

## **National School Games Selection Policy 2018 – British Canoeing**

The School Games is a multi-sport event for the UK's emerging young athletes of school age.

<https://www.yourschoolgames.com/taking-part/national-finals/>

The event will take place at Loughborough University, Epinal Way, Loughborough, LE11 3TU from the 30<sup>th</sup> August 2018 until the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018.

The event seeks to create an inspirational and motivational setting that not only provides our emerging talented young sports people with the opportunity to thrive and perform at the highest levels, but encourages more young people to take part and succeed in sport. British Canoeing alongside British Rowing is proud to develop and organise the finals for the 2018 Rowing/Canoeing School Games, which is supported by National Lottery funding from Sport England. Due to the nature of the operational demands of the National School Games Final this will be an Indoor kayaking based event, using Kayakpro Ergometer over an Individual race distance of 200m, together with a team relay based event over a total distance of 2000m.

British Canoeing will select teams for England North and England South. Each team will be made up of 24 athletes (12 Male, 12 Female). With this being split 8 in each year group (4 Male, 4 Female).

Our aim is for the National School Games Finals to increase the number of young people entering the talent pathway in their chosen discipline of Canoeing.

Selected Athletes **must** be available from Thursday the 30<sup>th</sup> of August 2018 – 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018 to travel and compete at the National School Games Finals

### **Eligibility**

To be eligible for the School Games National Finals you must both be in Year 9, 10 or 11 during the 2017/18 academic year and **not** be a named athlete on the either The British Canoeing Talent or Performance programmes at the beginning of the 2017/2018 academic year.

### **Selection**

Athletes will be selected by their Individual 200 metre performance at a selection event. Each Athlete will be using a Kayakpro Ergometer calibrated to their weight on scales provided, no other Ergo type/brand is eligible for either the selection event or the National Finals. The 4 highest placed Boys and Girls in each year group for England North and England South will be selected. There will be selection events in both the England North area and also in the England South area.

To be selected for **England North** individuals must attend a school based in one of the following counties: Cumbria, Northumberland, Tyne & Wear, Durham, Lancashire, North Yorkshire, Merseyside, Greater Manchester, West Yorkshire, North Yorkshire, East Riding of Yorkshire, Cheshire, Shropshire, Staffordshire, West Midlands, Derbyshire, South Yorkshire, Nottinghamshire, Leicestershire, Rutland, Lincolnshire and Norfolk.

To be selected for **England South** individuals must attend a school based in one of the following counties: Herefordshire, Worcestershire, Warwickshire, Northamptonshire, Cambridgeshire, Suffolk, Gloucestershire, Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire, Essex, Cornwall, Devon, Somerset, Dorset, Wiltshire, Hampshire, Berkshire, Surrey, Isle of Wight, West Sussex, East Sussex, Greater London and Kent.

## **Selection Event Dates**

### England Team North

- 4th June Newark Academy, Newark - [phil.scowcroft@britishcanoeing.org.uk](mailto:phil.scowcroft@britishcanoeing.org.uk)
- 6<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> June Outwood Academy Shafton, Barnsley - [phil.scowcroft@britishcanoeing.org.uk](mailto:phil.scowcroft@britishcanoeing.org.uk)
- 19th June Wath Comprehensive, Rotherham - [phil.scowcroft@britishcanoeing.org.uk](mailto:phil.scowcroft@britishcanoeing.org.uk)
- 21st June Manvers Waterfront Boat Club, Rotherham - [phil.scowcroft@britishcanoeing.org.uk](mailto:phil.scowcroft@britishcanoeing.org.uk)
- 25th June Malthouse Centre, Walsall - [phil.scowcroft@britishcanoeing.org.uk](mailto:phil.scowcroft@britishcanoeing.org.uk)

### England Team South

- 28<sup>th</sup> April, SW Schools Champs Exeter – [james.hinves@britishcanoeing.org.uk](mailto:james.hinves@britishcanoeing.org.uk)
- 16<sup>th</sup> June, Hamble River Raid – [james.hinves@britishcanoeing.org.uk](mailto:james.hinves@britishcanoeing.org.uk)

## **Notification of Selection**

We expect to inform selected athletes via email by June 1<sup>st</sup> 2018

## **Enquiries**

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