

# **Selection Policy for 2010 Irish Wild Water Racing**

## **Teams**

### **1. Introduction**

The 2010 Selection Policy provides selection guidelines and criteria by which a national team(s) will be selected for 2010 for the following events:

- Senior World Championships, river Noguera Pallaresa, Sort, Spanish Pyrenees. June 7<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> 2010.
- World Cup Events 1,2,3,4,5 and 6. World Cup events are expected to be held on:
  - the river Adda, Valtellina, Italy,
  - the river Soca, Bovec, Slovenia,
  - the river Saalach, Lofer, Austria – all events expected to be held in June & July 2010
- Junior European Championships, river Vrbas, Serbia. 22-25 July 2010.

The Policy also sets out eligibility conditions for paddlers seeking selection.

The 2010 Selection Policy may be amended at any time by the Committee if the Committee is of the opinion that such an amendment is necessary to give effect to the 2010 Selection Policy following discovery of a drafting error or oversight, or for any other reason determined to be in the best interests of Team Selection.

The 2010 Selection Policy applies to 2010 only. Previous selection policies or criteria will have no bearing on the 2010 Selection Policy.

### **2. Eligibility Criteria**

A. In order to be eligible for selection for the National Wild Water Senior Racing Team all paddlers must;

- (1) Be fully paid up members of the Irish Canoe Union.
- (2) 18 years of age or older on the day the team leaves Ireland to travel to the senior international event in question..

- (3) Be eligible to represent Ireland in accordance with ICF Wildwater Racing rules Section 3.
  - (4) Inform the committee in writing (an email will suffice) before 31<sup>st</sup> January 2010. Please contact: [secretary@irishwildwaterracing.com](mailto:secretary@irishwildwaterracing.com)
- B. In order to be eligible for selection for the National Wild Water Junior Racing Team all paddlers must;
- (1) Be fully paid up members of the Irish Canoe Union.
  - (2) Be eligible to represent Ireland in accordance with ICF Wildwater Racing rules Section 3
  - (3) Inform the committee in writing (an email will suffice) before 31<sup>st</sup> January 2010. Please contact: [secretary@irishwildwaterracing.com](mailto:secretary@irishwildwaterracing.com).
  - (4) The first year a junior competitor can compete is the year that his/her 15th birthday falls in and the last year he/she may compete as a junior is the year that his/her 18th birthday falls in.

Those paddlers who achieve selection must indicate the international events in which they intend to participate, in writing or by email, to the secretary of the Wild Water Racing Committee on or before the 30th of April 2009

## **4. Senior Team Selection**

### **World Championship**

A team of up to four competitors in Men's K1, three in Women's K1 and three in C1 may be selected to represent Ireland in the World Championships. If a C2 crew attains national champion status, they may be considered for selection.

### **Selection**

Nominated selection events:

- Ranking Classic Race – Aghade (Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> February)
- Ranking Sprint Race – Aghade (Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February)

- Non ranking Sprint Race – Inny (Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> March)
- Classic Race – Inny Classic (Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> March).

For the selection races in each class, selection will be based on the following points system:

1st place – 9 points  
2nd place – 7 points  
3rd place – 6 points  
4th place – 5 points  
5th place – 4 points  
6th place – 3 points  
7th place – 2 points  
8th place 0- 1 point  
9th place and below – 0 points

Selection points will be awarded to each selection candidate for each race. A selection ranking list will be drawn up for all competitors seeking selection for the national team. Each individual paddlers best three points scores from the four selection events shall count towards their total selection points (allowing paddlers who compete in four selection events to discard their worst score from any one race). The above points will only be awarded to people seeking selection, i.e. those not seeking selection will not feature in the selection points ranking list. These ranking points will go towards drawing up a selection ranking list from which positions on the national team may be filled.

The Selection Panel reserves the right to vary selection dates if unforeseen circumstances disrupt the selection timetable. If this becomes necessary, every effort will be made to inform paddlers as soon as possible.

### **Important Discretionary Provisions applying to Selection**

Discretion may be exercised by the Selection Panel and in exercising its discretion the Selection Panel may consider any factor, or combination of factors that in the opinion of the Selection Panel is relevant for consideration when selecting athletes.

A paddler may be selected where there is a clear case that a paddler should be selected but for exceptional circumstances was unable to meet the selection criteria or the Selection Panel considers the outcome of the Selection Events do not reflect the true potential of a particular paddler

Any decision regarding discretionary selection will be made by the selection Panel with due regard to the paddler's abilities, skill level, speed and training efforts.

The Selection Panel will make the final selection of the teams.

## **World Cup**

A team of up to six competitors in Men's K1, four in Women's K1 and four in C1 may be selected to represent Ireland in the World Cup Events. If a C2 crew attains national champion status, they may be considered for selection.

The same selection criteria will be used as for the World Championships team, except that more people may be selected for each category, based on the selection points accumulated. The same nominated selection events will be used as above.

## **5. Junior Team Selection**

### **Junior European Championships**

A team of up to four competitors in Men's K1, three in Women's K1 and three in C1 may be selected to represent Ireland in the European Championships.

### **Selection**

Nominated selection events:

- Ranking Classic Race – Aghade (Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> February)
- Ranking Sprint Race – Aghade (Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February)
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7th place – 2 points  
8th place – 1 point  
9th place and below - 0

Selection points will be awarded to each selection candidate for each race. A selection ranking list will be drawn up for all competitors seeking selection for the

national team. Each individual paddlers best three points scores from the four selection events shall count towards their total selection points (allowing paddlers who compete in four selection events to discard their worst score from any one race). The above points will only be awarded to people seeking selection, i.e. those not seeking selection will not feature in the selection points ranking list. These ranking points will go towards drawing up a selection ranking list from which positions on the national team may be filled.

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Any decision regarding discretionary selection will be made by the selection Panel with due regard to the paddler's abilities, skill level, speed and training efforts.

Competitors may be selected to represent Ireland in junior C1 and C2, if they attain a full national ranking. The decision regarding this will be made by the selection Panel at the end of the season, with due regard to the paddler's abilities, skill level, speed and training efforts.

The Selection Panel will make the final selection of the teams.

## **6. Funding**

The funding breakdown is expected to be follows:

- 40% of available funding will be allocated to the Senior World Championships.
- 20% of available funding will be allocated to the World Cup events.
- 40% of available funding will be allocated to the Junior European Championships.

The maximum allowable funding a paddler can receive is 75% of the total costs incurred, however given the amount of money expected to be made available to

WWR racing, it is likely that competitors will receive somewhat less than this amount. Competitors will be liable for their day to day living expenses (accommodation, food and travel) while abroad and will be entitled to partial refund following completion of the events and upon production of relevant receipts, etc.

## **7. Notes (applicable to both Senior and Junior Teams)**

- Wavehopper percentages will not be allowed for selection purposes.
- In the event of a tie, the aggregate percentage off the class winner's time will be the deciding factor.
- All paddlers seeking team places are expected to participate fully in organised training sessions and in the national ranking WWR races.
- Competitors, who achieve the above requirements, will be required to sign a code of conduct before being deemed to be selected to represent Ireland at international events.
- The WWR racing selection Panel will make the final selection of the teams.