us to the end result, Team Selection at the Prem Race & British Open in October 2019. Along with the potential Olympic boat race off, if any boat places are qualified in La Seu, Spain Sept 2019.

As we have tried and searched for races to attend, the dates we not there, and the Toyko Test race in October 2019 has also put the reality of the logistics to get athletes there and the costings to be above and beyond the cost as what we had thought.

We believe this is the best solution to a difficult situation. We understand that this set up will bring challenges to all the athletes but it is in the best interest of those athletes who are in the run to achieve The Olympic nomination. For if we do not qualify a boat in La Seu, the Team for 2020 will be picked good and early for those to make their race plan up to the Europeans in May 2020. It is all about the Olympic Process this year.

We wish you all the very best and good luck! The HPD, HPU and The Slalom Committee

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1.0 Introduction to the Selection Policy

1.1 Scope of the Selection Policy

This policy is prepared by the Irish Canoe Slalom Committee (herein after referred to as the 'Slalom Committee') and the Canoeing Ireland High Performance Director (herein after referred to as the 'HPD'). The Irish Canoe Slalom Committee is a technical committee of Canoeing Ireland.

The 2020 team selection policy for canoe slalom (hereinafter referred to as the "2020 Selection Policy") outlines the conditions for eligibility and criteria relevant to the selection of athletes to be members of the senior and under 23 teams that will represent Ireland at slalom events during the 2020 season in the MK1, WK1, MC1 and WC1 categories. It is not anticipated that Ireland will enter the XC2 category in 2020 but if any suitably experienced athletes advise the Irish Canoe Slalom Committee, during the period provided for the review of this document, that they intend to seek selection in XC2, a performance standard will be provided at that stage.

Achievement of the percentage criteria contained herein confers provisional selection on an athlete. Final selection and membership of the Irish canoe slalom team for each specific season will commence when the athlete contract, signed by the athlete and the Performance Director of Canoeing Ireland is received by Canoeing Ireland after the selection process. Athletes will remain selected for the races defined in Appendix B within the terms of the athlete Contract until the final race event of the season is complete.

The 2020 Selection Policy applies to 2020 season only. Previous selection policies will have no bearing on the 2020 Selection Policy and cannot be used as a basis upon which an appeal or otherwise can be made in relation to athlete selection for 2020.

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 for the 2020 season is detailed in Appendix A

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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 percentage standard to represent Ireland at International events in 2020.

The long term aims of the policy are to;

1. Identify athletes with the capacity to represent Ireland in the future at international competitions.
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:

Objectivity:

The Team will be selected using objective performance based criteria based on clear parameters.

1. Transparency:
The selection Process will be easily interpreted and published prior to each season

1.4 The 2020 Canoe Slalom Selection Panel – Roles & Responsibilities

The policy will be binding on all athletes seeking selection. The policy will be overseen by the HPD who will establish the 2020 Slalom Selection Panel. The 2020 Slalom Selection Panel will implement the 2020 selection policy. The 2020 Selection Panel's roles and responsibilities are explained in the next chapter.

This Selection Policy may be amended at any time by the 2020 Selection Panel where the 2020 Selection Panel forms the opinion that such an amendment is necessary for any reason determined to be in the best interests of Canoeing Ireland and to ensure that the selection of athlete(s) gives the athlete(s) the best opportunity to prepare and perform on the international stage. Neither the 2020 Selection Panel nor Canoeing Ireland will be responsible or liable in any way for any issues arising from any such amendment or amendments and such amendments shall be final and binding on all athletes.

1.5 The 2020 Canoe Slalom Selection Panel Members

The 2020 Selection Panel will consist of five members. Three from the Canoeing Ireland High Performance Unit, the National Performance Coach and one person nominated by the Irish Canoe Slalom Committee.

The 2020 Selection Panel will be chaired by the Canoeing Ireland High Performance Director. The 2020 Selection Panel will be confirmed by the Canoeing Ireland Chief Executive Officer.

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Ideally the 2020 Selection Panel will reach a unanimous selection decision through discussion although when there is incongruence amongst the 2020 Selection Panel the HPD will call for a vote. Each 2020 Selection Panel member will have one vote to be counted.

In the event of a tie the HPD will have the casting vote to confirm the nomination/selection. An appeal in respect of selection must follow the Selection Appeals Procedures set out in section 9 of this document.

1.6 Conflict of Interest

To maintain transparency and integrity within the process, each member of the 2020 Selection Panel will be asked to state whether they have any conflict of interest relating to the selection process. If any member of the 2020 Selection Panel declares a conflict of interest or is otherwise deemed to have a conflict of interest, they will be replaced by another individual who has no conflicts of interest and shall be appointed by the HPD.

In the event that any of the above designated Selection Panel members are unavailable or ruled out due to conflict of interest an alternative nominee will be sought from Sport Ireland and/or another NGB or the Olympic Federation of Ireland that will be identified as having the knowledge, expertise, and capability to add value to the selection process.

Members of the 2020 Selection Panel will declare any conflict of interest. Where, in the opinion of the HPD, an actual conflict of interest arises for any member of the 2020 Selection Panel with respect to any athlete under consideration by the Selection Panel.

A conflict of interest might occur when, for example:

- When a Selection Panel member is a club coach to a particular athlete vying for selection.
- When a Selection Panel member is closely aligned or is a member of a club for which an athlete vying for selection is also a member of.
- When a Selection Panel member is a family member or close friend of an athlete vying for selection.
- Or any circumstance where a Selection Panel member has a personal relationship with an athlete or athletes vying for selection which could influence his or her decision, or him or her stands to gain in any way from the outcome of a selection decision.

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1.7 Olympic Boat Place Qualification at WCH in La Seu, Sept 2019

Should an athlete(s) qualify a boat place at the World Championships (WCH) in September 2019, the athlete(s) who qualified the place will get automatic team selection in their category for the 2020 Season. They will receive the 1st boat place on the 2020 Irish Canoe Slalom Team.

Lee Valley, Prem Race October 5th and British Open October 6th 2019, will be used for both the 2020 team Selection and 2020 Olympic race off purposes, providing that an athlete has qualified a boat at the WCH in La Seu, Sept 2019.

Olympic Qualification Race Off

The Athlete who has qualified the boat for Ireland enters the race off and is deemed to have won the 1st race in this 3 race off series.

The fastest run time taken from the 2 runs each day will be the race off result.

Should the athlete who has qualified the boat be the 1st Irish boat on either the Saturday or the Sunday race, they will be deemed to have won the race off.

Should any other athlete achieve 1st Irish boat on Saturday; they will be entitled to a Sunday race off against the athlete who qualified the boat at the 2019 WCH.

The athlete who is the winner from the Sunday race will be deemed to have won the race off and be the nominated athlete.

Canoeing Ireland will nominate the winning athlete to the Olympic Federation of Ireland (OFI) to be a member of Team Ireland for the Tokyo 2020 Games for Canoe Slalom in their respective category.

The nomination of the winning athlete to the OFI will *only* take place once all internal appeals have been concluded pursuant to the appeals procedures contained in this 2020 Selection Policy under section 9.

The OFI Selection Committee is solely responsible for selecting Nominated Athletes and Support Staff for the Games Team.

1.8 Olympic Boat Place IS NOT qualified at WCH in La Seu Sept 2019.

If no boat places are qualified at the WCH in September 2019, the normal process for making team applies based on percentage selection contained herein.

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1.9 2020 Irish Canoe Slalom Team Selection Pathway

1. Should an athlete qualify a boat in the 2019 WCH; they will take the 1st boat place in their category on the Irish canoe slalom 2020 team
2. Should any athlete, other than the athlete who won the Olympic boat place for Ireland, win the Saturday race, over 2 runs, they will take the 2nd boat place on the 2020 Irish Canoe slalom team in their category.
3. For selection purposes, this event will be calculated over 4 runs. 2 Runs at Prem' Race on Saturday the 5th of October and 2 Runs at the British Open on Sunday the 6th of October.

Each run is deemed as a race. Athletes may discard a total of 1 run out of the 4 runs. Calculations for team selection therefore will be based on the athletes 3 best runs of the 2 days racing.

4. See Appendix A for the race details and information
5. See Appendix A for the calculation of ranking order
6. See Appendix A for the selection percentage table
7. See Appendix A for the schedule of the 2020 selection process dates

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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 meet the following criterion:

- a) Show proof that they hold an Irish passport/be eligible to hold an Irish passport or a U.K. passport that shows the holder's birthplace to be in Northern Ireland.
- 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 have no outstanding debt to Canoeing Ireland or any of its technical committees.
- 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 and senior level. Under 23 athletes may seek selection at both under 23 and senior level.

2.3 Application Requirements

All Applicants should:

- a. Download the Application Form that will be available on www.canoe.ie/slalom
- b. Complete all sections of the form and email the completed form to performance@canoe.ie before the due dates shown, please cc; slalomsecretary@canoe.ie in Appendix A. If you are under the age of 18, form must be posted to the Canoeing Ireland office.
- c. Maintain the conditions and terms detailed in the 2020 Selection Policy.

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3 Types of Selection

Athletes may be selected by the following methods:

1. Pre-selection
2. Performance Selection
3. Discretionary Selection by the 2020 Slalom Selection Panel pursuant to clause 1.4 of this 2020 Slalom Selection Policy.

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 and code of conduct.

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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 i.e. 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 to 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 HPD 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; injury or illness, must provide evidence that the athlete could not reasonably be expected to attend or compete at the required 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 performance@canoe.ie 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 HPD by the date shown in Appendix A or earlier, if interested parties are requested to do so. Pre-selection for a specific event is for that event only. If an Athlete is pre-selected for an early race, they will still need to compete for team selection for that year.

4.2 Consideration of Pre-Selection Applications

The 2020 Slalom Selection Panel will consider the applicant's results, the nature of any exceptional circumstances and the seriousness of their injury or illness.

It is a condition of consideration for pre-selection that an athlete seeking pre-selection agrees to accept the decision of the 2020 Slalom Selection Panel as final and binding.

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4.3 Decisions in relation to pre-selection applications

Following consideration of the application, the 2020 Slalom Selection Panel 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. If a request for pre-selection is refused, the HPD will write to the athlete in question within 24 hours explaining the reasons behind the athlete's request being refused.
5. Order that a race off take place, at a time to be determined by the 2020 Slalom Selection Panel, 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,
 - c. One or more of the highest placed athletes in the selection races.

The 2020 Slalom Selection Panel 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.

A pre-selected athlete will be ranked behind athletes who achieved performance selection. For example, if two or more athletes achieve the performance standard, the first two will be ranked as one and two while the pre-selected athlete will be ranked as number three.

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5 Percentage & Performance Selection

5.1 Summary

Athletes may achieve percentage selection to the places available on the senior and under 23 teams, in the ranking order and taking into account those places assigned by pre-selection, by finishing with the lowest time (including penalties), as a percentage of the leading Irish boat time, at each of the designated athlete selection events (hereinafter referred to as “selection events”), subject to the athlete assessment process detailed below.

Performance Percentage will be used for a number of reasons by the HPD. For example, levels of funding based on objective performances, discretionary decisions and any other issues that may be brought up by the 2020 Selection Panel. Performance percentage is based on the athletes best run on each of the racing days.

The 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 time, calculated as a percentage of the leading Irish boats time, in each run of each selection race as detailed in Appendix A.

In this selection event, there are 4 runs, 2 each day. They will therefore discard one of their run times that produces the highest percentage of the leading Irish boat, and retain their run times that produces the lowest percentage of the leading Irish Boat time for the 3 runs used for selection purposes.

5.2.2 Ranking Order

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

$$\frac{\text{Competitors run time (raw time plus penalties)}}{\text{Fastest Irish Boat Time (raw time plus penalties) for the race}} * 100$$

- The result will be rounded to 2 decimal place.
- Run time in all cases is the raw time plus penalties for a particular run.

Competitors in the selection events will be ranked according to the sum of their lowest percentages. This is based on 3 out of the 4 race /runs.

The sum of the lowest percentages achieved after an athlete has discarded one of their races is his or her total lowest percentage for the selection event. The athlete with the lowest total percentage achieves the highest place available for that category followed in order by those with the next lowest totals.

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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. 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.

2. If two or more athletes are still drawn after tie breaker 1 is applied, they will be ranked in accordance with their best individual selection race run result.

5.3 2020 Slalom Selection Panel Athlete Assessment Process

In order to verify that athletes are of a high enough standard to compete at international events, a Selection Percentage standard for each class, expressed as a percentage of the leading Irish boat time, as detailed in Appendix A, will form the basis for selection.

5.3.1 Performance & Percentage 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 percentage standard, in a number of races or runs.

The percentage standard is expressed as a percentage of the top Irish boat, total time plus penalties and these percentages, are outlined in Appendix A.

The percentage standards relate to ICF Level 1 and 2 races listed in Appendix B.

5.3.2 Selection to events other than those listed in Appendix B

Discretionary selection for ICF Level 3 races may be granted to an athlete who has proven international race experience in a previous season, on the basis of domestic race results in the current or a previous season. Applications for discretionary selection for Level 3 races must be submitted to 2020 Selection Panel, see Appendix B for submittal date.

Under 23 athletes who do not achieve the percentage standard set for the under 23 events listed in Appendix B may still apply for discretionary selection to represent Ireland at races.

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6 Selection Events

The 2020 Slalom Selection Panel & 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 Irish Canoe Slalom Committee will run and oversee domestic selection races.

6.1.2 Domestic Selection Events and the ICF rules

Each domestic selection race will be run in accordance with ICF rules unless circumstances dictate that the ICF rules cannot be applied.

6.1.3 Changes to the published arrangements for domestic races

The Irish Canoe Slalom 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 HPD, in consultation with the Slalom 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 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 Slalom Committee, is suitably safe and adequate for such a race.
3. Cancelling or moving one or more races for a particular class.
The Slalom Committee can 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 & the HPD 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:
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 and the HPD may decide to accept the results of the classes that have completed their runs.

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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 2020 Selection Panel in conjunction with 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 National Federation recognised by the ICF. For example, events that are held in Britain will be run in accordance with the rules of British Canoeing.

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, the 2020 Selection Panel 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 races or runs that are used to calculate the performance standard for each athlete.

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 Slalom 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 Slalom Committee will appoint a Competition Jury to adjudicate on each enquiry/protest. Each member of the jury will adhere to and abide by the conflict of interest clauses (1.6) contained in the 2020 Irish Canoe Slalom Selection Policy.

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 British Canoeing. In such cases, the 2020 Slalom Selection Panel will accept the outcome of the enquiry/protest and calculate ranking points accordingly.

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7 Discretionary Selection

7.1 Process

Following the completion of the selection events, additional athletes may be offered a place on the team and in ranking order for one or more events at the discretion of the 2020 Slalom Selection Panel, in the following circumstances

- a. Places on the senior, under 23 teams for all races or for a particular race or races, remain unfilled by athletes who achieved the designated performance standard or who had been pre-selected
- b. Places subsequently become available on a team, for all races or for particular races
- c. One athlete of a C2 crew is injured (in those years that crews are selected in the C2 class)

Except in the case where an athlete, who is in attendance at a selection event, who could not compete in the selection events due to exceptional circumstances i.e. illness, injury or bereavement. A discretionary selection application must then be made. Applications related to illness or injury must be supported by medical evidence.

There is no need for athletes to apply for discretionary selection if they did not achieve the performance percentage, as the 2020 Slalom Selection Panel will consider the suitability of the next ranked athletes in all cases where places remain unfilled by athletes who have achieved the performance percentage or who have been pre-selected.

Unless exceptional circumstances are deemed by the 2020 Slalom Selection Panel to justify the non- attendance of an athlete at one or more of the selection events, an athlete must compete at selection events in order to be offered a place at any event listed in appendix B.

The ranking order of the athletes will remain as determined by the selection race results and will not be altered as part of the discretionary process.

When athletes are added to the team by the 2020 Slalom Selection Panel, available places will be offered to eligible athletes not already attending the event in their selection ranking order. For clarification this means an eligible athlete ranked fourth will always have first refusal on any boat spaces made available once the 2020 Slalom Selection Panel deem them to be of a suitable capability to race at international events.

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7.2 The 2020 Slalom Selection Panel

The 2020 Slalom Selection Panel will consider, but will not be limited to, the following factors;

1. Qualifying results and performance in the preceding season.
2. Future potential.
3. Physical fitness / injury during the season in question
4. Additional areas like training history, time in the sport, whether they are Junior, U23 or Senior athletes, their progression over the years involved, their behaviours and level of commitment will be taken in to account.

7.2.1 Confidentiality

It is vitally important that members of the 2020 Slalom Selection Panel do not discuss with anyone outside of the 2020 Slalom Selection Panel the matters and discussions held within a selection meeting (especially relating to discretionary decisions). The selections of athletes are to remain confidential and confined to the selection meeting.

Further Responsibilities

The 2020 Selection Panel will have responsibility for administering and implementing selection policies and for the selection of all international canoe slalom athletes eligible for competing. The 2020 Selection Panel must submit a report outlining the rationale for all selection decisions to the Canoeing Ireland Chief Executive Officer and the Canoeing Ireland Board of Directors whose function is to ensure that all selection decisions of the 2020 Selection Panel are in accordance with the Canoeing Ireland Policy; and that all selection decisions are balanced, fair and impartial.

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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 and Code of Conduct. An athlete will only be considered finally selected when the Athlete Contract has been signed by the athlete and the HPD of Canoeing Ireland. Canoeing Ireland will only engage with the signee of the Athlete's Contract and will not engage in any correspondence with any third party interlocutor acting on behalf of the signee in any capacity relating to any items listed herein or any topics relating to support or funding. All enquiries relating to support and or funding must be communicated by the athlete. This does not negate the athlete's coaching team the right to engage in performance base correspondence with Canoeing Ireland, the HPD or the National Performance Coach.

If the signed athlete contract is not returned on time, the boat place may be offered to another athlete. It will be sufficient to email a scanned copy of the signed contract.

8.3 Selection Results Ranking Order

The 2020 Selection Panel & 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 pre-selected.

8.3.1 Change to ONLY Senior Categories 3rd and 4th Place Ranked Athletes

This is a new process that we are under taking for athletes who complete the selection process for only Senior categories who end up in the ranking order in 3rd & 4th positions respectively. In order to activate this process, the Percentage time between the 3rd and 4th place boat must be within 5%. If the percentage time between the 3rd & 4th boat places are larger than 5% apart, this process will not be activated.

Example: 3rd Ranked boat has performance % of 204%
4th Ranked boat has performance % of 209 % Clause activated

If this percentage time is activated, the athletes will gain access to the following events.

3rd Position

- European Championships,
- Choice of World Cup 1 World Cup 2
- Choice of World Cup 3 or World Cup 4

4th Position

World Cup not chosen by 3rd Boat either WC 1 or WC 2
World Cup not chosen by 3rd Boat either WC 3 or WC 4

Whichever boat has the best % off the winner in their category at World Cup 1 or 2 wins the spot for the World Cup Final + World Championships in a non-olympic year.

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8.4 Financial Support

The Canoeing Ireland High Performance Unit will administer the HP grant allocation.

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.

8.5 Acceptance of an offer to compete in specific races

The Canoe Slalom Committee Secretary will forward offers to compete in the races listed in Appendix B will be extended to athletes in accordance with their ranking order and the provisions for a released race outlined in section 10. Athletes will be asked to confirm their acceptance of the offer within 3 days so that any released boat spaces may be offered to the next ranked athletes. The Slalom Secretary will send on athlete requests onto the HPD.

8.6 Deposits, Payments & Bills towards Team Athlete Expenses

Each event will include a variety of expenses for the athlete. Once the teams for the events have been confirmed, we will work with the athletes to help secure a variety of items in relation to the events.

8.6.1 Deposits / Pre- Payments

With this in mind, the athletes who accept the offer of a race or races can be asked to pay a deposit of €360.00 towards team accommodation, coaching, accreditation and transport in 2020.

We all understand that our sport is very expensive, with that in mind we will always try to secure the most inexpensive accommodation possible, but until we know who is attending are we able to divide the costings to get a cost per athlete.

Once accommodation is booked, withdrawal by any athlete may add to the costs incurred by the other participants in the race and, in those circumstances, it may not be possible to refund the deposit to the athlete who withdraws from a race or races.

8.6.2 Bills

At the end of each event, expenses will be calculated and Bills will be sent to the athlete for any additional expenses that have incurred and have not been paid for that event, i.e. Coaching, Car hire, et al.

Below are expense items for events but limited too:

- Accreditations
- Accommodation
- Food
- Coaching
- * Water Fees
- * Car Hire
- * Other transport, Flights Tolls, Fuel
- * Team gear

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9. Selection Appeals Procedures

Below is Canoeing Ireland's Selection Appeals Procedure.

- 9.1 An athlete who fails to be selected for the team set out in this 2020 Irish Canoe Slalom Selection Policy may appeal against omission from that team in accordance with 9.2 of this procedure.
- 9.2 The sole grounds of any appeal by an athlete are that:
 - 9.2.1 An athlete's omission from the team was as a result of a failure by the Selection Panel to properly or fairly apply the Selection Criteria set out in the 2020 Irish Canoe Slalom Selection Policy or;
 - 9.2.2 The Selection Panel demonstrated clear bias in favour of a selected athlete.
- 9.3 Any appeal will proceed in accordance with the procedures set out below
- 9.4 Any athlete wishing to appeal against his/her omission from the team (herein after referred to as the "Appellant") shall email the CI Performance Director outlining the reasons together with supporting evidence to substantiate the appeal (herein after referred to as the "Initial Appeal"). Such an email must be received within 48 hours of the athlete receiving the outcome of the Selection Panel decision. The CI Performance Director will consider the Appellant's appeal and shall email an answer to the Appellant within 48 hours of receiving the Appellant's email (herein after referred to as the "Appeal Response").
- 9.5 If the Appellant is not satisfied with this response received pursuant to clause 4.4 above they may forward a further written Notice of Appeal to the Canoeing Ireland Chief Executive Officer at the Canoeing Ireland office, to be received within 48 hours of the date of the Appeal Response. The written Notice of Appeal should refer to any communications that the Appellant has had with the CI Performance Director in relation to the decision pursuant to clause 4.4. Communications referred to in clause 4.4 are not binding but they may be referred to in any appeal.
- 9.6 The written Notice of Appeal itself shall contain the succinct grounds for appeal and ideally should not exceed 2 pages/1000 words in length. The time limits for lodging the Notice of Appeal and accompanying appeals document is mandatory. Failure to comply with these time limits will result in an appeal being dismissed without consideration.
- 9.7 The written Notice of Appeal must also be accompanied by a contribution to the costs of the appeal of €200 payable by the Appellant by electronic transfer to Canoeing Ireland. This €200 sum will be refunded to the Appellant by Canoeing Ireland in the event the appeal is upheld.
- 9.8 The Chief Executive Officer shall supply copies of the written Notice of Appeal to the Selection Panel who shall be entitled to respond in writing within 5 working days, or such other time as may be specified by the Chief Executive Officer (herein after referred to as the "Response").

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- 9.9 The Chief Executive Officer shall without delay supply copies of the Response to the Appellant who may make further written representations in reply to the Response and/or request the Chief Executive Officer proceed with the Hearing of the Appeal (herein after referred to as “the Request for Hearing”), any response must be forwarded within 5 working days.

The Chief Executive Officer shall, following receipt of the Request for Hearing, constitute as expeditiously as possible a panel to hear the appeal (herein after referred to as “the Appeal Panel”). The Appeal Panel will comprise three members, namely:

- 9.9.1 A member of the Canoeing Ireland Board nominated by the Chief Executive Officer.
- 9.9.2 An ex-International Canoe Sport Athlete.
- 9.9.3 An informed independent person who could be a member of another National Governing Body or the Sport Dispute Resolution Ireland Arbitration Panel (formerly Just Sport Ireland).
- 9.10 The Panel shall appoint one of its members to chair the appeal (herein after referred to as “the Appeal Panel Chairperson”).
- 9.11 When constituting the Appeal Panel, the Chief Executive Officer shall have regard to the principle that the Appeal Panel should be and should be seen to be impartial and open-minded.

A Time and Place of Appeal

- A.1 The Chief Executive Officer shall notify all the parties concerned as soon as possible of the place and time of the appeal together with the names of the members of the Appeal Panel.
- A.2 The Chief Executive Officer will as early as possible prior to the date of the appeal circulate to the individual members of the Appeal Panel, the Appellant and the CI Performance Director copies of :-
- A.2.1 The Initial Appeal.
- A.2.2 The written Notice of Appeal and other relevant documentation on which the Appellant wishes to rely.
- A.2.3 The Response.
- A.2.4 The Request for Hearing.
- A.2.5 Any further written representations.
- A.3 The Appeal Panel is empowered to call witnesses, to seek expert advice as necessary and to hear evidence from persons nominated by the parties concerned, where requested. Strict rules of evidence do not apply but all involved should be aware the “hearsay” evidence is unlikely to carry as much weight as evidence within the direct knowledge of the parties and any witnesses.

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- A.4 The Appellant may be accompanied or represented at the hearing by a maximum of 2 people
- A.5 The Appeal Panel will hear the evidence in private unless the parties agree otherwise.
- A.6 If at any time during the hearing there is any unreasonable behaviour in the reasonable opinion of the Appeal Panel Chairperson then the Appeal Panel Chairperson may elect to bring the proceedings to a close and thereafter the Appeal Panel will determine the appeal on the basis of the written and verbal submissions prior to that time.

B Appeal Hearing Procedure and Decision

- B.1 The Appeal Panel shall hear the appeal in the following order:
 - B.1.2 The Appellant will present his/her case without interruption, except for the purpose of clarification, from the Appeal Panel.
 - B.1.3 The Appeal Panel will ask questions.
 - B.1.4 The CI Performance Director will present his/her case without interruption, except for the purpose of clarification, from the Appeal Panel.
 - B.1.5 Either party may raise questions through the Appeal Panel Chairperson.
 - B.1.6 Each Party shall make final submissions to the Appeal Panel with the Appellant having the right to be heard last following which the appeal shall be concluded.
 - B.1.7 The Appeal Panel will consider the evidence and having done so shall make a decision and shall notify the parties in writing of its decision as soon as possible and preferably within 24 hours of the appeal hearing.
 - B.1.8 The Appellant can withdraw an appeal at any time.

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C Panel's Recommendations

- C.1 In the event of an appeal being upheld the Appeal Panel shall be entitled to make recommendations to the CI Performance Director having regard to:-
 - C.1.1 The timing of the selection cycle.
 - C.1.2 The proximity of any Championships.
- C.2 The CI Performance Director will make every effort to have the Appeals Panel's recommendations implemented.
- C.3 The CI Performance Director will provide a written report of any action taken or not taken to the Chief Executive Officer. If the Appeal Panel's recommendations are not implemented, the CI Performance Director shall state his/her reasons in his/her report. A copy of this report will be sent to the relevant parties within 72 hours.
- C.4 A decision of the Appeal Panel may be appealed exclusively to Sport Dispute Solutions Ireland (Herein after referred to as the "SDSI"), for resolution in accordance with the SDSI Arbitration rules.
- C.5 Any appeal to SDSI must be filed within fourteen (14) days from receipt of the Canoeing Ireland Appeals Panel decision by the party filing the appeal. Thereafter, the procedural rules of SDSI will apply.

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10 Released Races and Released Boat Places

10.1 Boat allocations

10.1.1 Entries for ICF Level 1 and 2 Competitions

The ICF allow 3 boats per nation to be entered in each category for all Level 1 and level 2 competitions, i.e. 3 MK1, 3 WK1, 3 MC1 and 3 WC1.

There is also a 3 boat allocation for the XC2 category but it is not anticipated that Ireland will enter the XC2 category in 2020. If any suitably qualified athletes advise the 2020 Slalom Selection Panel, during the period provided for the review of this document, that they intend to seek selection in XC2, the 2020 Slalom Selection Panel will provide a performance standard at that stage.

10.1.2 Entries for Level 3 Competitions

The entries are open without limitation of the number of boats per event and per federation. However, The Host National Federation can limit the number of boats per event per Federation with no less than 6 boats per event. Athletes wishing to attend must present themselves for Discretionary selection. Please go to item 5.3.2

10.1.3 Entries for Level 4 Competitions

The organiser can set the number of entries per National Federation and per event.

10.2 Released Race

In order to encourage the development of athletes, the 2020 Slalom Selection Panel may reserve a particular race, such as a world cup, for athletes who are ranked below the top 3, or in top 4 places in Senior categories.

For example, in a class which has more than three athlete who were pre-selected or who achieved the percentage standard or who, although below the percentage standard, are considered suitable for discretionary selection, the athletes who are ranked from four to six would be offered the opportunity to compete at the released race.

If any of the athletes ranked from 4 to 6 or in 5 to 7 place in Senior categories, do not accept the offer to compete in this race, the released boat space will then be offered to those ranked 1 to 3 or in 1 to 4 in Senior categories, if a boat space or spaces still remain, being offered to athletes ranked below 6th provided that they are considered to be of a suitable standard to compete in the race.

* Please note that if the 3rd & 4th Boat place Ranking is not activated, The release race order will follow the traditional flow of boats 4,5 and 6.

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10.3 Released Boat Places

In the event that an athlete, who has been selected to compete at a particular race or races, is unable to take part, the boat space will be released to the next ranked athlete in that class, provided that the next ranked athlete is considered by the committee to be of a suitable standard to compete in the race or races in question.

10.4 Extreme Canoe Slalom

With the start of the Extreme Canoe Slalom categories in MCSLX and WCLSX, athletes will need to request at present their intentions to enter into this event. There are up to 2 boats per national federation per event for Level 1 and 2 competitions. For level 3 competitions, the organizers can set the number of entries per national Federation and per event.

At present we do not have selection for this event. You must notify us if you wish to participate in these events. We want to ensure equity and share out the race opportunities over the course of the season.

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Appendix A

Information Bulletin regarding selection, on the basis of results achieved in defined races for the Senior, Under 23 teams that will represent Ireland in 2020

This bulletin details provisional information regarding selection to the Senior & Under 23 teams that will represent Ireland in 2020.

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

2020 Irish Team Selection Event for U23 & Seniors:

Team Selection may be achieved on the basis of results expressed as a percentage achieved in the following events to be held at:

British Prem' Race, Lee Valley, London, England 5th October 2019
There will be 2 runs on the day. Each Run counts as 1 Race

British Open Race, Lee Valley, London, England 6th October 2019
There will be 2 runs on the day, each run counts as 1 Race

The best of the 3 runs out of the 4 races will be counted for Team selection for 2020
You will be able to discard 1 of the 4 races.

Team Selection / Ranking will be based upon Percentage achieved on the 3 runs / race out of the 4 runs over the 2 days.

Performance Percentage will be calculated on the best 2 runs out of the 4. The Best run from each day will be used to create the Performance Percentage.

Selection Percentage tables are on the following page.

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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 Boat athlete at each of the Selection runs / races.

Performance Standard

Each athlete will achieve a Percentage Standard that is expressed as the sum of their best percentage of the top Irish Boat total in 3 races. (I.e. the time plus penalties of the 1st placed Irish Boat athlete, not the 1st placed athlete.) 1 race will be discarded.

An athlete need not achieve a particular percentage of the top Irish Boat at each race but the sum of the best percentages achieved by an athlete in each race, when added together, must be equal to or lower than the Total Percentage Standard for the class.

Table 1a: The time, including penalties, of each athlete seeking percentage selection to the Irish team for the 2020 season will be calculated as a percentage of the time, including penalties, of the top Irish Boat athlete in each race.

Team Selection / Ranking will be based upon Percentage achieved on the best 3 runs out of the 4 runs over the 2 days. (1 race is discarded) Target *3

Performance Percentage will be calculated on the best 2 runs out of the 4. The Best run from each day will be used to create the Performance Percentage. Target *2

<u>Target Percentage of the leading Irish Boat to be achieved in each race.</u> This is provided for guidance purposes. It is the Total Selection Percentage (equal to Target % *3) that must be achieved per table below			
	Senior	Under 23	Left blank
MK1	105	108	
WK1	123	134	
MC1	113	116	
WC1	132	140	

Table 1b: The sum of the percentages from the three races must be EQUAL TO or LESS THAN the TOTAL Percentage that is shown below in table 1b.

<u>Total Percentage of the leading Irish athlete to be achieved by adding the percentages achieved in the three races.</u>			
	Senior	Under 23	Left blank
MK1	315	324	
WK1	369	402	
MC1	339	348	
WC1	396	420	

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Schedule of 2020 Selection Process Key Dates

Activity	Date	Relationship to Scheduled Race date
Selection Race Entry: Last date for entries to be received, by email, to performance@canoe.ie and by post to the offices of Canoe Slalom Ireland	September 9th	
Payment Due date of Registration fee	September 11th	To have arrived to Slalom a/c
Pre-Selection Application: Last date for applications. It is sufficient to apply by email, to performance@canoe.ie unless there is supporting documentation that cannot be scanned and which should be posted to Canoeing Ireland.	September 9th	
Discretionary selection: Last Date for applications due to exceptional circumstances i.e. illness, injury or bereavement. It is sufficient to apply by email, to performance@canoe.ie unless there is supporting documentation that cannot be scanned and which should be posted to Canoeing Ireland.	October 13th	7 days after the selection race
Team Announcement: of 2020 Irish Canoe Senior & U23 Slalom Teams	October 13th 2019	Via Email and website
Appeals: Last date for receipt concerning selection. It is sufficient to apply by email, to performance@canoe.ie unless there is supporting documentation that cannot be scanned and which should be posted to Canoeing Ireland.	October 19th 2019	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

2020 Events for Selected Athletes

Senior Team Events

Start Date	End Date	Event	Location
15/05/2020	17/05/2020	European Championships	Lee Valley, Eng
05/06/2020	07/06/2020	World Cup 1	Ivrea, Italy
12/06/2020	14/06/2020	World Cup 2	Pau, France
26/07/2020	31/07/2020	2020 Olympics, Slalom	Sea Forest Water Way
21/08/2020	23/08/2020	World Cup 3	Liptovsky, Slovakia
18/06/2020	20/09/2020	World Cup 4	Prague, Cq
24/09/2020	27/09/2020	World Cup Final	Markleeberg, Ger
None in Olympic	Year	World Championships	N/A

** **TBC** will be designated as a released race and reserved for athletes outside of the top three ranked athletes in each senior class, as outlined in section 10.2 of this policy.

Junior and U23 Events

Start Date	End Date	Event	Location
07/07/2020	12/07/2020	Junior and Under 23 WORLDS Championships	Ljubljana, Tacen
13/08/2020	16/08/2020	Junior and Under 23 European Championships	Krakow, Poland

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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%20013.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 MK1, WK1, MC1, WC1, 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.

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