



Event Management and Safety Plan
2026 European Junior and Under 23 Wild Water
Racing Championships



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Introduction

In August 2026, Paddle Scotland will host the 2026 European Junior and Under 23 Wild Water Racing Championships. This prestigious event will take place on the River Tay, between Aberfeldy and Grandtully, a location widely acknowledged as a premier Wild Water Racing venue within the UK. This championship marks the first international canoeing event to be held in Scotland in forty years, signifying its considerable importance for the development of canoeing in Scotland and for Paddle Scotland as an organisation.

Wild Water Racing comprises two distinct formats: The Classic, a competition conducted over an extended course, typically requiring approximately fifteen minutes for completion; and The Sprint, a high-speed event over a reduced course, generally lasting between sixty to eighty seconds. Both competitions employ a time-trial structure, with competitors commencing at one-minute intervals, and accommodate the kayak and canoe boat classes, both individually and in teams.

The competition will be run in accordance with the Paddle Europe protocols and the International Canoe Federation Wild Water competition rules (See Supporting Document 2)

The course will be available for an official pre-race practice period between the 8th and 11th of August. The competition will commence with the Classic race, scheduled for the 12th and 13th of August, starting below Aberfeldy and concluding at Grandtully. The Sprint race is planned to occur on the Grandtully rapid on the 14th and 15th of August.

The event is expected to attract around 300 competitors, coaches and support staff from approximately 20 European nations. Each nation has a race selection process to ensure each athlete meets the high ability and competence requirements needed to compete at this level. In addition, there are anti-doping and fair play in sport education programmes in place that each athlete, coach and support team member must complete in order to attend the championships. Team sizes vary depending on the profile of canoe sport in each nation. The larger teams are likely to be around 30 in size, with smaller nations bringing around 6.

This event will be based at Grandtully, near Aberfeldy, making use of the recently upgraded Paddle Scotland camp site/parking facilities, as well as the village hall, playing fields and other local amenities.

Spectator numbers are expected to be in the region of 100 on classic race days, and up to 300 on Sprint Finals day. The estimated spectator increase on Sprint final days is driven from the event being held on a Saturday, therefore likely increased public attendance, and approximately 60% of the competitors being eliminated during the heats.

The supporter demographic comprises overseas competitor families and team staff, UK based fans and locals. Thus, boosting the local economy in the week prior to and throughout the competition phase.

Paddle Scotland Standards for Deployment

Paddle Scotland "Standards for Deployment" require the appointment of an: Event Organiser; Event Safety Officer and Event Safeguarding Officer, for this event the following individuals have been appointed

- Event Organiser – David Campbell
- Event Safety Officer – David Campbell
- Event Safeguarding Officer – Helen Christie

The Standards for Deployment also requires that all volunteers carrying out regulated roles will have a PVG and safeguarding training.

Safety, Medical and Stewarding Arrangements

Stewarding and Marshalling Plan

Given the large geographical spread of the championship area, the safety cover and stewarding of the event will be covered by a "Safety Group". The group will be made up of four separate teams, each with their own defined responsibilities. The composition and specific roles of each team within the group provides the capability to cover multiple incidents occurring across the various locations of the race venue. The Group will be coordinated from Race HQ located at the Grandtully campsite buildings.

Safety Group Team Composition

- Team One: Water Safety
 - Team Two: Land Safety, (and back-up water safety)
 - Team Three: Stewarding and General First Aid
 - Team Four: Incident Comms Response / Race HQ
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- Medical Team

The group will operate for the official period of the Championships, 12th to the 15th August, and will contain professional water safety and rescue personnel, trained first aiders (outdoor first aid), general stewarding volunteers and employees of Paddle Scotland.

The table below provides detail on the: number of people in each team; those holding a first aid certificate; type of certificate and the primary focus of that team.

Safety Teams Composition				
Team	No. in Team	No. First Aiders	First Aid Qualification	Primary Focus
1	7	7	Outdoor 2 day (16Hr)	Athletes
2	7	7	Outdoor 2 day (16Hr)	Spectators
3	16 (AM/PM)	4	2 day or First Responder 1 day	Spectators
4	2	1	2 day or First Responder 1 day	Major Incident Management

It is expected that UK based competitors will be training on the river between Aberfeldy and Grandtully from around the 4th of August, and that international competitors will arrive and begin training from the 8th of August. During this period outside the official days of competition, National team staff are responsible for the safety of their competitors both on and off the water, this will be regularly communicated to international teams.

Team One: Water Safety

Requirement

The provision of water-based rescue marshals to ensure the safety of competitors and spectators during the official race period of the 12th to the 15th of August 2026.

Scope of responsibility

- To provide water-based rescue and first aid cover for competitors and their equipment following a capsize during racing or training,
- To provide water-based rescue and first aid cover for spectators who may have inadvertently entered the water,
- To communicate with race HQ should a serious incident occur and advise what action needs to be taken,
- To communicate with starter to suspend racing should that be necessary to affect a rescue and,
- To assist in any other incident as directed by the person taking charge of the incident, Race HQ or the emergency services

Delivery

The Aberfeldy based company, **Beyond Adventure**, will be contracted to provide professional water based safety cover. Beyond Adventure are an adventure sports provider who have delivered safety cover for the British Universities Wild Water Championships for the last 3 years which is held on the same course. This is the biggest wild water race in the UK, attracting in the region of 450 competitors. A team consisting of white-water safety and rescue professionals will be positioned in kayaks at various locations on the race course, complete with communication, rescue and first aid equipment. Safety boat locations have been determined by Beyond Adventure and take into account the difficulty of rapids, river levels, river features, safe and/or easy extraction points and their experience from previous events. Provisional locations have been identified, but are subject to change dependent on river conditions.

The technical competence of the attending competitors will be high, so capsize incidents are predicted to be low. Each National Federation has a selection process for team places, only four boats per class are allowed under international racing rules and athletes are selected on both their technical competency and athletic ability. There will be a higher concentration of safety boats at Grandtully rapid, the longest and most technical rapid on the race course, this rapid is also the sprint course.

The team will also support, if required, the bank-based team in the rescue of spectators who may have inadvertently entered the water along the race course.

Communication method

All team members will be issued with digital / VHF radios capable of contact with Race HQ, the start, finish, and each other. This will provide a dedicated and clear safety channel for any water based incidents.

All team one members will also carry mobile phones, be included in the steward/marshal WhatsApp group and have the direct number for Race HQ

See appendix 1 for the location map of team one members.

Team Two: Land Safety (and back-up water safety)

Requirement

To provide flexible safety coverage that will move to support water based safety as required, and to independently deploy for nearby land incidents. This will ensure that water safety is not diminished should there be a land safety incident at that location.

Scope of Responsibility

- To provide river bank based first aid cover for spectators who may require treatment or assistance,
- To provide river bank based rescue and first aid cover for spectators who may have inadvertently entered the water,
- To support team one, providing river bank-based rescue and first aid cover for competitors and their equipment following a capsize during racing or training,
- To communicate with race HQ should a serious incident occur and advise what action needs to be taken and,
- To assist in any other incident as directed by the person taking charge of the incident, Race HQ or the emergency services.

Delivery

Team two have a multi-functional role. Consisting of first aiders who have an outdoor first aid qualification, they will be positioned on the river bank at the same location as each water-based rescue marshal. Their primary focus is the safety of spectators, providing first aid and rescue cover in the river bank area for anyone who may require treatment or assistance, or who may have inadvertently entered the water. In addition, they will be able to support team one as required, assisting with the rescue and extraction from the water of competitors and their equipment. Their roles include additional first aid support and communication with race officials if required.

Bank based marshals will wear buoyancy aids, be outdoor first aid and rescue trained, carry first aid kits, rescue throw lines and have a method of communication with Race HQ. Team two marshals will be restricted to only entering shallow water in the delivery of their role. This is defined as **ankle deep** only.

Team two will be identifiable by wearing high visibility vests with the wording "Safety Team" on the rear.

Communication method

All team two members will carry mobile phones, be included in the steward/marshal WhatsApp group and have the direct number for Race HQ. In the case of a team two marshal, due to location, not having a mobile signal, communication with Race HQ will be via the use of the team one radio.

See appendix 1 for proposed locations and numbers.

Team Three: Spectators, general stewarding and traffic/parking marshals. (Including Back-up Safety Team)

Requirements:

A team of stewards is required to ensure the event is managed safely and within the parameters of its permissions. The requirements of their role includes general spectator/competitor support, managing lost children, vulnerable adults and spectators whose first language is not English, traffic marshals and parking management. In addition, the team members will be suitably qualified to act as a

“back-up safety team” for incidents attended to by teams one and two, where additional bank based or first aid support is required.

Scope of Responsibility:

- To provide general support, guidance, direction and management of spectators and competitors.
- To identify hazards, suspicious behaviour or objects, and report to Race HQ.
- Assist with any first aid incidents or with incident management as required that is within their training and competency
- Manage site traffic access, egress, people crossing points, prevent vehicle/pedestrian conflicts.
- Facilitate on site car parking and traffic flow.
- Back Up for bank based safety team (Identified and trained members only)
- Facilitate site emergency evacuation.
- Understand emergency response requirements and communication processes.
- Direct emergency services to the site of any incident

Delivery

Site access and egress traffic management at the classic start area – team three members will be located at the entrance to Beyond Adventure to manage permitted vehicle access in and out of the site, and to the official parking areas. Additional team members will be positioned in the car park to facilitate the parking of vehicles and trailers.

Site access and egress traffic management at the Grandtully parking areas – team three members will be located at the entrance to the Grandtully parking areas to manage permitted vehicle access onto the site and to facilitate people crossing the A827 from the river egress point to the car park. The crossing point will be controlled by traffic lights operated by event staff.

Additional team members will be positioned to facilitate traffic flow through the site and direct traffic to specific parking areas. (e.g. Spectator, Staff/volunteers, minibus and trailer parking etc).

Additional team members will also be positioned at the junction between the campsite exit and the main A827 Road to ensure :

- Competitor and supporter vehicles are prevented from accessing the race HQ area.
- Vehicles are prevented from entering the traffic control system against the one-way site traffic,
- Facilitation of people crossing the A827, between the car park exit and river bank spectator/competitor access area and,
- Information and assistance is provided to those attending the event and traffic passing through the area.
- To direct emergency services if required

The Bridge crossing to Strathtay – Stewards will be positioned on the south side of the Strathtay bridge crossing to prevent spectators viewing the event from the bridge. River bank area adjacent to Grandtully rapid and sprint course – six general event stewards will be deployed to cover both the water and spectator area. Volunteers will be identifiable by their high visibility vests with the wording “Event Steward” on the rear.

The steward locations site plan can be seen in appendix 1

Communication method

All team members will carry mobile phones. They will all be included in a steward/marshal WhatsApp group and have the direct number for Race HQ. In addition, the stewards on traffic management

duties, and those at Strathtay bridge will have radios and have contact with Race HQ and each other. The remaining general stewards will have a number of shared radios between them.

Team Four (Incident Comms Response / Race HQ)

Team four will only be deployed should Paddle Scotland deem that an incident requires the major incident plan response to be initiated.

The Paddle Scotland Major Incident Plan is included in appendix 2

Medical Team

The event Medical Team, consisting of a Chief Medical Officer (a Consultant Physician and Rheumatologist with major event experience) and a Medical Officer (a doctor trained in ATLS and trauma/medical emergencies), will provide medical care for athletes and spectators during the four-day Championships. Experience indicates two on-site medical staff are sufficient when paired with First Aid and Water Safety Teams. During a medical emergency, the Chief Medical Officer will oversee the deployment of all medical staff, who will remain reachable via UHF radio. The Medical Team will not execute water rescues directly; instead, they will coordinate with the Water Safety Team for the extraction of casualties. The Medical Team takes full responsibility for the patient once they are on land, performing evaluations and directing them to the correct care facility. To determine if the Medical Officer's intervention is needed, First Aiders from Teams 2 and 3 will communicate with the Medical Team as required. The stewarding team will provide extra support, with members potentially deployed to meet and guide arriving medical personnel and vehicles to the incident site, or to establish necessary access and egress pathways. If vehicle movement is essential, a designated individual will liaise with the Event Organiser to inform medical personnel of the safest routes to take.

During the Classic and Sprint events, the venue medics will be positioned at the Grandtully Rapids.

The main First Aid Centre for the event will be in the "Green Building" at Grandtully Station Park Campsite, which is across the road from the Grandtully Rapids. There is hard standing parking and WiFi, although phone signals are poor for certain networks. The First Aid Centre is marked on all the event maps and publications so that it can be easily found. There is also signage outside indicating its location.

There will be no ambulance on-site. If ambulance care is required then the Scottish Ambulance Service will be contacted in the usual way. Appropriate pre-hospital care will be provided by the senior trauma medic on-site supported by the CMO and first aiders. The designated accident and emergency centre for this event is Ninewells Hospital, Dundee, DD2 1GZ. The on-site medical team will contact the A&E staff directly if arranging transfer of a patient by their own transport. The nearest Minor injuries and Emergency Department is at Perth Royal Infirmary, Taymount Terrace, Perth PH1 1NX. The local medical centre Aberfeldy and Kinloch Rannoch Medical Practice, Taybridge Road, Aberfeldy, PH15 2BH have been informed of our event.

Paddle Scotland has a Major Incident Response Plan, which is included as appendix 2. A senior member of Paddle Scotland staff will be at the event to take the role of major incident co-ordinator. In the event of a major incident either the Event Organiser or major incident co-ordinator will assume the role of Ambulance Incident Commander and inform ambulance control, as advised by the Senior Trauma Medic who will take responsibility for management of the injured. They will hand over command to the NHS Ambulance Service Incident Commander when they arrive on site. In the event of a Major Incident, hospitals will be designated by the Ambulance Service Incident Commander.

Medical staff at the event will record consultations and these written records will be stored subsequently in a secure manner at Paddle Scotland Office at Grandtully. Medical staff will also complete the ICF Event injury and illness questionnaire which provides anonymous recording of any incidents.

Medical Team Schedule

The Medical Rota for the 12th – 15th August is as shown below

Date	Name	Role
12/08/26	Dr Jane Gibson Dr. Calum Urquhart	Chief Medical Officer Senior Trauma Doctor Senior First Aider
13/08/26	Dr Jane Gibson Dr. Keith Jacques	Chief Medical Officer Senior Trauma Doctor Senior First Aider
14/08/26	Dr Jane Gibson Dr. Ben Hughes	Chief Medical Officer Senior Trauma Doctor Senior First Aider
15/08/26	Dr Jane Gibson Dr. Calum Urquhart	Chief Medical Officer Senior Trauma Doctor Senior First Aider

At the end of the event there will be a debrief for the medical team. What worked well, what could be improved, what changes would make the event safer next time? The medical team debrief will be provided in writing to the event management team no later than 4 weeks after the event. Should a major incident occur, resulting in the joint involvement of a team in addition to the medical team e.g. retrieval of an injured athlete from the water, a Significant Event Analysis will be undertaken and reported to the Event Management Team.

Appendix Med, contains the list of medical equipment and locations that will be deployed at the event.

Locations of land and water safety team members

Ross Dempster will confirm the accuracy of the locations for each water and land based safety team members. This will be printed and made available to Race Medical Officer and Race Control officer.

Event Steward Requirement and Locations:

Location	Role	Number required	Notes
Water based safety	Provide water based safety and rescue for competitors and spectators	6	number could increase depending on applications received
Land based safety	To provide flexible safety coverage primarily for spectators who will congregate at known river rapids, and will support water based safety as requested.	6	
Grandtully site vehicle access for car parks / Race finish pedestrian crossing point. A 827	Vehicle access to site and pedestrian crossing management	2	
Grandtully campsite vehicle egress junction with A827. Pedestrian road crossing	Prevent vehicle access and pedestrian crossing management	2	
Strathtay bridge - south side	Prevention of spectators on bridge	1	
Grandtully - School Field	Parking marshal	3	
Grandtully campsite carpark	Parking marshal	1	
Grandtully spectator areas / river bank	General stewards	2	
Grandtully	Additional stewards to cover breaks and rotations	6	
Classic race start - Beyond Adventure Aberfeldy	Vehicle access to site	1	
Classic race start - Beyond Adventure Aberfeldy	Parking marshal	1	
Classic race start - Beyond Adventure Aberfeldy	Additional stewards to cover breaks and rotations	1	
Grandtully opening ceremony	Assist with managing ceremony		4 x Stewards used from above pool
	Total steward requirement	32	

See appendix 1 for proposed steward locations.

The stewarding briefing notes can be found in appendix 3.

Safety / Medical Management Plan

Personnel involved:

Event Safety Officer (ESO): Under the recently introduced Standards for Deployment, Paddle Scotland requires that any event must have an Event Safety Officer (ESO). The ESO will be responsible for managing operational safety, risk assessments, and emergency planning, with the authority to make critical safety decisions on-site. They will maintain the event management plan, manage volunteers, and liaise with authorities, ensuring compliance to protect attendees.

Outdoor first aid trained volunteers will be both shore based and available at Event HQ.

It should be noted that although Wild Water Racing is an exciting sport set in a potentially hazardous environment, it is, in general, a safe sport. Experience tells us that there are few injuries associated with the sport. Any injuries that do occur during the paddling and racing would usually affect an individual. Therefore, a multiple casualty scenario on the river is not expected. It will be stressed to all staff and volunteers that contact with emergency services will be at the discretion of the first responder in the event of an emergency and does not require prior contact with race HQ. Contact with race HQ should be made once the first responder has assessed and stabilised the patient and made contact with emergency services.

It should also be noted that all paddlers will have been assessed as being competent to paddle on this grade of river by their National Selection Process. This is an elite competition and the paddlers will be experienced in this environment.

Water-Based Injury or Illness

In the event of a paddler requiring medical attention whilst on the race course the following action will be taken:

1. The safety kayaker would assess the situation, along with the shore-based steward in that location.
2. If they deem it to be an emergency they call for help and phone 999.
3. The safety kayaker phone both the event safety officer and event HQ
4. If appropriate, administer first aid and notify the safety officer that first aid has been administered.
5. If the paddler is safely able to continue downstream then they can do so. If they are unable to do so, or the first aider deems it is not advisable, then they should remain with the shore-based steward (who will have warm clothes available for the paddler) until arrangements have been made for the paddler to be collected, usually by their Team representative.

Land-Based Injury or Illness

In the event of a land-based injury or sudden onset illness the event safety team will receive the following briefing:

If someone on the land, participant or spectator, feels that they require medical attention they should be directed to event HQ where they will be attended by a trained first aider.

The First Aider should assess the situation, and administer first aid if appropriate.

They should notify the ESO that first aid has been administered.

If it is felt that the person requires further treatment or assessment for a non-life-threatening injury or illness then they should be advised to phone NHS24 on 111

It will be stressed to all staff and volunteers that contact with emergency services will be at the discretion of the first responder in the event of an emergency and does not require prior contact with race HQ. Contact with race HQ should be made once the first responder has assessed and stabilised the patient and made contact with emergency services. In any emergency situation guidance is as follows:

1. Call for help and phone 999,
2. Initiate first aid,
3. Notify the ESO.

If it is a life-threatening emergency, phone 999. The team have listed the nearest defibrillator addresses within our management plan, these are:

- a. Grandtully Village Hall, A827 Main Road, Grandtully, PH9 0PL
- b. Derculich Lodge, C447(code to open) The East Boundary Of Edradynate Lodge ,Main Road, Strathtay, PH9 0LR

If the emergency occurs between Monday to Friday falling between the hours of 0800-1800, anyone can contact a local GP Practice and ask to register as a Temporary Resident. The GP Practice will then advise on further action.

The closest GP Surgeries to the event are -

1. Aberfeldy Health Centre, Taybridge Road, Aberfeldy, PH15 2BH - Phone 01887 820366
2. Atholl Medical centre, Ferry Road, Pitlochry, PH16 5FG - Phone 01796 472558. (*Closed on Wednesdays between 1215-1345hrs*)

NHS24 is available outside these hours on 111. Emergency Dental care is also available by phoning NHS24 on 111.

Locations of safety teams on the river -

1)The paddlers will be accessing the River Tay via Beyond Adventure, beside the cemetery in Aberfeldy accessed by the A827 road.OS Grid reference-866497, What3Words sway.timidly.topples.

2)They then paddle downstream, on calm water to the **race start** at

Grid reference **NN 88141 51415**.

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Accessed by the un-named B class road which runs along the north bank of the River Tay between Strathtay and Weem.

3)On the **race course**. Safety kayak and shore-based steward will be situated in the vicinity of the Paddle Scotland (SCA) access point. This is signposted on a gate situated on the North bank of the river, accessed by the unnamed B class road at

Grid reference **access gate NN 88764 51849**

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Grid reference **for safety personnel NN 88849 51761**

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The river bank can be seen approximately 200m away and is accessed via the track that runs through the field at this point.

4) Safety kayaker and shore-based steward will be on the north bank of the river below the Graveyard Rapid. This can be accessed by the B class road that runs north of the river Tay between

Strathtay and Weem. Access to the river is via the same track marked Cloichfoldich Beat on a gate next to the road.

Grid reference **access gate NN 89666 52636**

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Grid reference **for safety personnel NN 89404 52441**

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5) Safety kayaker and shore-based steward will be on the north bank of the River close to the Hydro station inlet. Access is via a track on the north bank of the river. The entrance is located on the western side, at the north end of Strathtay bridge in Grandtully Village. The safety team is based approximately 1km upstream along the track.

Grid reference **entrance to river bank track NN 91184 53306**

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Grid reference **for safety personnel NN 90710 52912**

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6) **Main Grandtully Rapid.** Closest access to the river is via the carpark of The Inn on the Tay Hotel. This is on the South side of the riverbank off the A827.

Two safety teams located on the main rapid. One above the bridge and one below.

Grid reference for car park **NN 91233 53168**

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7) **Forth falls and Finish**

Layby at the side of A827 offering access to a rock ramp to the river's edge. Safety team located on south side river below Forth Falls and adjacent to layby and ramp.

Grid reference for layby **NN 91486 53334**

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Race HQ – Grandtully Campsite.

Race HQ will be based in the Paddle Scotland buildings at the Grandtully Campsite.

Should the emergency services be needed, advise them to approach via the A827 in Grandtully Village and turn into Lagoonan Road. The camp site is located a short way up the road. It is sign posted from the main A827.

Grid reference for Race HQ – Grandtully Campsite **NN 91335 53050**

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Fire Management Plan:

The fire management plan for Race HQ - Grandtully Campsite buildings - can be found in appendix 4.

Hours of operation

The Grandtully campsite will act as race HQ and will be in operation from the 8 -15 Aug Inc. Between the 8th and 10th of August, the campsite area will be active for visiting teams pre-event administration and information, race technical requirements and general pre-event administration.

The classic race start area at Beyond Adventure, will be in operation for the official pre event training period, and classic race days, 8 – 13 Aug

8 August: 09:00 – 18:00. Open training. Aberfeldy (Beyond Adventure) – Grandtully. Race office open - Grandtully campsite.

9 August: 09:00 – 18:00. Open training. Aberfeldy (Beyond Adventure) – Grandtully. Race office open - Grandtully campsite.

10 August: 09:00 – 18:00. Open training. Aberfeldy (Beyond Adventure) – Grandtully. Race office open - Grandtully campsite.

11 August: 09:00 – 18:30. Open training. Aberfeldy (Beyond Adventure) – Grandtully. Race office open - Grandtully campsite.

18:30 – 20:30. Opening ceremony at the Grandtully campsite.

12 August: 07:45 – 18:00. Individual races classic. Aberfeldy (Beyond Adventure) – Grandtully. Race office open - Grandtully campsite.

13 August: 07:00 – 18:00. Team races classic. Aberfeldy (Beyond Adventure) – Grandtully. Race office open - Grandtully campsite.

18:00 – 20:00 Medal ceremony - Grandtully campsite.

14 August: 07:00 – 20:00. Sprint races heats. Grandtully Rapid. Race office open - Grandtully campsite.

15 August: 07:00 – 18:30. Sprint races Final. Grandtully Rapid. Race office open - Grandtully campsite.

18:30 – 20:30 Medal and closing ceremony - Grandtully campsite.

See appendix 5 for detailed race plan

Alcohol plan

There will be no alcohol sold or alcohol sponsorship as part of the event due to it being an event for Junior and Under 23's.

Traffic Management Plan

A temporary, traffic light controlled, pedestrian crossing point will be installed across the A827 between the race finish egress point and the parking area in School field. This will be marshalled and

controlled by stewards and will allow competitors who will be carrying kayaks, to safely cross the A872 after they have completed the course.

Pedestrian crossing points across A827 at race finish and campsite in Grandtully Village will be controlled by stewards.

The 20 MPH speed limit will be extended to the east of Grandtully village for the duration of the event. Event and warning signs will be positioned to the east and west of Grandtully Village prior to, and during the event

A briefing will be given to all visiting team managers, informing them of traffic control, road crossings and pedestrian routes at the venue .

Competitors will be advised to avoid carrying boats along the A827 footpath from the finish egress point, this may be altered to allow paddlers to access the river bank and avoid double road crossing. During competition days, stewards will direct participants to a designated route through the parking field into the campsite.

Cars will only be parked in areas designated by the event organisers.

No participant vehicles will be parked in the layby at the finish egress point. This area is reserved for emergency vehicle parking and access.

Drawings of the Traffic Management Plan will be supplied to the Roads Team separately.

There will be no signage on the A9, with the first sign, direction vehicles to the car parking field, will be at the west end of the Strathtay bridge.

Parking plan

The event parking plan can be found in appendix 1.

Car Park Numbers Plan			
Location	No of spaces	Who for	Notes
Beyond Adventure - Aberfeldy pre start	65	Staff, volunteers, competitors (No spectators)	
Grandtully - Parking field - Main car park	600	Spectators (classic)	
Grandtully - Parking field - Mini-bus and trailer area	300	Mini bus collection point (classic)	
Total	965		

The parking capacity is far in excess of what we propose will be required for the event, capacities reflect the size of the field.

Health and Safety Risk Assessments

Please see appendices 6, 7 & 8 for the following risk assessments:

1. Grandtully Station Park Site,
2. European Championships Competition and,
3. Public protection.

Lost child process

The lost child / person process can be found in appendix 9.

Missing paddler protocol

Race numbers will be identified and recorded at beyond Adventure, against the start list. The race start will be confirmed at the timing gate at SCA rapid.

A dedicated spotter with a radio will be located at the bottom of Fisherman's rapid. They will note each paddlers number coming through, race numbers are visible at front and back of race bibs. They will be equipped with the start list, a waterproof pad and pencil.

They will note the race number of every paddler coming through, ticking them off the start list. Timing at race finish will also note the number of each paddler passing through.

If either spotter at Fisherman's, or race finish do not see the paddler they expect, they will check with start that the paddler has started the race. Should the paddler have started and still thought to be missing they will initiate the missing paddler protocol by notifying the race control officer immediately.

This will be a hasty search conducted by the water based safety team, beginning at the point they were last seen. If they are not located in the hasty search, a full search and rescue will be initiated and a major incident declared

Race stop protocol

This will be done at the command of race control, or any member of the water or land based safety team and communicated to all through radio initially, and other means secondarily. Race Control will be advised immediately, and they will communicate to other teams and officials.

The race will be stopped by a combination of hand and verbal signals, and whistle. The sign of an X with arms, along with verbal instruction to Stop will be given.

Then land based safety personnel at top on inlet rapid will be equipped with an air horn, a red flag. This added visibility is to ensure that if a paddler or boat creates an obstruction at top of Tully rapid, there is sufficient time and space to stop all other paddlers.

Communication protocols

All land and water based safety team members will be issued with a UHF radio and guidance on their use. A printed guidance sheet will be issued to all persons with a radio.

Call signs will be Water Safety team followed by their first name, and Land based safety team followed by first name. Each person will also understand the importance of following key contacts and their name.

Race medical officer

Race Control Officer

Team one, (water based safety)team lead

Team two, (and based safety) team led

Team three, stewards team lead

Team two radios will be returned to base at Grandtully every evening to be recharged.

Briefing meetings will take place each morning for Team One and team Two, whose Team Leaders will then liaise and advise of any changes. Radio checks will take place before each race session, and confirmation that team members are in place will be communicated to the Race Control Officer.

River level assessment

Race Control will monitor river levels and make decisions based on the following basis. If the river at the gauge is showing 1.0 there will be a more regular monitoring of river level. Should the water level be 1.2 and rising the race office will consider changing the course. For the Classic this would be stopping the race above the Tully Rapids.

For the Sprint the race start would be moved to mid-rapid, or with very high levels the start would be moved to below the bridge.

Food safety plan

There will be a hot food mobile unit located in the Grandtully campsite, and possibly a coffee trailer and an ice cream van. Details will be added to this plan when they become available.

The Paddle Europe development team will make use of Paddle Scotland food preparation areas to cater for team members, food will be prepared and consumed by team members only.

There are local businesses in the Aberfeldy and Grandtully area that the public can access for food and drink.

Noise

The opening ceremony, taking place in the Camp Site area between 18:30 and 20:00 on the evening of 11th Aug will include a piper, short speeches by officials and the playing of the ECA anthem. This will include the use of a PA system.

A PA system will be used along the southern river bank adjacent to Grandtully rapid for the duration of the competition period. The system will only be used to convey public, safety/emergency/evacuation

and National Team announcements. Period of operation 09:00 – 18:00 daily for the duration of competition days. Event commentary will be via the competition live feed broadcast, hosted by the European Canoe Association YouTube channel.

The southern bank area adjacent to the Grandtully rapid will see the main spectator concentration on race days. This section of the bank gives a wide view of the biggest rapid on the race course, has good accessibility, is close to all the race facilities and the finish line. During competition hours there will be cheering, including the use of ringing cow bells (A long established tradition at international wild water competitions)

Daily medal ceremonies will also take place in the campsite area at approximately 18:00 after each day's racing for around 1.5 hours. The medal ceremonies will include podium announcements, the playing of the winners National Anthem and no doubt include some cheering from supporters and fellow team members.

Waste

A flexible contract between Paddle Scotland and Binn Skips already exists for the removal of general and recycling waste from the Grandtully campsite area. Additional bins and collections will be agreed for the duration of the event.

Additional waste collection receptacles will also be placed in the spectator areas along the river bank. These will be managed by event staff and volunteers on a daily basis.

Additional bins will be provided by Beyond Adventure at the classic race start area.

Temporary demountable structures

There will be no temporary demountable structures used within any part of the competition site.

A small section of temporary seating will be located adjacent to the Inn on the Tay, this will be at ground level and not exceed 600mm.

The podium for medal ceremony's, located within the campsite, will use structures already in place. No other temporary demountable structures are planned to be used at any of the site's locations.

Toileting and Welfare Facilities

Location	Type	Female	Male	Gender Neutral	Total
Village Hall	Permanent	2	2		4
Paddle Scotland - Green Building	Permanent			5	5
Event Car Park	Portaloos			2	2
Beyond Adventure	Permanent	1	1	3	5

TOTAL	18
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Site Plans

Please see appendices 1 and 10 for the following site plans.

1. Parking plan,
2. Grandtully site plan,
3. Classic Race start area and parking plan,
4. Sprint race site plan,
5. Classic race site plan,
6. Rescue personnel position plan and,
7. General stewarding plan.