

Talented Athlete Scholarship Programme Canoe Slalom and Sprint Inclusion Criteria 2017-2018

Overview

The Talented Athlete Scholarship Scheme (TASS) is a government backed partnership between talented athletes, educational institutes and National Governing bodies of sport.

It aims to support English athletes to fulfil their sporting potential and to meet their academic and vocational goals, through a dual process which creates a genuine balance between sport and education.

British Canoeing recognises that the transition from junior to senior international level may take several years; this differs widely across athletes and is not necessarily linear.

It also recognises that the majority of Sprint and Slalom athletes go onto further education and we are keen to support athletes with this. However we are aware that the time commitments and financial cost of education and training can make this a challenge.

To help address these issues, the British Canoeing TASS programme will be positioned to support U23 athletes between the England National Talent Squad and the World Class Programme stages of the performance pathway, extending the support available to England Performance Squad (EPS) athletes and widening support to athletes who do not quite meet the EPS Criteria.

British Canoeing has been awarded up to 20 places for 2017-18. This is a combined total for Slalom and Sprint (Olympic and Paralympic).

Our CORE philosophy will sit at the heart of our programme, and articulates the values and behaviours we believe are critical for success.

Commitment – Within British Canoeing commitment is seen as the absolute dedication of you as an individual to your own development goals and lifestyle choices, which include and support your long term development as an athlete.

Ownership – An athlete should look to drive their own individual programme with the support of their parents/guardians and their athlete team.

Responsibility – An athlete should look to take responsibility for their own actions in all aspects of their training and racing.

Excellence – Excellence (personal) is the athlete giving their individual best in training and competition. It is considered to be a product of demonstrating the three previous principles: Commitment, Ownership and Responsibility.

This document sets out the selection criteria for inclusion in the British Canoeing TASS programme for August 2017 – August 2018.

Eligibility

- Be eligible to represent England, i.e. be an English member of British Canoeing and
 - have been born in England or;
 - either parent have been born in England or;
 - have been a resident in England for over three years.
- Be competing as an U23 athlete in 2018, i.e. born in 1995-1999.
- Have received an offer of a place and/or been registered on a TASS “Recognised Education Programme” that is pursued during the 2017-18 academic year i.e. a programme which is:
 - delivered by an institution based in England;
 - consists of a minimum learning time/commitment – greater of 300 hours/30 credits or 50% of FTE (full-time equivalent) learning time;
 - is an accredited qualification or industry-recognised programme.
- Demonstrate that they will be able to access the TASS core services at a TASS Accredited Centre (see appendix A for a list of Canoeing TASS Accredited Centres).
- Not a member of the British Canoeing UK Sport Lottery funded World Class Programme.

Performance Criteria to be considered for inclusion in the 2017 - 2018 TASS programme

- Athletes who are current members of the 2016-17 England National Talent Squad (ENTS) or England Performance Squad (EPS) or Canoe Sprint Futures Programme or Girls4Gold Programme who will be competing as an U23 athlete in 2017.
- Athletes selected for GB teams in 2016 or 2017
- Other eligible athletes based at (or able to access on a weekly basis) British Canoeing’s High Performance Centre’s (HPC’s) in Nottingham or London, demonstrate the CORE values of British Canoeing and are able to contribute to the overall training environment at one of British Canoeing’s HPCs.

Application

Any athlete wishing to be considered for TASS for 2017-18 is invited to register their interest by completing the [TASS application form](#) by Friday 18th August 2017.

Programme Selection

The strategic leadership responsibility for the British Canoeing Performance Programme, including the English Talent Programme, rests with the Performance Leadership Team (PLT) led by the Performance Director. Its purpose is to provide strategic direction and strategy to optimise the performance potential of British Canoeing both within the current Olympic/Paralympic cycle and the future Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Both this inclusion policy and subsequent selection of athletes to the TASS Programme will be ratified by the PLT, in consultation with the England Talent Pathway Manager.

Athletes will be informed whether or not they have been nominated for a TASS scholarship Talented Athlete Scholarship Programme by August 25th 2017.

Appeals

If there is dissatisfaction with a selection decision then an appeals process will apply. A written request for a formal review should be submitted to the Slalom and Sprint Talent Pathway Manager within 5 working days of selection being announced or communicated. The Talent Pathway Managers will advise of the formal appeals process and within 10 working days will advise in writing of the outcome of the review and the subsequent selection decision.

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Appendix A: Canoeing TASS Accredited Centres (TACs) for 2017-18

For 2017-18 the TACs available to canoeists are those which British Canoeing intends to work closely with, to ensure athlete support is aligned with the overall training programme delivered from our HPC's.

Primary TAC's

Nottingham Trent University

University of Nottingham

We will also work with the following to accommodate individual athletes at these Universities:

Loughborough University

University of East London (Slalom only)

University of Hertfordshire (Slalom only)

University of Birmingham (Sprint only)

University of Manchester (Sprint only)

Athletes may be studying at other Universities, but will be required to access support services from the list above