

Paddle UK Marathon Racing Committee

Selection Note for the European Championships and Sanabria 2026

Following the conclusion of the assessment races held at Nottingham and Elmsbridge Canoe Clubs, the Selection Panel are pleased to announce the team selected for the 2026 European Championships as well as the Sanabria K4 team. The Panel would like to thank Nottingham Kayak Club and Elmsbridge Canoe Club for hosting the assessment events.

A team of 24 was selected for the European championships. This includes four spaces for paracanoe, and two spaces for Canoe. 10 kayak athletes were selected to the team having placed as first eligible athlete/crew in the assessment race and met the required performance standard. The canoe athletes were then benchmarked and the top two confirmed to the team. The committee received and accepted a mitigating circumstance for one Canoe athlete, as per section 9.3.2.ii of the policy as part of this decision. The para athletes were then benchmarked and the top four confirmed to the team.

The final stage was to select for the release places, of which there were 8. As per the policy, release and development spaces are secured by benchmarking across all classes to select the best team whilst also considering the team balance across the Kayak classes.

Finally, the Sanabria K4 was selected from the previous assessment data.

We would like to congratulate the athletes on their selections to their respective teams.

TEAM FOR 2026 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Pitesti, Romania, 24th – 28th June

Class	Singles LC	Singles SC	Doubles
SMK	James Russell (CLM) Matt Collinge (FOY)	James Russell (CLM) Matt Collinge (FOY)	Will Short (ELM) / Alex Worgan (RIC) Will Stroud (CLM) / Sam Cribbett (NOT)
U23MK	Gabriel Popham-Coveley (FOX) Harry Freeland (ELM)		
SWK	Katie Brookes (RIC) Brynde Kreft (FOX)	Katie Brookes (RIC) Brynde Kreft (FOX)	Katie Brookes (RIC) / Samantha Martyn (WEY)
U23WK	Sophie Dunlop (ELM)		
SWC	Beth Gill (NOT)	Beth Gill (NOT)	
JMK	Will Roeser (WEY)	Will Roeser (WEY)	Henry Pitt (ROY) / Marcell Nagy (RDG)
JWK	Dianora De Billo (ROY)	Dianora De Billo (ROY)	Imogen Field (ELM) / Matilda Burton (ELM)
JWC	Isabella Keane (RIC)	Isabella Keane (RIC)	

Class	Men	Women
KL1		Jeannette Chippington (BPC)
KL2	Jon White (EXE)	
KL3	Tim Lodge (WEY)	Charlotte Creamer (LBZ)
VL2		Jeannette Chippington (BPC)

TEAM FOR 2026 SANABRIA K4

Sanabria, Spain, 4-5th July

Class	Crews
WK4	Nerys Hall (WEY), Sienna Payne (CLM), Matilda Enoch (NOT), Jessica Urquhart (NOT) Non travelling reserve: Lucy Guest (NOT)
MK4	James How (NOR), Finn Caddell (NOT), Tim Dowden (NOR), Cassian Payne (CLM) Non travelling reserve: Flynn Holt (RIC)

REQUESTS FOR REVIEW

As per the 2026 Selection Policy (published here), any requests to review the selections must be made in writing to the Chair of Selection Committee, Nanette North via the email address marathon.selectors@vol.paddleuk.org.uk within 48 hours of the publication of this document. I.E. by 6pm on 27th May 2026.

Nanette North, Chair of Marathon Selection Panel
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