

British Canoe Union Canoe Slalom International Panel Statement 23rd March 2009

1. Start Lines for selection races, 2009.

Bala - start line 40 m above ski slope, finish 60 m above dog leg next to centre

Grandtully - start line near river left gabion above top fall, finish below bridge

Nottingham - to be confirmed 4th April 2009, in order to reflect start and finish lines of European championships

2. Start List for senior selection will be collated as in previous years - Reverse GB ranking order for race 1, cumulative results from preceding selection races for race 2 and 3. Junior selection races will be in reverse ranking list order.

3. With regard to the **2009 World ranking series**, the Canoe Slalom International Panel:

i. Acknowledges the expansion of the World series to 19 races, and the implications with regard to the selection of GB teams, and the need to select the best possible athletes to attend World series races in 2009, in order to attain the highest rankings possible for 2010.

ii. Uses the GB senior selection series to place athletes in order for entry to the World series races. The priority for World ranking events (to the end of September 2009) will be:

1. GB teams
2. Selection race senior ranking
3. 2009 Ranking (to the time required by the slalom administrator to submit entries)

Entries to World ranking races must be made clear within two weeks of Selection.

All paddlers in Selection must express their WRS racing wishes by the Friday after Selection. Races will be allocated to paddlers on Selection rank order to a maximum of three races per boat.

In order to ensure that all paddlers are included on the WRS ranking list, any paddler racing on the Sunday will be automatically included in a 2009 WRS ranking list.

- Each paddler entered in Selection provides an ordered personal race priority list by the Friday after Selection
- 3 WRS race start lines are allocated to individuals on Selection placing.
- As soon as a paddler has three races allocated then they go to the bottom of the list.
- This arrangement is over and above World Championship and World cup series.
- Any races in the two weeks immediately after selection, will be filled on the basis of selection ranking and not compromise the paddler with regard to number of start lines available.
- The ranking list derived from selection 2009,

Entries for the World series ranking races in October 2009 will be ratified by the International panel directly in order to ensure that the available places are utilised to maximise placings for the 2010 ranking list. To this end, four places will be allocated on the basis of the selection race order, and two places will be allocated to athletes on the basis of the active World ranking and the need to qualify places in 2010.

iii. A number of races will be reserved for GB representative team entry

Senior team programme – World championships, European championships and World cup series.

Markleeburg- Places will be reserved for top 3xU22 per class from senior selection and top 3 xU18 per class from junior selection to a total of 6 in each class. Any unfilled placings will come from U22's from the U23 selection list.

Foix- Places will be reserved for 3xU17 per class from junior selection. Remaining places will be offered to junior athletes in order from the U18 list.

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