

ISAF Team Racing World Championship 2011 Notice of the GBR Open Team Selection Process

1 Overview

The ISAF Team Racing World Championships 2011 (the “World Championship”) will be held in Schull, Ireland in August 2011. The event will include two Competitions: an Open Competition and a Youth Competition (under 19 on 31 December 2011). Teams eligible for the Youth competition are also eligible for the Open Competition.

The Notice of Race has been published.

[http://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/11ISAFTRWCNOR-\[9610\].pdf](http://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/11ISAFTRWCNOR-[9610].pdf)

Entry to the World Championship is based on an invitation from ISAF to teams put forward by Member National Authorities (“MNA”). The RYA is the MNA for GBR. Each MNA may put forward several teams and rank them in order e.g. GBR1, GBR2. All teams are entered on a grid according to 1st choice, 2nd choice etc and in date order according to the date of receipt by ISAF. Second choice teams will only be allocated places only after all MNA first entries have been taken into account.

There is no limit set by ISAF on entries from any given MNA. However the RYA intends to put forward four teams to represent GBR: two qualifying for the Open Competition, and two qualifying for the Youth Competition.

This Notice of Selection sets out the process to be adopted by the RYA to select and rank the two Open teams. The Youth process is covered in a separate Notice of Selection. This Selection Process will be open to both new and existing teams

2 Selection Aims

This Selection Process is intended to assist the RYA in determining which teams it wishes to put forward to ISAF for invitation to the World Championship.

The primary aim of the Selection Process is to select teams that will maximise the medal-winning potential of Team GBR in the World Championship (the “Primary Aim”).

Selection will be overseen by Selectors nominated by the RYA Team Racing Working Group (see section 6). The selectors will select taking into account the Selection Process outlined in this document and any other factor they decide may influence the aim above.

Should the Selection Process set out in the remaining paragraphs of this Notice of Selection Process be in conflict with the Primary Aims the Primary Aims shall take precedence.

The Selection Process is also intended to:

- develop and strengthen overall UK team racing,
- help foster the continued high standard and popularity of team racing within the UK,
- maximise Team GBR medal performance in the longer term.

It is intended that these aims will be fulfilled through an entry process that is open to both new and existing teams. Selected sailors will also be encouraged to pass on, by coaching, some of the skills and knowledge they have acquired

3 Eligibility

Teams are required to meet the criteria for Open teams, as set out in the Notice of Race for the World Championship.

Sailors must be full personal members of the RYA.

4 Selection Process

4.1 Overview

Selection for Open teams will be based on the results from the selection weekend to be held at WKSC on 9 and 10 April 2011 (the "Selection Event").

Teams are invited to confirm interest in selection to represent GBR at the World Championship by completing an application form and submitting it to the RYA by 1 March 2011. They must also confirm that they meet the criteria in the World Championships Notice of Race and this Notice of Selection Process.

The intention is that a maximum of eight teams will be selected by the RYA primarily on the basis of results from the RYA National Championships to be held at Spinnaker on 19 and 20 March 2011 (the "National Championship"). It is expected that at least 4 of the team members applying for Selection will have sailed with the team at the National Championships.

The Selection Organisers may in addition invite the youth teams selected to represent GBR at the World Championships to sail at the Selection Event.

4.2 Contingency Selection Arrangements

If the National Championships is not held, or results are deemed invalid by the Selectors (eg very poor sailing conditions) then selection of teams for the Selection Event will be based on sailing CV.

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In the unlikely situation that neither event takes place and / or results are deemed invalid (eg very poor sailing conditions), the Selectors will develop an alternative process for selection that fulfils the Primary Aim.

If either of the top two teams withdraws from the Selection Process, the place will be offered to the next placed team in the ranking.

5 Funding and Costs

5.1 Application Fee

There is no fee for teams applying to be considered for selection under this Selection Process.

5.2 Selection Event Costs

Whilst Selection Event costs are being held to a minimum, all costs must be covered by the teams sailing at the Selection Event.

There is therefore a fee of £400.00 to cover costs (such as use of boats, fuel and umpire travel). This fee must be paid in advance on acceptance of the offer of a place at the Selection Event. Teams will in addition have to provide a damage deposit of £250.00.

5.2 World Championship

Open Teams will be directly responsible themselves for all costs incurred for entry to and attendance at the event at the World Championships..

Two of the Open Teams put forward by the RYA to ISAF will, if allocated a place in the World Championship by ISAF receive a grant of £1,000 per team from the RYA towards the costs of attending the same. The intention is that the grant will be awarded to the 1st and 2nd choice teams i.e. GBR1 and GBR2 but award of the grants shall be at the discretion of the RYA..

Additional teams put forward by the RYA and allocated a place by ISAF will not be will not be eligible for such a grant from the RYA

6 Selection Organisers

The selection of teams to represent Team GBR is the responsibility of the RYA's Team Racing Working Group ("TRWG").

Selection will be by a committee of three Selectors, appointed by TRWG to oversee this process, with support provided by RYA staff. The RYA Team Racing Working Group will appoint the Selectors by end March 2011.

7 Application Process

Potential Open teams must complete and submit an application form for consideration for selection by the RYA to the RYA by 1 March 2011. This should include the entry fee and damage deposit for the Selection Event.

Teams will be notified by 24 March 2011 if they are invited to the Selection Event. They must confirm their acceptance to the RYA by 31 March 2011, at which point the entry fee will be processed.

The Open teams that are selected and to be put forward by the RYA to ISAF to represent GBR at the Worlds will be notified by 15 April 2011 and must confirm their commitment to attend the World Championships, if allocated a place by ISAF by 30 April 2011.

Dates may be adjusted if contingency is invoked as set out in Section 4.2.

8 Appeals

No legal action may be taken arising from a decision made by the RYA's Team Racing Working Group OSC.

Any appeal relating to the Process will be conducted in accordance with the RYA Racing Department Selection Appeals Policy.

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