



2015 ISAF Youth Sailing World Championships
Notice of Selection – Amendment 1

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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

Selectors may nominate a representative to attend any selection events on their behalf as they see fit.

This person should be agreed in advance by the selectors and only by complete agreement of all the selection committee.

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. All 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 all Classes 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. The selection process (Open Sirena SL16) will follow two parts. The first allows selection from the SL16 Worlds Championships (Part A) and the second allows the selectors to extend the process on to the UK Spitfire inlands and National Championships if required (Part B)

8.4. 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.

8.5. 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. Part A

9.1.1. The primary selection event will be the SL16 World Championships 2015

9.1.2. The secondary indicator events will be the EUROSAF European Championships Brest, Red Bull Foiling Generation event WPNSA and the SL16 Class at the EUROSAF European Championships.

- 9.1.2.1. Should one eligible team finish in the top 3 at the primary selection event then they will probably be selected regardless of any performances at the secondary indicator events.
- 9.1.2.2. Should more than one team finish in the top 3 at the primary selection event then the selectors may consider performances at the secondary indicator events before selecting.
- 9.1.2.3. Should one or more team finish in the top 6 at the primary selection event then they may be selected and their performances at the secondary indicator events may be taken into account.
- 9.1.2.4. Consideration will be given to selection for teams finishing inside the top 10 but outside the top 6, however performances from the secondary indicator events will be required to support selection.
- 9.1.2.5. Any teams that finish outside the top 10 at the primary selection are unlikely to be selected at this point.
- 9.1.2.6. If no teams are selected after the completion of part A then the process will be extended to Part B below.

9.2. Part B

- 9.2.1. The Primary indicator series will comprise the overall results from the Spitfire Inland Championships and the Spitfire National Championships once non eligible sailors have been removed from the individual race results and the overall results recalculated.
- 9.2.2. The secondary indicator events will be all the 29er World Championships 2015, the UK ISAF Selection Trials 2015, the remaining Classes at the EUROSAF European Championships and all the events from Part A
 - 9.2.2.1. The intention would be to select the top team from the Primary Indicator series; however the selectors reserve the right to exercise their discretion and use the secondary events as they see fit.

10. Principal selection event

- 10.1.1. The principal selection event for all classes (excluding the Sirena SL16) 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.
- 10.1.2. The numbers invited will be as follows:
 - 10.1.2.1. Laser Radial Boys – Top 23 by result with 5 discretionary
 - 10.1.2.2. Laser Radial Girls – Top 8 by result with 4 discretionary
 - 10.1.2.3. 420 Boys – Top 8 by result with 2 discretionary
 - 10.1.2.4. 420 Girls – Top 8 by result with 2 discretionary
 - 10.1.2.5. 29er Boys – Top 10 by result with 2 discretionary
 - 10.1.2.6. 29er Girls – Top 6 by result with 2 discretionary
 - 10.1.2.7. RS:X Boys - Top 6 by result with 2 discretionary
 - 10.1.2.8. RS:X Girls – Top 3 by result with 1 discretionary

11. Secondary Indicator events

- 11.1. 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:

12. Indicative Training/Competition Commitments

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

13. Announcements

- 13.1. 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.

14. Appeals

- 14.1. Any appeal relating to the Selection Process will be conducted in accordance with the RYA Racing Department Selection Appeals Policy.
- 14.2. 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.
- 14.3. Grounds for appeal are limited to allegations of:
- 14.3.1. Failure to follow due process
 - 14.3.2. Bias/undue influence
 - 14.3.3. Some other misconduct
- 14.4. Grounds for appeal shall not include any alleged error of judgement of the Selection Committee.
- 14.5. 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.

15. Status

- 15.1. 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.

16. Contact

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