

BUCS CANOE SLALOM CHAMPIONSHIPS

HOSTING REQUIREMENTS 2026-27 & 2027-28

Status

Annually, the Canoe programme within BUCS consists of four separate events:

- Wild Water Racing (WWR)
- Sprint
- Slalom
- Polo

Canoe Slalom is a truly dynamic sport that sees its athletes take on some of nature's most challenging white water. Athletes are immersed in the elements as they battle through technical rapids, demonstrating immense skill, precision and physical strength to achieve success. Alongside traditional slalom disciplines, the emergence of Kayak Cross (KX) has added a further exciting dimension to the sport, with head-to-head racing, increased spectator appeal, and a format that continues to grow in prominence at both national and international level.

The events attract a wide range of competitors. Athletes competing for podium positions are of a high calibre, with many on GB performance pathways. There is a long-standing tradition of success within Canoe Slalom, with athletes consistently achieving medals at World Championships and the Olympic Games, and KX now forming a key part of that high-performance landscape.

In addition, with an increased focus from BUCS to ensure our competitive programme is inclusive to all, it is imperative that our chosen partner provides a competition opportunity that is appropriate and enjoyable for all. This includes consideration of course design, event format (including the safe delivery of Slalom & KX), and the infrastructure required to support participants with a disability.

BUCS is seeking partners to manage and deliver the BUCS Canoe Slalom event. This tender is for the 2026-27 & 2027-28 seasons, with an option to renew the partnership upon review.

A preferred hosting window for the event has been outlined below. The dates must be compatible with the academic year and the other events within the programme.

Championship	Preferred Dates
Canoe Slalom	February – May 2027 <i>2028 date can be discussed following 2026-27 event debrief</i>

Format

The event must follow and include the disciplines detailed below, and as stated in BUCS Appendix 1:

- K1 (Female and Open)
- C1 (Female and Open)
- C2 (Open)
- Kayak Cross (Female and Open)
- Classic Open Team Type 1 (Open)
- Classic Open Team Type 2 (Open)

Event Organisers are expected to:

- Deliver a fair and safe event in line with BUCS Rules & Regulations and Paddle UK Competition Rules (BUCS Event Lead will facilitate a meeting with event hosts and Paddle UK)
- Offer an entry fee that represents value for money for students
- Consider an appropriate geographical location of the event for BUCS members
- Have the capacity to host the number of competitors detailed below

For more information on the host venue responsibilities, including specific facility requirements, please refer to the Bid Questionnaire.

Competitor Numbers

2025-26 (May) Event rearranged from February due to high water levels.	Individual entries – 107 Pairs entries (Open C2) – 13 Team entries – 16
2024-25 (February)	Individual entries – 204 Pairs entries (Open C2) – 19 Team entries – 30
2023-24 (May) Event rearranged from February due to weather conditions.	Individual entries – 128 Pairs entries (Open C2) – 16 Team entries – 34

Entry Fees

2025-26	Individual entries (inc Open C2) – £31 Team entries – £36
2024-25	Individual entries (inc Open C2) – £29.50 Team entries – £35
2023-24	Individual entries (inc Open C2) – £29.50 Team entries – £35

Successful bids will receive the following from BUCS:

- A dedicated BUCS staff member who acts as a key contact for the Championships
- An online entry system for the Championships (BUCS Play)
- Media & Marketing:
 - Pre & Post Event Email to competitors
 - Promotion of the event to Institutions via email marketing
 - Promotion of the event on BUCS social media channels
- Event Branding, including banners and flags
- Championship medals for Top 3 Individual Open & Female, and Top 3 Open Teams

Timetable for Bids

Monday 15 June 2026	Bid Questionnaire available to complete
Friday 31 July 2026	Deadline for submission of Bid Questionnaire
Mid – Late August 2026	Anticipated decision on host venue
September 2026	Event date and venue announced publicly
8-10 weeks prior to the event	Event Information published and Entries Open

To see information from last year's event, please click [here](#).

All bids must be submitted via email using the bid questionnaire to [Tanyel Mustafa](mailto:Tanyel.Mustafa@bucs.org.uk) by **5pm Friday 31 July 2026**.

Contact

If you have any questions or queries in relation to the bidding process, then please contact Tanyel.mustafa@bucs.org.uk.