



British Canoeing Sprint Racing Committee



"Sprint Racing Committee - Supporting The GB Sprint Team."

In past years the Sprint Racing Committee have helped the unsupported athletes from their committee funds, as far as is possible within our financial limits.

Last year it was 50% of their costs and *again this year it will be the same.*

GB Sprint Team members who are senior and are competing in events that are part of the Olympic Programme receive support from UK Sport and as such their international regatta costs for events that are on the published Olympic programme are met in full.

Those seniors who are competing in events that are in the World Championship programme but not the Olympic programme do not receive any support.

Some Juniors and U23 paddlers receive some support from the Sport England Talent programme.

Junior Scottish paddlers have their own funding system and the U23 Scottish paddlers are included within these SRC arrangements.

For the Juniors and Under 23 athletes who will receive some support from the English Talent programme, this will be less than 50%, and the SRC funding will make up their amount to 50%.

Just to be clear all the athletes in the situation outlined above will receive 50% of their travel and accommodation costs.

This will either be from the Talent Programme funds *made up to 50% by the SRC*, or all of the 50% for those outside the English Talent programme.

The numbers of athletes needing this support has risen from only a few last year to over 20 this year because of budget policy changes from Government.

However, the SRC feel that it is necessary to help these paddlers, all of who have made sacrifices along the way just to get to this selected position.

The payments are not to be construed as a precedent, as the ability to pay is governed by the committee funds available each year. This level of support is made just for this year and the position will be reviewed at the end of the 2019 season for 2020. Future support will depend on funding available and that from other sources, as decided by the SRC at the appropriate time.

All the supported athletes would be very welcome at the SRC Annual Consultative Meeting and Trophy Awards gathering, 2.00pm on 19th October at Reading Canoe Club where the clubs can celebrate the successes of the GB team members and the regatta trophy winners.