

Notice of Selection

RYA BIC Techno National Junior Squad 2012/13 and RYA International Competition support 2012

Introduction

Twelve BIC Techno National Junior squad places will normally be offered. The squad will comprise both the 6.8 and 7.8 rigs, however the overall number and exact breakdown may vary according to the ability of competitors taking part in the indicator series. The first three places will normally be offered to the top ranked 7.8 boy, girl and next ranked sailor of either gender (aged under 16 on 31st December 2012) on completion of the indicator series. Two places will normally be offered to the top ranked 6.8 boy and girl on completion of the indicator series and two places will normally be offered to the top ranked 6.8 boy and girl sailors (aged under 14 on 31st December 2012) on completion of the indicator series.

Please note that in order to be eligible for international events in 2013 6.8 and 7.8 sailors shall be aged under 14 and under 16 respectively on the 31st December 2012.

The remaining BIC Techno National Junior Squad places will be offered at the discretion of the Selection Committee, to sailors who in their opinion have demonstrated the best prospects of progressing to the RYA Volvo National Youth Squads and winning medals for RYA Team GBR at major international competitions in the subsequent years.

Support

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

- Invitation to subsidised race training weekends and half term camps. These take place at a number of venues around the UK and are delivered by the RYA BIC Techno National Coach and other additional specialists and coaches.
- 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 discounted Henri Lloyd National Junior Squad clothing.
- Receive transitional advice regarding Youth Sailing from the National Junior Squad Coach and RYA Single Handed Pathway Manager in order to assist with their progression into a Pathway recognized Youth Class.

Whilst the RYA BIC Techno 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 BIC Techno National Junior Squad 2012/13, sailors shall normally be aged under 16 on the 31st December 2012. However, in very exceptional circumstances sailors who do not meet the age criteria may be invited at the discretion of the Selection Committee (these sailors would be ineligible to compete internationally in the OD Techno classes).

In addition, BIC Techno National Junior Squad sailors must be resident in Great Britain, hold or be eligible to hold a British passport and eligible to represent Great Britain in the ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship.

If you wish to be considered for a place in the RYA National squad, equipment must conform to the UK (RYA) National Class rules for the BIC Techno class at the indicator events. Therefore with respect to the change down for 7.8 sails, the international rules state that only the BIC Techno 6.8 can be used in international events.

With respect to the change down for 6.8 sails, the International AGM in 2008 agreed that the BIC 5.8 should be developed as an alternative change down to the existing option, to use any 5.5 sail with two or less Cams. The AGM also agreed that this decision would be reviewed annually with regard to a possible decision to make the BIC 5.8 a One-Design (sole option) change down. The 5.5 option remains internationally and will remain in the UK for at least 2012.

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

Selection Criteria and Procedure

Clear and objective selections are an important principle for the Techno squad programmes, however, we do recognise that young sailors are often inconsistent and inevitably progress at different rates due to differing rates of emotional and biological maturity.

Therefore, a proportion of the squad places will be offered on a 'first past the post basis' the remaining places will be offered at the discretion of the Selection Committee who are empowered by the UKWA/TCA and the RYA to make such decisions.

Those places offered to the highest ranked sailors on the basis of results, will be allocated according to a ranking system using the results from the UKWA Cup Series 2012.

(Indicator events for RYA Zone squad places are regionally based, details of which can be found at www.rya.org.uk/go/zones, under the 'zone squad selection policy').

Seven of the BIC Techno National Junior Squad 2012/13 places will be allocated according to rankings based on the UKWA Cup series 2012. The remaining places will be awarded on a discretionary basis.

UKWA Cup Series and RYA National Junior Squad Indicator events:

5 th – 7 th May	UKWA Cup 1	Pwllheli
2 nd – 4 th June	UKWA Cup 2	Herne Bay
30 th June & 1 st July	UKWA Cup 3	Mumbles
1 st - 2 nd September	UKWA Cup 4	Christchurch
22 nd - 23 rd September	UKWA Cup 5	Bridlington
6 th - 7 th October	UKWA Cup 6 (Youth & Masters)	WPNSA

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

Scoring

The UKWA Cup Series (which forms the basis for the RYA National Junior Squad indicator series) will be scored by adding together the best four overall finishing positions from the six identified UKWA Cup events. The scores will be counted unaltered, i.e. including all competitors at the regattas. These event results will be used to create a ranking list that will be updated regularly and published on the UKWA website. Further scoring details can be found on the UKWA Cup Notice of Race.

Exceptional Circumstances/failure to attend Indicator events

Sailors that are either:

1. Unable to attend any, or all indicator events, or;
2. Would like to make the selectors aware of any exceptional circumstances which they would like to be considered during selection,

should notify the selectors in writing including any relevant reasons in writing via the Single Handed Pathway Racing Administrator, at jules.smyth@rya.org.uk.

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 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.

When allocating discretionary places, the Selection Committee may 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 (including the National Junior Championships, Whitwell).
- 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 BIC Techno Class Steering Group (or their appointed representatives), which currently consists of:

- RYA Single Handed Pathway Manager – Kirsty Bonar (Selection Committee Chair).
- TCA Chairman – Phil Bloodworth
- UKWA Chairman – Bob Ingram
- RYA BIC Techno National Junior Squad Coach – Ian Roberts

Application, Entry Fees and Measurement

Sailors must be members of the UK Windsurfing Association and should be members of the RYA.

Applications for the RYA BIC Techno National Junior Squad 2012/13 should be submitted on-line between the 1st June and 7th October 2012 - for phase one applications (RYA NJS) and before the last indicator date - for the RYA Zone squads.

Applications can be accessed via www.ryaracingevents.org.uk.

The Techno Class has a wide range of training and competition opportunities to suit all abilities and ages, however this does make the application, selection and acceptance process inherently complex. Therefore, the RYA and the UKWA/TCA have worked hard to develop the most efficient and clear process.

In 2012, the intention is for Techno sailors to apply only for a generic Techno Squad place. For clarity this means that you do not apply specifically to one or more squads but that the Selection Committee determine the most appropriate squad for you in light of your ranking, age and ability. Sailors will be

updated as to the status of their application as and when each tier of selection (or phase) is complete via a selection update letter/e-mail. Please see Application and Selection Process Diagram attached.

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

Selection procedure

The 2012/13 BIC Techno Squad selections will take place in two phases:

Phase One Selection of Phase One will take place at the culmination of the final Cup/National Squads Indicator events (as above – WPNSA – 6th - 7th October) – the following squad will be selected from this ranking list:

- RYA National Junior Squad.

Phase Two Selection for Phase two will take place at the culmination of the RYA Zone Squad Indicator events after which the following squads will be selected (please note that there is a separate RYA Zone Squad Notice of Selection, which includes Indicator events to attend):

- RYA Zone Squads.

Please note that due to this process of application for a squad place in ‘a Techno Squad’ - applicants who are unsuccessful at gaining selection during Phase One Selections, but **who meet the criteria for Phase Two consideration (RYA Zone Squads)**, will receive a “**selection update**”/decision deferral letter at this point, which advises sailors that they will be considered for an RYA Zone Squad place in Phase Two.

For clarity, if a sailor is unsuccessful in securing a squad place at the Phase One selections, they **will automatically** be carried through to the Phase Two selections **providing** they meet the eligibility criteria for this application. Should sailors not wish to be carried forward then they should advise their local RYA High Performance Manager that they do not wish to be considered for a place in the Phase Two selection process for RYA Zone Squads.

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.

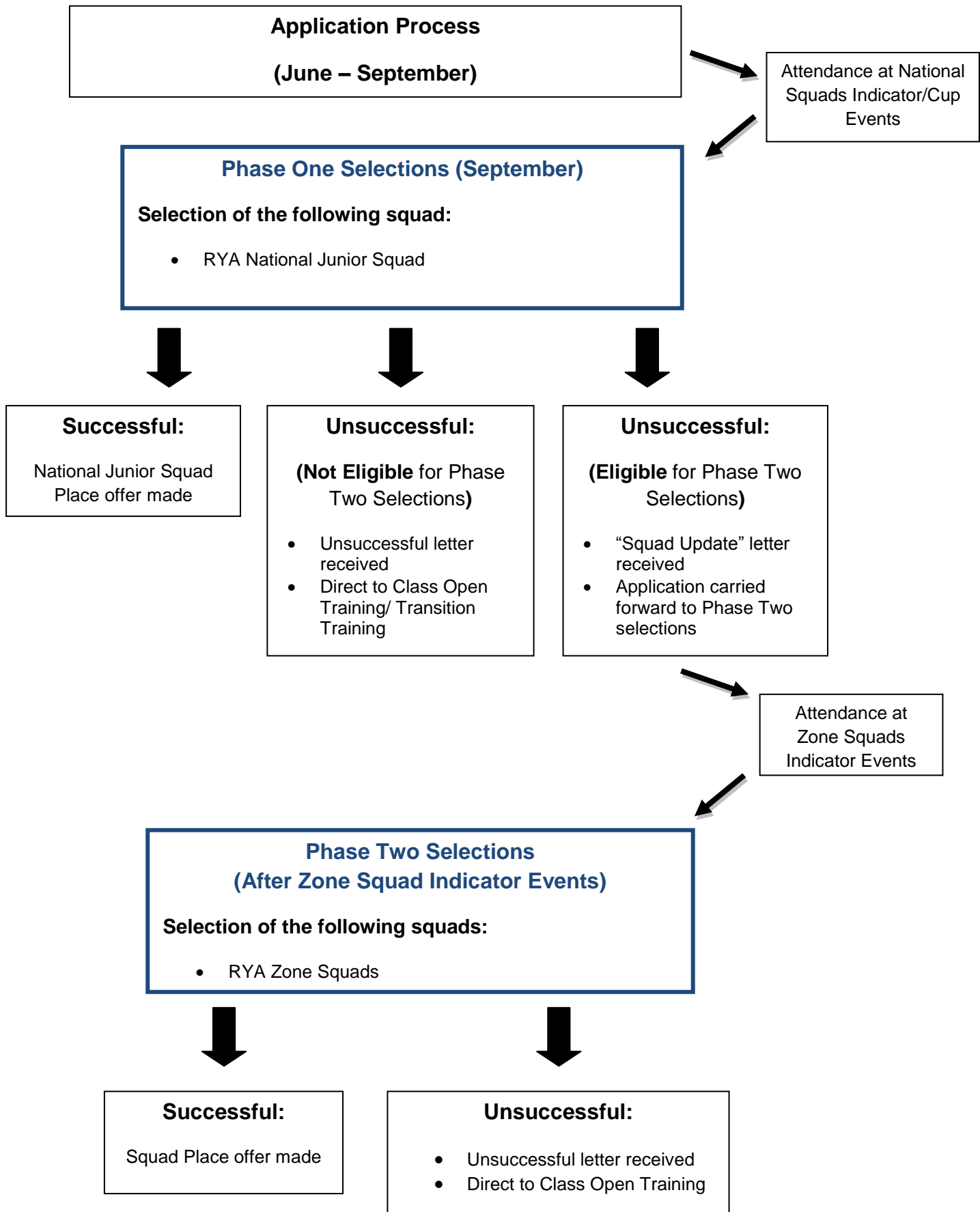
The criteria for appeal may not include any alleged error of judgement of the selectors. Should an appeal still arise then it should be submitted to the Racing Manager within five days of the selection being announced. The full Appeals document is available on request from the RYA Racing Operations Manager.

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.

RYA BIC Techno Squad Application Process Diagram



RYA International competition support 2012:

Class	Event	Date	Sailors to be supported	£££ - Grant (G) / Parental contribution (PC)	How selected / Trip arrangements	Main Qualifiers to be attended for selection:	RYA Coach allocation
Techno	North Sea Cup, Oostende, Belgium.	12-13 th May 2012. Anticipated travel day on 10 th May.	Six 7.8 RYA NJS (2011/12) sailors.	£250 (PC) including transport (van), accommodation, food, coach support. Sailor pays entry fee.	Residential trip for top six 7.8 RYA NJS sailors (min two girls & two boys) from race 'counter series' to be held in NJS February & March camps.	Discretionary selections based on 'Racing counter series' to be held in NJS February & March camps.	1
Techno	World Championships, Medemblik, Holland.	11-18 th August 2012. Pre-training commences on 10 th August.	All NJS (2011/12) plus any other sailors who receive grants will receive RYA coach support. Ten (G) - made available to any sailor whom qualifies.	RYA to provide coach support for 6.8s and 7.8s (RYA NJS 2011/12). In addition, ten £200 (G).	Sailor makes all arrangements. RYA provides coach support only. Grants: top five 6.8s (min one girl, one boy) and top five 7.8s (min one girl, boy).	Results/selection from combined race results of 2012 UKWA Cup 1, Pwllheli and Cup 2, Herne Bay. (All sailors to be U17 at 31/12/12) ⁱ .	2
Techno	European Championships, Murcia, Spain.	21-27 th October 2012. Anticipated travel day 18 th October (Exact dates tbc on release of NoR).	Residential trip. 7.8 and 6.8 sailors (ten total).	£600(PC) including transport, accommodation, food, coach support. Sailor pays entry fee.	Residential trip for top five 7.8 (min one girl, one boy) and top four 6.8 (min one girl, one boy) sailors and one discretionary place.	Results/selection from combined race results of 2012 UKWA Cup 1, Pwllheli and Cup 2, Herne Bay. (All sailors to be U17 at 31/12/12) ⁱⁱ .	2

ⁱ The grants for the **Techno World Championships 2012** will be allocated using the results of a ranking list compiled using results from the following indicator events. The ranking system will be compiled by adding together the individual race scores from the indicator events (counting conventional fleet racing only):

- UKWA Cup Event 1 – Pwllheli 5th – 7th May 2012
- UKWA Cup Event 2 – Herne Bay 2nd – 4th June 2012

Scoring

The following discard system will be used to allow for sailor inconsistency and varying conditions:

Normally, there will be a maximum of 14 races:

15 or more races	3 discards
10 – 14 races	2 discards
5- 9 races	1 discard
4 races or less	0 discards.

ⁱⁱ A number of places for the **Techno European Championships 2012** residential trip will be allocated using the results of a ranking list compiled using results from the following indicator events. The ranking system will be compiled by adding together the individual race scores from the indicator events (counting conventional fleet racing only):

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