

INTERNATIONAL FIXTURES AND ENTRIES

There are three levels of International Competition:-

Class A: Exclusively for National Teams.

Open to all Federations with a maximum of 6 boats per event per Federation.

Class B: Exclusively for National Teams.

Upon invitation of the organiser with a maximum of 6 boats per event per Federation.

Class C: Open to all Federations.

Number of competitors to be determined by the organisers.

(Applications for Class C MUST be made through the BCU Slalom Administrator, who submits entries at the discretion of the Slalom Committee).

There are three types of ICF competitions with a maximum of 3 boats per event per Federation:-

- Senior World Championships
- Senior World Cup Competition
- Junior World Championships

There are three types of ECA competitions with a maximum of 3 boats per event per Federation:-

- Senior Europeans
- Under 23 Europeans
- Junior Europeans

(All entries to Class A & B Internationals, ICF & ECA Competitions have to be made by the GB Team. The selection policy for GB Teams is mandatory and described under the selection policy. It is not permitted for athletes not selected under the policy to enter Class A & B Internationals, ICF & ECA Competitions.

Neither the Committee nor the International Panel has any power to alter this ruling and no exceptions can be allowed, irrespective of the circumstances)

The number of British competitors entering slaloms abroad has been increasing rapidly over the past few years. These regulations are drawn up to protect the majority of canoeists and will be vigorously upheld by the slalom committee.

Please note that upheld complaints against individuals may lead to disciplinary action and suspension from U.K. competition.

Representative teams wishing to enter class C internationals should inform the B.C.U. Slalom Administrator of their intention to do so at least **SIX WEEKS** before the date of the competition. The B.C.U. Slalom Administrator will then notify the organiser as to the procedure to be followed.

Individual competitors from all national associations wishing to enter Class C Internationals must do so as described below.

Entries will normally only be accepted from competitors in Premier and First Divisions.

Where entries are restricted by the organiser of the International, priority will be given as follows:

1. GBR Representative teams who have been chosen by selection procedure, with appropriate insurance arrangements

and a named manager prepared to take responsibility for the team and to act as Senior British Manager if necessary and notified to appropriate body SIX WEEKS prior to the competition.

2. Non-representative, but organised, Podium Programme, Home Nation Programme, Regional or Club groups (in that priority order) otherwise as in 1 and notified to the B.C.U. Slalom Administrator **SIX WEEKS** prior to the competition.

3 Individual competitors who follow the procedure below in order of receipt of application.

4 Other paddlers not otherwise eligible.

The B.C.U. Slalom Administrator may exercise discretion with the six weeks under certain circumstances.

(The International Panel will adjudicate where necessary).

Where those Great Britain teams do not wish to take up all the places allocated, the Slalom Administrator will publicise the availability of the remaining places, with a closing date for applications to reach the Slalom Administrator. The Slalom Administrator will allocate the remaining places according to the published criteria.

Where no other criteria are thought appropriate, places will be allocated to finishing positions at that year's British Team Selection race series, Senior or Junior as appropriate.

Senior British Manager:-

In all cases a Senior British Manager will be appointed and all competitors from the United Kingdom must accept the appointed person's jurisdiction.

It cannot be emphasised too strongly that the welcome traditionally given to British Competitors abroad will only continue if everyone attending such events behaves, on and off the water, in a manner acceptable to organisers, the people of the country concerned and other competitors (Foreign and British).

ENTRY PROCEDURE FOR INDIVIDUALS

(a) Register with the B.C.U. Slalom Administrator's Office for International Competition by sending a £5 registration fee, which covers administration costs for all entries made by an individual in a calendar year. A group of 4 and above may elect to pay £20 administration fees valid for one event only. Cheques to B.C.U. Slalom Committee. Registration does not guarantee an entry but registration fees will be refunded if applications are unsuccessful.

(b) Send details of the entry(ies) you wish to make at least **SIX WEEKS** prior to the date of the first competition, enclosing s.a.e.

(c) Ensure you have proper insurance - especially with regard to Public Liability, Third Parties and medical emergencies.

(d) If you subsequently find that you cannot attend you **MUST** inform the B.C.U. Slalom Administrator. Failure to do so will result in disciplinary action, which can include refusal of future entries.

(e) You are required to sign a statement, which will be forwarded to you by the B.C.U. Slalom Administrator.