



European Sailing Federation, European Youth Sailing Games, 2012

Selection Notice

Introduction

The European Youth Sailing Games 2012 will take place in Aarhus, Denmark from the 4 – 10 August 2012. It is the intention of the RYA to send representation in the following classes:

- Open 29er – One all girl boat, one all boy boat.
- Laser Radial Boy – 2 boats.
- Laser Radial Girl – 2 boats.
- Boys Windsurfer, Neil Pryde RS:X – 2 sailors.
- Girls Windsurfer, Neil Pryde RS:X – 2 sailors.

It is not the RYA's intention to send representatives in either the boys 420 or girls 420, though this decision may be reviewed depending on the composition of the GBR teams to attend the 420 Open Worlds and 420 Junior Europeans.

The "Selection Process" is defined as everything included in this document that relates to the selection of sailors by the RYA to represent Great Britain ("GBR") at the European Youth Sailing Games 2012.

Aim

The aim of the Selection Process is to maximise the medal-winning potential of the British sailing team at the 2013 ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship and the effective development of sailing talent and knowledge for future major International regattas and the Olympic Games.

The Selection Process will assist the RYA in determining who it wishes to select as part of the British team at the European Youth Sailing Games 2012.

The aim may be best achieved by not nominating a sailor in one or more of the above disciplines.

Selection Committee

The Selection Committee shall be the RYA Volvo National Youth Squad Selection Committee, as defined in the notice of selection for the RYA Volvo National Youth Squad 2012.

This Selection Committee has authority delegated by the RYA Council and Racing Committee, to take decisions on all matters concerning the Selection Process.

Selection Principles

The Selection Committee will select the sailors they believe will best represent GBR at the European Youth Sailing Games 2012 and subsequently the ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship 2013.

The Selection Committee will select in accordance with the Selection Process and may take into account any other factor they decide may influence achieving the above aim.

Should these Selection Principles be in conflict with any part of the Selection Process, these Selection Principles shall take precedence.

Eligibility

In order to be eligible for selection, sailors must:

1. Be eligible to compete for Great Britain at the 2013 ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship at the time of selection.
2. Be under the age of 18 on 31st December 2012.
3. Agree to participate fully in any bespoke or generic elements of RYA Team GBR preparation for the event (outlined below). Failure to participate fully without the express permission of the RYA Youth Racing Manager, may result in forfeiting your place in the team and that place being offered to another sailor.

Selection Criteria

Selection as a member of the GBR sailing team at the European Youth Sailing Games 2012 is dependent upon:

- The Selection Committee being satisfied that the sailor has the potential to finish in the top [six] positions at the European Youth Sailing Games 2012, or that effective development of sailing talent and knowledge for future ISAF Youth Sailing World Championships and the Olympic Games will take place by nominating the sailor;
- The sailor being selected for nomination by the Selection Committee;
- The sailor being eligible to compete in the 2013 ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship;
- The sailor being eligible to compete under the International Sailing Federation Eligibility Code (ISAF Regulation 24.5);
- GBR achieving the qualification criteria for the class concerned and receiving a full allocation of places.

Selection Procedure

Selections for RYA Volvo Team GBR will be made by the Selection Committee, who will exercise their discretion with a view to selecting those sailors who, in their opinion, have a combination of:

1. The best prospects of winning medals at World and European Championships now and in the future.
2. The best prospects of winning medals at the European Youth Sailing Games 2012 and subsequently the ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship 2013.
3. The best prospects of successfully following an Olympic pathway.

However, it is the intention of the Selection Committee to select the highest ranked eligible sailor/team in each class for the European Youth Sailing Games 2012 from the principal selection event, on a first-past-the-post basis, provided that in the opinion of the Selection Committee the following conditions have been met:

1. There has been a reasonable quality and number of races in the series at the principal selection event.
2. There have been suitable conditions at the principal selection event.
3. There has been a clear winner at the principal selection event.

Any selection will be subject to continued conformance with the terms and conditions and to an agreed training and competition programme in preparation for the regatta. Each selected sailor may have their own individual programme and this will include compulsory attendance at agreed team building, training, racing and physical preparation sessions.

For the avoidance of doubt and notwithstanding any other provision in the Selection Process, the Selection Committee reserves the right to nominate no-one to sail in a particular class.

Principal selection event

The principal selection event for all classes will be the RYA Volvo Youth National Championships 2012, to be held at Pwllheli Sailing Club from the 31st March – 6th April 2012.

Secondary Indicator events

If in the opinion of the Selection Committee the conditions outlined in the above selection procedure are not met at the principal selection event, the Selectors will exercise their discretion which will include taking into account performances from the following additional nominated secondary indicator event(s) for each class, in order to inform their decision to select members for Team GBR. These indicator events are as follows:

Laser Radial (boys and girls)	UKLA 2012 Spring Qualifiers 1, 2 & 3 (3 & 4 March – HISC, 17 & 18 March - Stokes Bay SC and 24 & 25 March 2012 – WPNSA).
RS:X 8.5 (boys and girls)	RYA Olympic classes spring series, 14 & 15 April – WPNSA.
29er	29er UK Grand Prix (17 & 18 March 2012 – Rutland SC).

Indicative Training/Competition Commitments

- To be confirmed

Announcements

In those classes where selections have been made, the team which will represent GBR at the European Youth Sailing Games 2012 will be announced at the prize giving of the 2012 RYA Volvo Youth National Championships at PSC. Any later selections will be announced upon completion and will be posted on the RYA website.

Appeals

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

There will be no appeals against the published Selection Process or the actions of the Selection Committee, provided they follow the Selection Process. By entering the Selection Process sailors agree to this condition.

Grounds for appeal are limited to allegations of:

- I. Failure to follow due process.
- II. Bias/undue influence.
- III. Some other misconduct.

Grounds for appeal shall not include any alleged error of judgement of the Selection Committee.

Appeals should be submitted to the Racing Manager within five days of the selection being announced. The full RYA Racing Department Selection Appeals Policy document is available on request from the RYA Racing Operations Manager.

Status

The Royal Yachting Association's policies and procedures are subject to change from time to time, including variations required to comply with Sports Councils' directions on the investment of National Lottery funds. The RYA reserves the right to amend, supplement and/or discontinue at its absolute discretion, for whatever reason, any or all of its policies and procedures.

Contact

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