

**Czech Athletes based abroad:**

Following a discussion with the Board it was agreed that if athletes were of a level to improve Championship results they should be included in the team.

Following this confirmation, the strategy for possible selection of athletes based abroad is:

1. When ever it is practically possible the athlete will take part in the prescribed National Team testing in the Czech Republic.
2. When participation is not possible a test replicating as closely as possible the prescribed test will be undertaken under the guidance of the local coach.
3. These tests will be set and agreed by the Performance Director.
4. If the results of these tests show the potential to improve the performance of the Czech Team as selected from the tests undertaken in the Czech Republic then a suitable date will be found and further water based crew testing will take place.

Notes:

If you are a Czech athlete based in the Czech Republic and have undertaken all the required testing and been selected into a crew for the crew to be changed it must be shown to be clearly faster. You as the selected athlete, are in a position of strength, it is your place and will you only be changed if there is a clear performance reason. (for example, the crew is faster with someone from abroad)

By being based abroad it is not intended to be an easy route to selection and where Czech based crews show a high-performance standard they will not be changed without a strong reason.

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