

Notice of Selection

RYA Mirror National Junior Squad 2012/13

Introduction

Eight RYA Mirror National Junior squad places will be offered, however this number may vary according to the ability of competitors taking part in the indicator series. Normally we would aim to award three of these places to female teams and three to male teams. The first four places will normally be offered to the four highest ranked helms, to include two female teams and two male teams aged under 15 on the 31st of December 2012, on completion of the indicator series.

The remaining RYA Mirror National Junior Squad places will be offered at the discretion of the Selection Committee, to teams who in their opinion have demonstrated the best prospects of progressing to the RYA Volvo National Youth Squads and have exhibited the most potential to win medals for RYA Team GBR at international competitions in the subsequent years.

Support

Sailors selected to be part of the 2012/13 RYA Mirror National Junior Squad will receive the following support:

- Invitation to subsidised race training camps.
- Benefit from a specific needs based training programme.
- Have the opportunity to access remote coaching support from the National Squad Coach.
- The opportunity to purchase a discounted National Junior Squad clothing.
- Receive transitional advice regarding youth sailing from the National Junior Squad Coach and RYA Double Handed Pathway Manager in order to assist progression into the RYA Volvo National Youth Squad.

Whilst the RYA Mirror National Junior Squad programme is heavily subsidised by the RYA, some parental contribution towards the costs of coaching, venues, coach boats, accommodation, and food is required.

Eligibility

In order to be eligible for the RYA Mirror National Junior Squad 2012/13, helms and crews shall normally be aged under 15 on the 31st December 2012.

In addition, Mirror National Squad sailors must be resident in the United Kingdom, hold or be eligible to hold a British passport and eligible to represent Great Britain in the ISAF Youth World Sailing Championships.

Helms may not accept an RYA Mirror National Junior Squad place if they have accepted a place in another RYA Squad.

Selection Criteria and Procedure

Four of the 2012/13 RYA Mirror National Junior Squad places will be allocated according to a ranking system generated using the results from the following indicator events:

- **Mirror National Junior Squad Selector** 8th-9th September 2012
Warsash SC
- **RYA Volvo Zone Championships** 29th-30th September 2012
Rutland SC

Members of the Selection Committee (or their appointed representatives) will be attending the above events in order to make discretionary selections based upon the matrix of criteria listed below.

Exceptional Circumstances/ failure to attend Indicator events

Sailors that:

- Are either unable to attend any, or all indicator events, or
- Would like to make the Selectors aware of any exceptional circumstances which they feel could be considered during selection, should notify the Selectors in writing including any relevant reasons via the Youth Racing Senior Administrator at: Jules.Smyth@rya.org.uk.

Scoring

The ranking list will be compiled by adding together each individual race score (including all competitors) from the indicator events.

The total number of races sailed at the indicator events determine the number of discards to be applied, as follows;

10+ races	2 discards
5-9 races	1 discard
4 races or less	0 discards

The net points will then be used to rank the competitors where the competitors are listed from first to last (lowest net points first).

Discretionary Places

Discretionary places will be determined by the Selection Committee and may be offered to sailors who:

- In their opinion have demonstrated the best prospects of progressing to the RYA Volvo National Youth Squads and the most potential to win medals for RYA Team GBR at international competitions in the subsequent years.
- Fall outside the age criteria.
- Fail to achieve automatic selection, possibly (but not exclusively) because they are new to the class, injured, or could not attend all indicator events for legitimate reasons.

When allocating discretionary places the selection committee will take into consideration the following factors:

- Age and potential.
- Factors affecting results.
- Performance in the Indicator series.
- Attitude and behaviour throughout the series and during previous training.
- Class ranking list.
- Performance in other events.
- Goals and aspirations.
- Height and weight.
- Other factors the Selection Committee considers appropriate.

The Selection Committee may extend the selection process beyond the indicator series.

Selection Practice

Selectors therefore have the discretion to determine:

- The size of the squad, taking into account the target size.
- Which of the criteria to take into account.
- Who to select.

In making their decisions and exercising their discretions Selectors are expected to:

- Use their own expertise and experience.
- Rely on their own observations of the competitors, together with the observations made by other individuals, such as class coaches and class representatives.

By entering an event or activity that is part of this selection series the competitors agree that the Selectors have such discretions.

Selection Committee

The selection committee will be made up of the Mirror Class Steering Team (or their appointed representatives) which currently consists of:

- RYA Double Handed Pathway Manager (Selection Committee Chair).
- Mirror Class Chair or appointed representative.
- RYA Mirror National Junior Squad Coach.

Registration, Entry Fees and Measurement

Sailors must be members of the UK National Mirror Class Association and should be members of the RYA.

Applications for the 2012/13 RYA Mirror National Junior Squad should be submitted on-line at www.ryaracingevents.org.uk which will be open from the 1st June 2012. All applications must be submitted before the last indicator event.

There will be no additional entry fee for the RYA Mirror National Junior Squad indicator Series. All boats must conform to the Class Association rules and measurements. Further details of the RYA selection policy is published on the website.

Notification

Applicants will be notified in writing by mail as soon as is practically possible after the completion of the final indicator event, usually within 14 days.

Successful sailor's names will be published on the RYA web-site once all attendance confirmation forms/contracts have been returned to the office – it is not our policy to publish this information before this time.

Appeals

There will be no appeals against the published selection criteria or the actions of the Selectors, provided they follow the selection criteria. By entering the selection process sailors agree to this condition. The grounds for appeal are limited to allegations of:

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

The criteria for appeal may not include any alleged error of judgement of the Selectors. Should an appeal still arise, then it should be submitted to the Racing Manager within five days of the selection being announced. The full Appeals document is available on request from the RYA Racing Operations Manager.

Sailors who feel they may meet the eligibility criteria for Paralympic competition

The RYA endeavours to keep those sailors who feel they may ultimately be eligible for the Paralympics within mainstream race and race training programmes for as long as is practically possible, as we consider this the most effective way to facilitate their development. Sailors are then either transferred across to the Olympic programme or the Paralympic programme, or invited to participate in both of them in parallel should this be considered most effective. Sailors or parents who would like further advice or feel they may meet the relevant criteria are encouraged to discuss in more detail with the relevant RYA Manager.

Status

The Royal Yachting Association's (RYA'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.