

# Notice of Selection

## RYA RS Feva XL National Junior Squad 2012/13

### Introduction

Eight RYA RS Feva XL 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 two of these places to female teams and two to male teams. The first five places will normally be offered to the five highest ranked teams to include a minimum of two female and two male teams aged under 15 on the 31<sup>st</sup> of December 2012, on completion of the indicator series.

The remaining RYA RS Feva XL 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 RS Feva XL 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 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 a RYA Volvo National Youth Squad.

Whilst the RYA RS Feva XL National Junior Squad programme is heavily subsidised by the RYA, some parental contribution towards the costs of coaching, venues, coach boats, accommodation and food (for residential camps) is required.

### Eligibility

In order to be eligible for the RYA RS Feva XL National Junior Squad 2012/13, helm and crew shall normally be aged under 15 on the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2012.

In addition, RYA RS Feva XL National Junior 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.

Sailors may not accept a RYA RS Feva XL National Junior Squad place, if they have accepted a place in another RYA Squad.

### Selection Criteria and Procedure

Five of the 2012/13 RYA RS Feva XL National Junior Squad places will be allocated according to a ranking system using the results from the following indicator events:

- **Grand Prix Event 1** 15th & 16th September 2012  
Lee on Solent SC
- **Grand Prix Event 2** 6th & 7th October 2012  
Northampton 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 both 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 in writing via the Youth Racing Senior Administrator, (Sara Turner) [Sara.Turner@rya.org.uk](mailto:Sara.Turner@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 RYA RS Feva XL Class Steering Team (or their appointed representatives) which currently consists of:

- RYA Double Handed Pathway Manager.
- RS Feva XL Class Chair.
- RYA RS Feva XL National Junior Squad Coach.

### **Registration, Entry Fees and Measurement**

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

Applications for the 2012/13 RYA RS Feva XL National Junior Squad should be submitted on-line at [www.ryaracingevents.org.uk](http://www.ryaracingevents.org.uk) from the 1<sup>st</sup> June 2012. Both helm and crew should submit individual applications. Once on the racing events page click on the 'RYA Squad Applications' and then 'Junior' heading. All applications must be submitted before the last indicator event.

There will be no additional entry fee for the RYA RS Feva XL National Junior Squad indicator series.

All boats must conform to the Class Association rules and measurements.

### **Notification**

Applicants will be notified in writing by email 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 website 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 and the actions of the Selectors. Should an appeal arise then it should be submitted to the Racing Manager within 5 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 it 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 this 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.