

## IOC Youth Olympic Games 2014 Selection Notice

### 1. Introduction

1.1. The 2014 Youth Olympic Games will take place in Nanjing, China, from the 16<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> August 2014. It is the intention of the RYA to send a full team which consists of two male and two female sailors, with representation in the four disciplines as follows:

- BIC Techno 293OD (7.8) Boy
- BIC Techno 293OD (7.8) Girl
- Byte CII Boy
- Byte CII Girl

1.2. The “Selection Process” is defined as everything included in this document that relates to the selection of sailors by the RYA for nomination to the British Olympic Association (“BOA”) for selection to represent Great Britain (“GBR”) at the IOC Youth Olympic Games 2014.

1.3. This document should be read in conjunction with the Youth Olympic Games Qualification System (English) document on-line on the ISAF site at:

[www.sailing.org/events/youtholympicgames/documents](http://www.sailing.org/events/youtholympicgames/documents)

### 2. Aim

2.1. The aim of the Selection Process is primarily: to maximise the medal-winning potential of the British Youth Olympic Games 2014 sailing team and secondly: to facilitate the effective development of sailing talent and knowledge for future major international regattas, specifically the ISAF Youth World Championships and the Olympic Games.

2.2. Assuming sailors are successful in qualification of the nation in both the Byte CII dinghy and BIC Techno 293OD 7.8 windsurfer classes (boy and girl disciplines for both), the Selection Process will assist the RYA in determining who it wishes to nominate to the BOA for selection as part of the British Team “Team GB” at the IOC Youth Olympic Games 2014.

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

### 3. Eligibility

3.1. In order to be eligible for selection, sailors must:

- 3.1.1. Have been born between 1 January 1998 and 31 December 1999.
- 3.1.2. Be eligible to compete for Great Britain at the 2014 Youth Olympic Games at the time of selection.
- 3.1.3. Agree to participate in both bespoke and generic elements of RYA Team GBR preparation for the event.

### 4. Selection Principles

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

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

### 5. Selection Criteria

5.1. Selection as a member of the GBR sailing team at the IOC Youth Olympic Games 2014 is dependent upon:-

- 5.1.1. The Selection Committee being satisfied that either the sailor has the potential to finish in the top [six] positions at the IOC Youth Olympic Games 2014 or that

effective development of sailing talent and knowledge for future Olympic Games will take place by nominating the sailor;

- 5.1.2. The sailor being selected for nomination by the Selection Committee;
- 5.1.3. The sailor being eligible to compete in the IOC Youth Olympic Games 2014;
- 5.1.4. The sailor being eligible to compete under the International Sailing Federation Eligibility Code;
- 5.1.5. GBR achieving the qualification criteria for the relevant discipline;
- 5.1.6. All BOA qualification criteria being met;
- 5.1.7. The BOA selecting the RYA's nominated sailor(s) as member(s) of the Team GB Youth Olympic Games 2014 Sailing Team.

## 6. Selection Procedure

- 6.1. Selections for RYA Team GBR in Nanjing 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:
  - 6.1.1. The best prospects of winning medals at the 2014 IOC Youth Olympic Games,
  - 6.1.2. The best prospects of winning medals at World and European Championships now and in the future,
  - 6.1.3. The best prospects of winning medals at the ISAF Youth World Championships,
  - 6.1.4. The best prospects of successfully following an Olympic pathway.
- 6.2. However, it is the intention of the Selection Committee to nominate the highest ranked eligible sailor in the BIC Techno 293OD 7.8 and Byte CII classes for the Youth Olympic Games 2014 from the nominated primary indicator event, on a first-past-the-post basis. Provided that in the opinion of the selection committee the following conditions have been met:
  - 6.2.1. There has been a reasonable quality and number of races in the series at the nominated primary indicator event(s);
  - 6.2.2. There have been conditions at the event similar to those which could be reasonably expected in Nanjing in August;
  - 6.2.3. There has been a clear winner at the nominated indicator events.
- 6.3. Any nomination will be subject to full conformance to the training programme in preparation for the regatta – any sailors who feel they may be unable to do so must seek written clarification of dispensation for not attending activity from the RYA Youth Racing Manager.

## 7. Selection Process

- 7.1. For the BIC Techno 293OD 7.8, provided the above criteria have been met, it is intended that there will be a one stage selection consisting solely of the 2014 BIC Techno 293OD 7.8 European Championships taking place at Garda (the 'primary indicator event'), Italy from the 20<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> April 2014. Assuming that male and female GBR sailor(s) also qualify the nation (or we subsequently receive an unused quota reallocation place) it is our intention to nominate the highest ranked eligible boy and girl to the BOA using the overall finishing position from the regatta. For the purposes of RYA selection, if necessary, the scores will be recalculated to count conventional fleet racing only and the total score will exclude any slalom, long distance racing etc.
- 7.2. For the Byte CII class due to the limitations of the number of charter boats available for the Continental qualification event, and the associated build up regattas, it is intended there will be a two stage selection process:
  - 7.2.1. Identify and select the highest ranked 2 boys and 2 girls, who meet the eligibility criteria, from the stage 1 indicator series, which will be raced in Laser 4.7's and

consist of two events detailed below. These sailors will then progress to stage 2 of the selection process in Byte CII.

- 7.2.2. Identify the boy and girl representative for the IOC Youth Olympic Games 2014, on the basis of their performance at the Continental qualification event which is the Byte CII World Championships 2014 (the 'primary indicator event'), taking place at Riva Del Garda, from the 21<sup>st</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> April 2014, assuming that male and female GBR sailor(s) also qualify the nation (or we subsequently receive an unused quota reallocation place).
- 7.2.3. Sailors who are unsuccessful in securing a place for stage 2 of the selection process may still contest for selection for Team GB, provided they make their own arrangements regarding securing usage of a Byte CII, accommodation and logistics for the primary indicator event.

## 8. Additional Byte CII Training activity

- 8.1. Once sailors have been identified at stage 1 it is anticipated that they will undertake most or all of the following training programme in Byte CII chartered by the RYA:
  - 8.1.1. 4 – 6 April 2014 – International Training Camp, Garda.
  - 8.1.2. 18 – 21 April 2014 – International Training Camp, Garda.
- 8.2. Once sailors have qualified the nation and representatives have been ratified by the BOA it is anticipated that sailors will undertake the following training programme in Byte CII chartered by the RYA:
  - 8.2.1. 2014 Byte CII European Championships: 21 – 25 May 2014, Loano, Italy.
  - 8.2.2. International Training Camp – June 2014, dates and venue TBC.

## 9. Ranking System/selection process

- 9.1. Team GBR selection will be according to a ranking system which will be compiled using the results from the following indicator events:

Class	Selection stage	Process (primary indicator event in bold)	Event	Dates & Venue
Byte CII	1	Top 2 eligible boys and girls from the indicator series.	Laser 4.7 Ladder 4	18/19 January 2014, Datchet
Byte CII	1		Laser 4.7 Ladder 5	8/9 February 2014, Grafham
Byte CII	2	Top boy and top girl from the 2014 Byte CII World Championship.	<b>Byte CII World Championships 2014.</b>	21 – 27 April 2014, Riva Del Garda
BIC Techno 7.8	1	Top boy and top girl from the 2014 BIC Techno 293OD 7.8 European Championships.	<b>BIC Techno 293OD 7.8 European Championships 2014.</b>	20 – 27 April 2014, Garda.

## 10. Laser 4.7 Indicator Series Scoring

- 10.1. An indicator series ranking will be compiled. The ranking will be compiled by adding together the individual race scores from the indicator events. The following discard system will be used. Normally, there will be a maximum of 14 races:

- 10 – 14 races            2 discards
- 5- 9 races                1 discard
- 4 races or less            0 discards

## 11. Exceptional Circumstances

- 11.1. Additionally, in exceptional cases the following may be taken into account:
- 11.1.1. Performance at other significant events.
  - 11.1.2. Age, height and weight.
  - 11.1.3. Performance at a significant international regatta.
  - 11.1.4. Performance at major national events/training.
  - 11.1.5. Future potential.
  - 11.1.6. Goals and aspirations.
  - 11.1.7. Attitude and behaviour at the events in the series and during previous training.
  - 11.1.8. Factors affecting results.
  - 11.1.9. Class ranking lists.
  - 11.1.10. Any other factors the selectors consider appropriate.
- 11.2. Selectors (or their representatives) may attend events to gather information upon which to make their decisions. They will also monitor the results and reports from the events. In making decisions they may also seek input from coaches and class association representatives.
- 11.3. 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.

## 12. Selection Committee “The selectors”

- 12.1. The Selection Committee currently consists of the following, or their appointed representatives:
- RYA Youth Racing Manager – Duncan Truswell
  - RYA Single Handed Pathway Manager – Tim Hall
  - RYA Racing Manager – John Derbyshire
  - Chair of Youth Selectors – Peter Saxton
- 12.2. This Selection Committee has authority delegated by the RYA Council and Racing Committee to take decisions on all matters concerning the Selection Process.
- 12.3. The Selection Committee will nominate selected sailors to the BOA, which has the ultimate authority on the selection or otherwise of sailors to represent the GBR sailing team at the IOC Youth Olympic Games 2014.

## 13. Announcements

- 13.1. It is anticipated that the sailors selected for nomination to the BOA for Team GB which will represent GBR at the 2014 Youth Olympic Games will be notified in writing within 7 days of the final selector event and their names will be published on the RYA website on the same day.

## 14. Funding

- 14.1. BIC Techno 293OD
- 14.1.1. It is anticipated that 2013-14 UK Junior Squad sailors will receive a grant to facilitate their attendance at the primary indicator event on a non-residential basis. They will also receive coach support at the regatta. Amounts will be confirmed early in 2014.
- 14.2. Laser 4.7/Byte CII
- 14.2.1. Sailors make all their own arrangements and cover all costs associated with their participation in stage 1 of the selection process. There may be some (Laser 4.7) charter boats available in due course, this will be confirmed early in 2014.

14.2.2. Once selected for stage 2 the RYA will make most of the arrangements (barring entry and entry fee) and cover most of the costs of flights, accommodation, boat charter, food, coaching and transfers. A parental contribution will be required, this will be confirmed early in 2014.

14.3. It is anticipated that all international travel, entry, food and accommodation costs associated with participation at the 2014 IOC YOG will be covered by the BOA and the RYA.

## **15. Appeals**

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

15.2. 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.

15.2.1. Grounds for appeal are limited to allegations of:

15.2.2. Failure to follow due process

15.2.3. Bias/undue influence

15.2.4. Some other misconduct

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

15.3. Appeals should be submitted to the Racing Manager within 5 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.

## **16. Status**

16.1. 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.

16.2. The RYA and YSG reserves the right to amend, supplement and/or discontinue at its absolute discretion, for whatever reason, any or all of its policies and procedures.

## **17. Contact**

17.1. For further information please contact, Single Handed Pathway Manager at the RYA.