



## Joint Canoe Sprint & Paracanoe International Panel Statement –

### 2019 Selection Policy Publication

Following a comprehensive process of policy development which included two stages of public consultation, the International Panel are pleased to publish the following 2019 selection policies:

[2019 Paracanoe Selection Policy](#)

[2019 Canoe Sprint Senior Selection Policy](#)

[2019 Junior & U23 Selection Policy](#)

### Thank you for your feedback

The Canoe Sprint and Paracanoe International Panel would like to take the opportunity to thank all those people that have taken the opportunity to contribute to the development and improvement of the policies through the consultation processes.

In total well over 50 responses were received with a variety of opinions or constructive suggestions. Where possible suggestions have been incorporated into the policy with a couple of key themes that emerged:

- **Junior Crew Boat Selection:**  
There was significant feedback from the consultation that the paddling community would prefer individual boat selection first followed by the crew boat selection. As a result, for juniors, you will see that the crew boat selection will now take place after the individual selection.
- **Athlete Contributions:**  
There were strong feelings voiced around the cost of competing for Great Britain teams, particularly in non-Olympic events. The IP has worked closely with the performance department to establish the direct costs of athlete attendance such as flights, accommodation and accreditation fees and is also grateful to the support of the Sprint Racing Committee and Home Nation talent programmes who, where possible will contribute to further reduce the maximum athlete contribution (Maximum amounts are published in the policies).
- **Simplicity with transparency:**  
The panel has maintained the principles outlined in the 2018 policy but in several ways has further simplified the policy to aid simplicity and understanding. This includes a simplicity in performance standards where applied and maintaining a clear 'first past the post' system.

### IP Member recruitment:

Hopefully you will have seen the advert for an independent member to join the Canoe Sprint and Paracanoe IP early in 2019. It would be great to hear from you if you have the ability to commit and all the details can be found [here](#) with a deadline for applications of the 5<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

### 2020 Olympic & Paralympic Selection Policies:

The 2020 Olympic & Paralympic Selection policies will be published by 1 Jan 2020. In Canoe Sprint, any ways that athlete performance at the 2019 Senior World Championships will contribute to the 2020 process will be announced by the IP prior to the commencement of the 2019 selection process in March 2019.

Finally, we wish to thank all the volunteers that make our sport what it is, wish everyone a happy Christmas and look forward to a successful 2019 season.