



BRITISHROWING

Selection & Ranking Policy

International Coastal Sculling
Endurance Events

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1. Introduction

British Rowing is committed to growing all forms of the sport including coastal sculling and as the National Federation for Great Britain is responsible for the selection and ranking of crews at International Events.

2. General

- 2.1. Per event, rowers may compete either as part of their club in an International Club Category **OR** as part of the Great Britain squad in a National Federation category **ONLY**.
- 2.2. Entry procedures for specific events will be published on the British Rowing website.
 - 2.2.1. [European Rowing Coastal Championships](#)
 - 2.2.2. [World Rowing Coastal Championships](#)

3. Ranking for Club Events:

- 3.1. All participants **must** have valid British Rowing (ROW), Scottish Rowing or Welsh Rowing membership.
- 3.2. Boats will be ranked primarily by finish results from the corresponding category from the British Rowing Offshore Championships.

Where more than one boat is entered in each event British Rowing will rank boats. With the best ranked crew ranked 01, the next crew 02, etc.

Any crew who is unable to compete at the British Rowing Offshore Championships will be ranked behind any crew that did compete and ranked on results from the following events:

- Welsh Rowing Offshore Championships

- 3.3. Any crew wishing to be ranked must contain at least 75% of the crew (not including coxswains) that competed at events listed in point 2.
 - For C1x and C2x boats must contain the same crew.
 - For the C4x+, it will be considered the same crew if it contains 3 or more of the same rowers (not including coxswains.)



3.4. Using the results from the British Rowing Offshore Championships first, boats will be placed into tiers as follows:

- Tier 1 for boats who have raced as the same crew in a Senior Category
- Tier 2a for boats who have raced as the same crew in a Junior Category.
- Tier 2b for boats who have raced as the same crew in a Master's Category.
- Tier 3 being boats where there is no data for that event.

Using this system, boats will be ranked as follows:

- Tier 1 rowers will be ranked in order of race result.
- Tier 2 rowers will be ranked in order of race result and placed behind Tier 1.
 - *(Where there are equivalent Junior and master's categories, the Junior category will be ranked first.)*
- Tier 3 the next most recent event mentioned in point 2 will be used, and the process repeated. Those rowers will be ranked under Tier 1 & 2.
- Further crews wishing to be ranked where we have no data will be ranked at random behind the above tiers.

3.5. British Rowing may use its discretion to select a wildcard entry which will be ranked 02. This will be reserved for a boat that has been unable to attend the British Rowing Offshore Championships but has rowers with proven results at National or International Level. This wildcard entry will only be used for events where capacity has not already been met or there are unlimited entry slots.

3.6. Only crews that have completed [Clean Sport e-learning](#) will be ranked.

3.7. If you have any further questions or queries, please contact coastalscullingranking@britishrowing.org.

4. Great Britain Selection for National Federation Events:

- 4.1.** This selection only applies to international events offering National Federation Categories.
- 4.2.** A maximum of 2 national team crews may be entered per category per international event.
- 4.3.** In order to be considered for selection for an International Coastal Sculling Event, rowers, and coaches must fulfil the minimum eligibility criteria. Each athlete/coach must:
- at all times hold a valid Passport;
 - *(Please ensure that your passport is up to date with all relevant regulations.)*
 - have a current appropriate British Rowing, Scottish Rowing or Welsh Rowing membership;
 - not be subject to any current disciplinary proceedings, suspension (including precautionary suspension) or ban;
 - not be subject to any period of ineligibility or provisional suspension due to an anti-doping rule violation;
 - be a fit and proper person to represent British Rowing;
 - comply with any COVID regulations which form part of British Rowing policy at the time of competition.
- 4.4.** In additions rowers must:
- be a British citizen;
 - be eligible under the World Rowing Nationality & Gender Regulations;
 - be aged eighteen or over on the date of team departure
- 4.5.** In addition, Coaches travelling with Rowers are advised to meet [British Rowing's Guidance for a responsible coach](#) and therefore should also have (in addition to point 3):
- British Rowing's Introduction to Safeguarding certificate – free and available on [RowHow](#) (valid for 3 years).
 - UK Anti-Doping's Coach Clean certificate or Introduction to Clean Sport Certificate – free and available on UKAD's [Clean Sport Hub](#) (valid for 2 years).
 - A current/in date practical Emergency First Aid training course which includes CPR*.



- 4.6.** In addition, coaches who accompany under 18's must at the time of trials have the following:
- A current enhanced DBS check carried out through British Rowing which is no more than 3 years old at the time of the event.
 - UK Coaching's [Safeguarding and Protection Children training](#) (which can be renewed online if it was completed face-to-face three years ago) or NSPCC's [Child Protection in Sport training](#).
- 4.7.** In addition, coaches who accompany adults and not under 18's must at the time of trials have the following:
- Coaches or athlete support personnel in [regulated activity](#) (appendix A) with an adult at risk must have a current enhanced DBS check carried out through British Rowing which is no more than 3 years old.
 - UK Coaching/Ann Craft Trust's [Safeguarding Adults training](#) (valid for 3 years).
- * *There are many Emergency First Aid training providers, for example [St Johns Ambulance](#) and [Red Cross](#), however your local authority or club may also organise first aid training. Depending on the provider the duration the training is valid for may vary. All coaches should ensure at a minimum the training includes practical CPR (not online learning).*
- 4.8.** The selection panel will be made up of three people appointed by the British Rowing Director of Performance.
- 4.9.** Boats will be selected by finish results in the equivalent category from the British Rowing Offshore Championships.
- 4.10.** The first and second-place boats (*meeting eligibility requirements outlined in 3 & 4*) will be offered the opportunity to compete as Great Britain if they score within 98% of the first-place boat's time.
- *If first place does not meet the eligibility requirements outlined in section 3 & 4, boats wishing to be selected must still meet the 98% rule.*
 - *For example if first place finishes in a time of 20:00.00 (MM:SS.00) the next selected boat would have to finish in a time of 20:24.4 (MM:SS.00) or faster to be selected.*



- 4.11.** If the first or second place finisher does not wish to race at an event offering National Federation categories for whatever reason, their place will be offered to the next fastest boat that scores within the 98% rule.
- 4.12.** If there are no successfully selected boats, British Rowing may use its discretion to select a wildcard entry. This will be reserved for a boat that did not race at the British Rowing Offshore Championships but in other ways can prove they are a standard to race at this level. They should apply in writing to coastalscullingranking@britishrowing.org.
- 4.13.** The endurance format is not currently a UK Sport funded programme, and therefore rowers will have to make their own arrangements to attend any International National Federation Event and self-fund. Rowers will have to arrange all their own requirements such as equipment hire, travel, accommodation, food etc.
- 4.13.1.** Rowers selected will race in Great Britain kit. This will include the following:
- All-In-One
 - T-Shirt
- 4.13.2.** (There will be associated costs with the purchase of kit.)
- 4.14.** Coaches (Maximum one per boat) travelling with rowers will have the option of purchasing a GB Rowing T-shirt. *(There will be associated costs with the purchase of kit.)*
- 4.15.** All competitors, coaches and support staff are bound by the UK Anti-Doping Rules as adopted by British Rowing. British Rowing's Anti-Doping Policy is available on our [Policies and Guidance](#) webpage.

Any competitor could be tested at any time. It is the responsibility of all competitors to check the prohibited status of any medications they are taking. At the point that you are prescribed with any medication (or purchase any medication over the counter), you should check the anti-doping status of that medication on [Global DRO](#). If the medication or method of treatment is prohibited, then use the UKAD [TUE Wizard](#) to find out how to apply for a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE). Please contact cleansport@britishrowing.org or UKAD at tue@ukad.org.uk should you have any questions relating to medications or TUEs. We are obliged to inform you that you would be at risk of incurring an anti-doping rule violation should you be subject to Doping Control without having first obtained a TUE (unless there is an exceptional circumstance for not doing so).

All competitors must be familiar with and comply with British Rowing's [Supplement Policy](#).

If you have any questions or queries, please contact cleansport@britishrowing.org or for further information please visit: [British Rowing Clean Sport](#) or [UK Anti-Doping](#)



- 4.16.** Registered athletes are entitled to appeal against the decision of the selectors. The nature of the selection process means that selections to the team can often be made close to the regatta. As such the outcome of an appeal can have a significant impact not just on athletes directly involved in an appeal but on the preparation of other members of the team. The Appeal process is therefore designed to operate quickly and minimise impact to athlete preparation. Athletes should carefully consider if an appeal is justified, before making one.

The appeal process can only be used to determine:

- Whether the correct procedures have been followed in the implementation of the Selection Policy.
- Whether the selectors have acted reasonably, fairly and without bias in making a decision.
- Whether a selection decision was reached based on an error of fact.

The right to appeal a selection decision is provided on these grounds only and must not be seen as an opportunity to dispute the opinion of the Selectors, who will be regarded by the Appeal Panel as experts.

Making an Appeal

The appeal must be raised within 36 hours of a “Selection Decision”. A Selection Decision is defined as either:

- the publication of the names of members of the Provisional Team; or
- formal written communication between the Team Manager and the athlete that it is the intention of the selectors to no longer consider the athlete for selection.



An appeal should be initiated by emailing the governance@britishrowing.org (Subject: GB Coastal Sculling Appeal) setting out full details of the basis upon which the athlete is appealing including:

- The appellant's name, address and contact details. If the Athlete is under eighteen years of age it shall also include their date of birth and the name(s) and contact details of their parent or carer.
- Details of the decision being appealed.
- Details of the ground(s) of appeal upon which the Athlete relies, including the precise manner in which the Athlete alleges that the selection criteria have not been applied or in which the procedure set out in the applicable selection Policy or Process has not been followed; and
- Any documents or written evidence upon which the Athlete relies in support of his or her appeal. These documents must be relevant specifically to the Athlete's grounds of appeal.
- An email or postal address for correspondence.

If the athlete fails to submit an appeal within the time limit, they will automatically lose the right of appeal.

An appeal hearing will take place virtually by videocall within one week of the Selection Decision. The appeal will be conducted by written and/or verbal submissions on behalf of the Appellant and British Rowing only. The Appeal Panel may request further information during this hearing. The Appeal Panel may make their deliberations in person or remotely as they in their absolute discretion decide.

The Appeal Panel will either:

- Reject the appeal and confirm the decision of the selectors
- Uphold the appeal and inform the Selectors that errors have been identified in the conduct of the selection process and request that a new selection decision be made as soon as is reasonably practicable.

The Appeal Panel will seek to reach its conclusion within 24 hours of the appeal hearing and will inform all interested parties as to their decision via email as soon as possible.

Appeal Panel

Three members of the British Rowing Disciplinary & Grievance Panel will be selected to form the Appeal Panel. Any individual directly involved with the athlete making the appeal or who was involved with the selection process may not sit on the Appeal Panel.

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