



2015 ISAF Youth Sailing World Championships **Notice of Selection**

1. Introduction

1.1. The 2015 ISAF Youth Sailing World Championships will take place in Langkawi, Malaysia from the 27 December 2015 – 3 January 2016. It is the intention of the RYA to send a full team, with representation in each class as follows:

- Laser Radial Boy
- Laser Radial Girl
- 420 Boys
- 420 Girls
- 29er Boys
- 29er Girls
- Open Sirena SL16 catamaran (Open)
- Neil Pryde RS:X 8.5 Boy
- Neil Pryde RS:X 8.5 Girl

2. 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 2015 ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship.

3. Aim

3.1. The aim of the Selection Process is to maximise the medal-winning potential of the British Youth Sailing Team at the 2015 ISAF Youth Sailing World Championships and the effective development of sailing talent and knowledge for future major International regattas and the Olympic Games.

3.2. The Selection Process will assist the RYA in determining who it wishes to select as part of the British Youth Sailing Team at the 2015 ISAF Youth Sailing World Championships.

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

4. Selection Committee

4.1. The Selection Committee shall be the RYA UK Youth Squad Selection Committee, as defined in the notice of selection for the RYA UK Youth Squad 2015.

Chair of Selectors – British Youth Sailing
RYA Performance Director
RYA Youth Racing Manager
RYA Single-handed Pathway Manager
RYA Double-handed Pathway Manager

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

5. Selection Principles

5.1. The Selection Committee will select the sailors they believe will best represent the British Youth Sailing Team at the ISAF Youth Sailing World Championships 2015.

5.2. 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.

5.3. Should these selection principles be in conflict with any part of the selection process, these selection principles shall take precedence.

6. Eligibility

6.1. In order to be eligible for selection for the British Youth Sailing Team for the ISAF Youth Sailing World Championships 2015, sailors must:

6.1.1. Be eligible to compete for Great Britain at the 2015 ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship at the time of selection.

6.1.2. For the RS:X Boy and RS:X Girl sailors must achieve minimum physiological benchmarks to be eligible for consideration for selection as defined by the Pathway Sports Science Team.

6.1.3. For all Classes excluding the Laser Radial Girls and RS:X Girls

On the 31 December 2015 be: under the age of 18, or 18 years of age and born between 1st September and 31st December inclusive. i.e. **be born on or later than the 1 September 1997.**

6.1.4. For the Laser Radial Girls and RS:X Girls

On 31 December 2015 be: under the age of 19 years (**born after 31 December 1996**)

6.1.5. Agree to participate fully in both bespoke and generic elements of the British Youth Sailing Team preparation for the event (outlined below). Failure to participate fully without the written and express permission of the RYA Youth Racing Manager being granted may result in forfeiting your place in the team and that place being offered to another sailor.

7. Selection Criteria

7.1. Selection as a member of the British Youth Sailing Team at the 2015 ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship is dependent upon:-

7.1.1. The Selection Committee being satisfied that: the sailor has the potential to finish in the top six positions at the 2015 ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship, or, that effective development of sailing talent and knowledge for future Olympic Games will occur by nominating the sailor;

7.1.2. The sailor being selected for nomination by the Selection Committee;

7.1.3. The sailor being eligible to compete in the 2015 ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship;

7.1.4. The sailor being eligible to compete under the International Sailing Federation Eligibility Code;

7.1.5. GBR achieving any qualification criteria for the class concerned and receiving a full allocation of places;

7.1.6. The sailor(s)/teams remaining free of any physical impediment to performance, i.e. all sailors remaining free from any illness and injury which may be perceived by the selectors to be detrimental to performance throughout the preparation for the event.

7.1.7. In the RS:X Class for all sailors to have achieved the benchmarks as defined by the Pathway Sports Science Team.

7.1.8. In the event of a sailor not complying with point 7.1.6 & 7.1.7 then the selectors reserve the right to either withdraw the nomination of that sailor/team, or nominate another sailor to replace the sailor within a team. Normally, it will result in the team (in the case of double-handers) forfeiting their place and a reserve team being selected.

8. Selection Procedure

8.1. Selections for the British Youth Sailing Team will be made by the Selection Committee, who will exercise their discretion to select those sailors who, in their opinion, have a combination of:

8.1.1. The best prospects of winning medals at World and European Championships now and in the future,

- 8.1.2. The best prospects of winning medals at the ISAF Youth Sailing World Championships,
 - 8.1.3. The best prospects of winning medals at the EUROSAF Youth Sailing European Championships,
 - 8.1.4. The best prospects of successfully following an Olympic pathway.
- 8.2. However, it is the intention of the Selection Committee, with the exception of the Open Sirena SL16, to normally select the highest ranked eligible sailor/team in each class for the 2015 ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship 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:
- 8.2.1. There has been a reasonable number and quality of races in the series at the principal selection event;
 - 8.2.2. There have been conditions at the event similar to those expected in Langkawi in Dec/Jan. Information regarding the anticipated conditions at the 2015 ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship will be published on the official notice board at the principle selection event;
 - 8.2.3. There has been a clear winner at the principal selection event.
- 8.3. Any selection will be subject to continued conformance with the terms and conditions below
- Attainment of any physical standards set by the RYA
 - Full participation in an agreed training and competition programme in preparation for the regatta.
 - Each selected sailor will normally have their own individual programme and this may include compulsory attendance at agreed team building, training, racing and physical preparation sessions.
- 8.4. For the avoidance of doubt and notwithstanding any other provision in the selection process, the Selection Committee reserves the right to revoke a nomination once made or to choose to nominate no-one to sail in a particular class.

9. Open Sirena SL16 catamaran selection

- 9.1.** In the event of there being no catamaran class at the RYA Youth Nationals then there will be no catamaran class at the Primary selection event.

Dependant on the size and quality of the fleet at the RYA Youth Nationals then there **may** be a Catamaran Class at the Primary selection event.

The RYA will issue a specific Notice of Selection that relates to the Open Sirena SL 16 catamaran after the RYA Youth Nationals to be published before 20th May 2015

9.4 Principal selection event

- 9.2. The principal selection event for all classes will be the British Youth Sailing Team Selection Event for the 2015 ISAF Youth Sailing World Championships, to be held at Hayling Island Sailing Club from the 29th - 31st August 2015. The principle selection event – The British Youth Sailing Team Selection Event – will be an invite only event with invitations determined by placing at the RYA Youth National Championships 2015.
- 9.3. The numbers invited will be as follows:
- 9.3.1. Laser Radial Boys – Top 23 by result with up to 5 discretionary
 - 9.3.2. Laser Radial Girls – Top 8 by result with up to 4 discretionary
 - 9.3.3. 420 Boys – Top 8 by result with up to 2 discretionary
 - 9.3.4. 420 Girls – Top 8 by result with up to 2 discretionary
 - 9.3.5. 29er Boys – Top 10 by result with up to 2 discretionary
 - 9.3.6. 29er Girls – Top 6 by result with up to 2 discretionary
 - 9.3.7. RS:X Boys - Top 6 by result with up to 2 discretionary
 - 9.3.8. RS:X Girls – Top 3 by result with up to 1 discretionary

10. Secondary Indicator events

10.1. 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), and as necessary any additional major national or international events for each class in order to inform their decision to select members for the British Youth Sailing Team. These (secondary) indicator events are as follows, but events may be added later at the discretion of the selection committee:

- RYA Youth National Championships 2015

11. Indicative Training/Competition Commitments

11.1. **ALL** - Commitment to a ISAF Youth Worlds Preparation Training programme; usually 2 – 6 days – to be agreed with relevant class(es) ISAF Coach

12. Announcements

12.1. In those classes where selections have been made, the sailors will be announced at the prize giving of the 2015 British Youth Sailing Team Selection Trials at Hayling Island Sailing Club. Any later selections will be announced upon completion and will be posted on the RYA website.

13. Appeals

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

13.2. 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.

13.3. Grounds for appeal are limited to allegations of:

13.3.1. Failure to follow due process

13.3.2. Bias/undue influence

13.3.3. Some other misconduct

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

13.5. 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.

14. Status

14.1. 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.

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.

15. Contact

15.1. For further information please contact the RYA Youth Racing Manager at the RYA on 02380 604197.