

**England Surf Kayak Team selection policy
for World Surf Kayak Championships, 23rd July to 2nd August 2009,
Ocean Spirit, Santa Cruz, Portugal**

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A full national Team is:

<u>Long</u>	<u>Short</u>	
4 Men	4 Men	
1 Master	1 Master	(over 40 on 1 January; must be two different Masters)
2 Women	2 Women	
1 Junior	1 Junior	(under 18 at 31 Dec; must be two different Juniors)

and up to 2 reserves in each category.

Ie. 16 competitive places, and up to 16 reserves.

(Entry to the Individual Worlds is quite separate to this Team Worlds event)

Selectors: Team manager and captain(s).

(Captains will not be involved in selection for their own place)

Selection to the England Team

More surfers than competitive team places will be selected – ie with reserves.

Having more surfers selected gives the team good flexibility for different surf conditions and for current form. This needs to be balanced with people's investment in time-off-work, and travel commitments.

The intention is that a surfer chooses to travel based on a realistic expectation of their involvement in the competitive team event. Any surfer selected in the squad may ask for an indication of the likelihood they will compete (although of course this may change at any time up to the event itself).

Selectors will make decisions based on results from the following events:

- 2008 final ranking list
- Autumn 2008 events - Home Internationals, World Cup Finals, British Open.
- All 2009 events to the end of April. This includes:
 - 2009 Ranking events Bigbury, Kimmeridge, Widemouth1&2, St Ives.
 - Cayton Bay, NE Coldwater series 1
 - International events at Santa Cruz, California, and Mundaka, Spain.
- Any special circumstances

Notes:

1. Since several events are on the same dates (Kimmeridge & Cayton Bay, and St Ives & Mundaka), and we want to encourage people to support local, ranking and international events, the selectors will need to look at all the early 2009 events.
2. Of the 2009 events, it is realistic to expect that the Ranking events are the ones that will provide most comparison between people competing for places.
3. 2008 results prove experience and performance over time. 2009 results show current form, closer to the Worlds in July. Selection will consider both.

Selection to the England Team (competing)

Selection of the team to compete will be made by the team manager at the event venue, taking into account previous selection criteria, current form and conditions.

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