



GRANDTULLY - 12-15th August 2026



2026 PADDLE EUROPE JUNIOR & U23 WILDWATER CANOEING CHAMPIONSHIPS





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Welcome Words

Chair of Paddle Scotland – Alison Byers

Paddle Scotland are proud to be chosen to host the **2026 Paddle Europe Junior and U23 Wildwater Canoeing Championships**, and we look forward to welcoming competitors and spectators to Scotland this summer.

We are really grateful to our Organising Committee, who are working tirelessly to ensure that the Championships deliver an outstanding experience both on and off the water. From competition logistics and athlete services to spectator opportunities and social activities, every effort is being made to create a memorable and well-run event.

We are delighted to host the event in Grandtully, one of Scotland's most iconic paddlesport venues. Set on the River Tay, Grandtully offers exciting, high-quality whitewater alongside a welcoming village atmosphere. The surrounding area of Highland Perthshire is renowned for its stunning scenery, outdoor activities, and rich cultural heritage, providing a fantastic backdrop for athletes, teams, and supporters alike.

We are excited to showcase not only high-quality racing but also Scotland's vibrant paddling community and warm hospitality. Further information on venues, schedules, accommodation, and event updates will be shared in the coming months.

We look forward to welcoming you to Scotland for what promises to be a fantastic Championships.



Key Information

Official Championships - 12th-15th August 2026

Official Training Dates - 8th-11th August 2026

Unofficial Schedule

Date	Paddling	Ceremony
Saturday 8 th August	Official Training	
Sunday 9 th August	Official Training	
Monday 10 th August	Official Training	
Tuesday 11 th August	Official Training	Opening Ceremony
Wednesday 12 th August	Individual Classic	
Thursday 13 th August	Team Classic	Classic Medal Ceremony
Friday 14 th August	Individual Sprint – Heats	
Saturday 15 th August	Individual Sprint – Final Team Sprints	Sprint Medal Ceremony Closing Ceremony

Entries

Numerical entries deadline – 28th June 2026

Nominal entries deadline – 2nd August 2026

Entries are only possible online via the SDP (Sports Data Platform) – ICF entries system

Entries must be submitted through the numerical and nominal online entries forms

Athletes and team members must be registered

ICF's online entries system (SDP): <https://icf.mev.atos.net/icf/main.jsp>

For detailed instructions on how to submit entries, please read the SDP user guide

https://www.canoeicf.com/sites/default/files/nf_userguide_v4.0_final.pdf.

Any questions or issues accessing the system or with the entries/accreditation

should contact PEU Event Manager at jstanojevic@canoe-eca.eu prior to the

respective deadline.



Participation Fee

Athletes limited to registered athletes on ICF online entries - €100/person

Team staff limited - €100/person

ITO according to edited list by Paddle Europe – Free

The payment of participation fees can be made by bank transfer before you reach Grandtully or on site upon your arrival in cash

Further information on bank details will be made available in the updated bulletin

Open Race

To enhance this event we plan on running an open race alongside the championships. This will consist of individual classic and individual sprint. It is open to all ages.

Insurance

All participants of the event must have their own insurance according to their NF policy

Organising Committee, LOC/NF or ICF will not cover any expenses in connection with hospital or dental treatment

Visa

All participants are kindly required to contact Paddle UK in time regarding visa requirements.



Course information

Classic

The Classic get in point will be at Beyond adventure, Aberfeldy, with the start approximately 2kms (15-minute gentle paddle) downstream at Edradynate. The Classic course is 4.3km and consists of 8 rapid sections (grade 2-3). It will finish just after racing over 'Fourth Falls', below the bridge at Grandtully. The river Tay flows out of Loch Tay and the level of the river depends entirely on rainfall. We expect it to be low in the summer during the race however all rapids can still be navigated even with very low conditions.

Classic get in – Beyond adventure - <https://w3w.co/reject.rucksack.tearfully>

Classic Start – Edradynate - <https://w3w.co/haystack.nest.backlog>

Classic finish – Fourth Falls - <https://w3w.co/unscathed.peanut.havens>

Sprint

The Sprint course will start at the top of Grandtully rapids, river left. You will be racing over the rapids, under the bridge and down to Fourth falls. This is a 500m sprint with two rapids and a flat section in between.

Sprint start – Top of Grandtully Rapids -
<https://what3words.com/deluded.backswing.campfires>

Sprint finish – Fourth Falls - <https://w3w.co/unscathed.peanut.havens>



Basic information

Transport

Most teams will be coming over in minibuses with trailers, we expect many to travel by ferry on the Calais-Dover route. Once in the UK it will take 11-12 hour to reach Grandtully. The other ferry option is the overnight Rotterdam-Hull route which brings you into the UK further North meaning a 7-hour drive to Grandtully.

When driving in the UK with a trailer, the speed limit is 60mph, and we drive on the Left-hand side!

For family and friends coming over for the championships, there are two major airports in Scotland you can fly into – Glasgow and Edinburgh. There is good public transport at both airports which would get you easily to Perth however the buses and trains North of Perth are not frequent so we would advise hiring cars.

Accommodation

Early booking of accommodation is strongly recommended as these championships will be held during a busy tourist time in Scotland.

There are multiple options for accommodation in the area around Grandtully and Aberfeldy, from hotels to apartments and campsites to community halls. With the numbers most teams need to cater for you may be looking for places further afield, other 'bigger' villages and towns to consider include: Pitlochry, Logierait, Dunkeld and Birnam. Perth is the nearest City but would require a 40 minute drive to Grandtully. Some care should be taken with the location of the accommodation as the area has many narrow roads and steep hills that can be challenging for a mini bus and trailer.

The GB Team have booked their accommodation via Sporthotel, the contact used to help with accommodation is Louise Green louise@sportshotels.com . Louise is happy for her contact details to be shared and is willing to assist Teams with their accommodation requirements:



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Local area

Grandtully is a small village in the highlands of Scotland. It is only 10 minutes of the A9 dual carriageway making it quite accessible but also more touristy.

As it is a small village consideration of the local community is absolutely required to preserve the good will that we need to run this and future events. Organisers have been in discussion with local landowners to provide additional access and parking as well as safe routes to and from the river, so this is an early request to stick to the designated parking and access ways. More information will be available and will be shared nearer to the event.



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Contact information

Event Organiser – Davie Campbell – wwreventlead@paddlescotland.org.uk

Point of contact for pre-race training – Fraser Gormal – fraser.gormal@gmail.com

Instagram – [grandtully_wwr_euros_2026](https://www.instagram.com/grandtully_wwr_euros_2026)

Facebook – Grandtully WWR Euros 2026

Governing Body – Paddle Scotland - <https://www.paddlescotland.org.uk>



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