



2015 EUROSAF Youth Sailing European Championships

Notice of Selection

1. Introduction

1.1. The 2015 EUROSAF Youth Sailing European Championship will take place in Brest, France from the 27 July 2015 – 2 August 2015. 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
- Neil Pryde RS:X 8.5 Boy
- Neil Pryde RS:X 8.5 Girl
- SL16 Open

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 EUROSAF Youth Sailing European Championships.

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 EUROSAF Youth Sailing European Championship 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 EUROSAF Youth Sailing European Championship.

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 2015 EUROSAF Youth Sailing European Championships.

- 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 2015 EUROSAF Youth Sailing European Championship, sailors must:
 - 6.1.1. Be eligible to compete for Great Britain at the 2015 EUROSAF Youth Sailing European Championship at the time of selection.
 - 6.1.2. On the 31 December 2015 be: under the age of 19.
 - 6.1.3. 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 GBR sailing team at the 2015 EUROSAF Youth Sailing European 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 EUROSAF Youth Sailing European Championships, 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 EUROSAF Youth Sailing European 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 event of a sailor not complying with point 7.1.6 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 EUROSAF Youth Sailing European Championship,
 - 8.1.3. The best prospects of successfully following an Olympic pathway.
- 8.2. However, it is the intention of the Selection Committee, to normally select the highest ranked eligible sailors/teams in each class for the 2015 EUROSAF Youth Sailing European Championships 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 Brest in July. Information regarding the anticipated conditions at the 2015 EUROSAF Youth Sailing European 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. Principal selection event

9.1. The principal selection event for all classes will be the RYA Youth National Championships, to be held at WPNSA from the 4th to the 10th April 2015.

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:

- **Single-handed class (boys & girls)** UKLA 2015 Spring Qualifiers, (28 Feb–1 March RTYC, 14-15 March Stokes Bay SC, 21 & 22 March WPNSA).
- **420 (boys & girls)** Inland Championships, Spring Championships, (14-15 Mar Rutland SC, 28-29 Mar WPNSA).
- **RS:X 8.5 (boys & girls)** RYA Olympic classes spring series 1, 7 & 8 March – WPNSA.
- **29er (boys & girls)** 29er UK Grand Prix, 21 & 22 March 2015 – Rutland SC

11. Indicative Training/Competition Commitments

11.1. **ALL** - Commitment to a EUROSAF European Championship preparation training programme; usually consisting of 2 – 6 days UK based – to be agreed with relevant class(es) EUROSAF 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 RYA Youth National Championships WPNSA. 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.