

Paddle UK Marathon Racing Committee

Selection Note for the 2026 World Championships and French Nationals Development Trip

The Selection Committee met following the National Marathon Championships to select the teams for the 2026 ICF Canoe Marathon World Championships and the Development Team for the French National Marathon Championships.

Despite budget constraints and fluctuations in costs throughout the year, we are delighted to announce a team of eight athletes across the kayak, canoe and paracanoe disciplines who will travel to Gualaguaychú, Argentina, from 22–25 October 2026 to compete at the ICF Canoe Marathon World Championships.

The Committee also selected a Development Team to compete at the French National Marathon Championships in September, providing athletes with valuable international racing experience and an opportunity to continue their development.

The Selection Committee would like to thank Wey Kayak Club for hosting the National Marathon Championships and for their hard work in delivering a successful event.

We would also like to congratulate all athletes selected to represent the team and wish them every success in their preparations and racing.

We look forward to following their performances in France and Argentina.

TEAM FOR 2026 World CHAMPIONSHIPS

Gualaguaychú, Argentina, 22nd - 25th October

Class	Singles LC	Singles SC
SMK	James Russell (CLM)	James Russell (CLM)
SWK	Katie Brookes (RIC)	Katie Brookes (RIC)
SWC	Beth Gill (NOT)	Beth Gill (NOT)
JMK	Will Roeser (WEY)	Will Roeser (WEY)
JWK	Dianora De Billo (ROY)	Dianora De Billo (ROY)
JWC	Isabella Keane (RIC)	

Class	Men	Women
KL1		Jeannette Chippington (BPC)
KL3	Tim Lodge (WEY)	
VL2		Jeannette Chippington (BPC)

DEVELOPMENT TEAM FOR 2026 FRENCH NATIONALS

Class	K1	K2
Junior Boys	Doogal Barnett (RDG) Finn Meredith (ELM) Samuel Bull (ELM)	Meredith (ELM) / Bull (ELM) D Barnett (RDG) / Stroud (WEY)

	Edward Stroud (WEY) Fergus Barnett (RDG) Jack Wade (RDG) Non travelling reserves: Tomozo Patch (WEY) Henry Hartland (BAN) Adam Golder (NOT)	F Barnett (RDG) / Wade (RDG)
Junior Girls	Ruth Shephard (RDG) Molly Bates (RIC) Adriana De Bilio (ROY) Emily Wainwright (NOT) Lexi Small (WOL) Edith Smerdon (CLM) Non travelling reserves: Emma Saunders (WEY) Eira Shaw (WEY) Agnes Grant (WEY)	Shephard (RDG) / Bates (RIC) De Bilio (ROY) / Wainwright (NOT) Small (WOL) / Smerdon (CLM)

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 7pm on Thursday 16th July 2026.

Nanette North, Chair of Marathon Selection Panel
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