

ISAF Team Racing World Championship 2015 Notice of the GBR Team Selection Process

1 Overview

The ISAF Team Racing World Championships 2015 (the “World Championship”) will be held at Rutland in July 2015. The event will include two Competitions: an Open Competition and a Youth Competition (under 19 on 31 December 2015).

The Notice of Race will be published shortly.

Entry to the World Championship is based on an invitation from ISAF to teams put forward by Member National Authorities (“MNA”). The RYA is the MNA for GBR. Each MNA may put forward several teams and rank them in order e.g. GBR1, GBR2. All teams are entered on a grid according to 1st choice, 2nd choice etc and in date order according to the date of receipt by ISAF. Second choice teams will only be allocated places only after all MNA first entries have been taken into account.

There is no limit set by ISAF on entries from any given MNA. However the RYA intends to put forward four teams to represent GBR: two qualifying for the Open Competition, and two qualifying for the Youth Competition.

This Notice of Selection sets out the process to be adopted by the RYA to select and rank the two Open and two Youth teams. This Selection Process will be open to both new and existing teams.

2 Selection Aims

This Selection Process is intended to assist the RYA in determining which teams it wishes to put forward to ISAF for invitation to the World Championship.

The primary aim of the Selection Process is to select teams that will maximise the medal-winning potential of Team GBR in the World Championship (the “Primary Aim”).

Selection will be overseen by Selectors nominated by the RYA Team Racing Working Group (see section 6). The selectors will select taking into account the Selection Process outlined in this document and any other factor they decide may influence the aim above.

Should the Selection Process set out in the remaining paragraphs of this Notice of Selection Process be in conflict with the Primary Aims the Primary Aims shall take precedence.

The Selection Process is also intended to:

- develop and strengthen overall UK team racing,
- help foster the continued high standard and popularity of team racing within the UK,
- maximise Team GBR medal performance in the longer term.

It is intended that these aims will be fulfilled through an entry process that is open to both new and existing teams. Selected sailors will also be encouraged to pass on, by coaching, some of the skills and knowledge they have acquired.

3 Eligibility

Teams are required to meet the criteria for Open teams, as set out in the Notice of Race for the World Championship.

Sailors must be full personal members of the RYA.

4 Selection Process

4.1 Overview

Selection for the teams will be based on the results from the selection weekends to be held at Rutland SC on the weekend of 13 and 14 December 2014 and the weekends of 10 and 11 January and 17 and 18 January 2015 (the "Selection Events").

Teams are invited to confirm interest in selection to represent GBR at the World Championship by completing an application form and submitting it to the RYA by 3 November 2014. They must also confirm that they meet the criteria in the World Championships Notice of Race and this Notice of Selection Process.

The intention is that the first weekend will be an open weekend, the second weekend will be for teams invited by the Selectors and the third weekend will be held at the discretion of Selectors and for teams selected by the Selectors.

4.2 Contingency Selection Arrangements

The Selectors may take into account the sailing CVs of the teams involved in the Selection process.

If the Selection Events are not held for any reason the Selectors will announce a new Selection process. The Selectors will develop an alternative process for selection that fulfils the Primary Aim.

If either of the top two teams withdraws from the Selection Process, the place will be offered to the next placed team in the ranking.

5 Funding and Costs

5.1 Application Fee

There is no fee for teams applying to be considered for selection under this Selection Process.

5.2 Selection Event Costs

Whilst Selection Event costs are being held to a minimum, all costs must be covered by the teams sailing at the Selection Event.

There is therefore a fee of £420.00 to cover costs (such as use of boats, fuel and umpire travel). This fee must be paid in advance on acceptance of the offer of a place at the Selection Event. Teams will in addition have to provide a damage deposit of £250.00.

5.2 World Championship

Teams will be directly responsible themselves for all costs incurred for entry to and attendance at the event at the World Championships.

The Teams put forward by the RYA to ISAF will, if allocated a place in the World Championship by ISAF receive a grant of £1,000 per team from the RYA towards the costs of attending the same. The intention is that the grant will be awarded to the 1st and 2nd choice teams i.e. GBR1 and GBR2 but award of the grants shall be at the discretion of the RYA.

6 Selection Organisers

The selection of teams to represent Team GBR is the responsibility of the RYA's Team Racing Working Group ("TRWG").

Selection will be by a committee of three Selectors, appointed by TRWG to oversee this process, with support provided by RYA staff. The RYA Team Racing Working Group will appoint the Selectors by end September 2014.

7 Application Process

Potential teams must complete and submit an application form for consideration for selection by the RYA to the RYA by 3 November 2014. This should include the entry fee and damage deposit for the Selection Event.

Teams will be notified by 10 November 2014 if they are invited to the Selection Event. They must confirm their acceptance to the RYA by 17 November 2014, at which point the entry fee will be processed.

The teams that are selected and to be put forward by the RYA to ISAF to represent GBR at the Worlds will be notified by 16 February 2015 and must confirm their commitment to attend the World Championships, if allocated a place by ISAF by 2 March 2015.

Dates may be adjusted if contingency is invoked as set out in Section 4.2.

8 Appeals

No legal action may be taken arising from a decision made by the RYA's Team Racing Working Group Selection Committee.

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

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