

COLIN WOODGATE

PROPOSED CANDIDATE FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THE ICF CANOE SLALOM COMMITTEE



Personal Details

DoB: 27 October 1956

National Federation: British Canoeing - GBR

Occupation: Semi Retired

Other relevant information:

Aims & Objectives

Continue the work I have undertaken so far, trying to bring the ICF Slalom Committee closer to the community and in spreading slalom officials' education to be more accessible and less elitist.

Support the development of slalom in the smaller continents to increase slaloms Global reach.

The cost of the sport, both to organisers and to competitors / teams is a big challenge. The increasing infrastructure for events, and the number of volunteers needed discourages smaller nations, or new sites from proposing to host competitions. We need to find ways for it to be economical to hold quality events in new locations, increasing the global spread of the sport.

Sport Information

ICF/ECA Background

- ICF Slalom Committee Advisor 2016-21
- ECA Slalom Committee Member 2017-present
- Officiated at the Junior / U23 World Championships since 2013
- Chief Official / Chief Judge at many World Cups
- Chief / Assistant Chief Judge at European Senior and Under 23 / Junior Championships since 2013, except for the Continental Championships in Olympic Qualifying race in 2016 and Covid hit 2020.
- Officiated at many other World Cups in the period
- Updated the IJCSL exam papers to keep in line with the changing rules. Set up, invigilated and marked IJCSL examinations across the World since 2013.
- Developed web-based revision aids for ICF Slalom Rules ICF Statutes course diagrams and video scenarios
- Developed Extreme Slalom training aids and online revision quizzes.
- Recognised worldwide for my knowledge of slalom the direction of the sport, and as an accessible contact for information.

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British Paddling Background

- British Canoeing Slalom Committee member 3 times, 2010 - date, secretary for eight years, currently Vice Chair, 1998 - 2000(secretary), 1993 -1995 (secretary from 1994 to 2019, currently Treasurer).
- Technical Manager at every ICF / ECA race in the UK since 2013
- Technical Operations Manager at London 2012 Olympics
- Travelling Team Manager for GB Under 23 team at the start of the century
- Paddling since the 1970s, competing in most disciplines with various levels of success.

Career Background

IT Project Manager for most of my career, bringing a focus on getting timely results relevant to the project defined. Communicating with all levels of an organisation to understand the issues and challenges that a project needs to address and getting acceptance and buy in to changes required.