



# **RYA UK Youth Transition 2 Programme**

*(Youth to Olympic Classes)*

## **Part 1 2015/16 RYA UK Youth Transition 2 Selection**

### **1. Introduction**

The overall aim of the British Youth Sailing UK Transition 2 Squad programme is to:

***“Develop the Best Young Racing Sailors in the World”***

In order to achieve the above, we aim to select those individuals and teams who are most likely to excel at dinghy and windsurf racing to receive additional coaching and support from the RYA and thereby:

1. *“Make Winning Inevitable”* as they progress into Olympic Class Sailing
2. Accelerate individuals/team development.
3. Optimally feed the British Sailing Team Olympic, Paralympic and other Senior Development Squads.
4. Make best use of RYA, funding partner and sponsor support.

This document should be read in conjunction with the RYA Youth Steering Group “Guidelines for Selection”, which is available from the RYA website.

The RYA UK Transition 2 Squad has two separate training and competition periods, each with a distinct squad entry point. A winter training entry point in September and a summer competition entry point in April; all sailors should apply if they feel they may warrant inclusion or reapply as appropriate.

**Selection or reselection is based upon meeting the sailing performance and physiological benchmarks as agreed with the Pathway Sports Science team.**

### **2. Selection**

Selection of the sailors will be determined by an independent committee of selectors who are appointed by the RYA Youth Steering Group (YSG). Their remit is to select those sailors, who in their opinion have a combination of:

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

2. The best prospects of winning medals at the ISAF Youth Sailing World Championships.
3. The best prospects of successfully following an Olympic pathway

### 3. Eligibility

Normally, to be eligible for selection, sailors must:

1. At the time of selection be eligible to compete for Great Britain at an ISAF sanctioned event as defined in ISAF Regulation 19.
2. For the **International Competition period (i.e. April selection)**; normally be aged U21 on the 31st December 2015 (individual event selections may differ to this), with the exception of the below.
3. For the **winter training period (i.e. September selection)** be U20 on the 31st December 2015, with the exception of the below.

In exceptional circumstances, sailors who do not comply with 3.1 may nevertheless be eligible and selected, if expressly confirmed by the RYA Racing Manager. Such sailors will be required to carry GBR on their sails and may be required to sign a written declaration of intent to comply with 3.1.

#### **Selection to the RYA UK Transition 2 Squad is conditional upon:**

- Full commitment to the programme
- Continuing to satisfy the eligibility criteria
- **Meeting the physical fitness benchmarks set by British Youth Sailing Pathway Sport Science Team**
- Complying with all terms and conditions within the squad contract
- Fulfilling all squad training requirements (unless dispensation has been sought and granted)
- Adherence to a personal competition and training programme.

Sailors who wish to be considered for a place in the RYA UK Youth Transition 2 Programme must apply on-line at [www.ryaracingevents.org.uk](http://www.ryaracingevents.org.uk). Sailors who are offered a place must be a member of the RYA in order to accept their place.

### 4. Selection Committee

The Selection Committee is appointed by the RYA Youth Steering Group and currently comprises of the following people, none of whom will have eligible children within the Youth classes:

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

## 5. Selection Criteria

The Selectors will take into account the following factors:

- Age, height and weight.
- Performance at *identified squad review events*.
- Performance at a significant international regatta.
- Performance at major national events/training.
- Future potential.
- Goals and aspirations.
- Attitude and behaviour at the events in the series and during previous training.
- Factors affecting results.
- Class ranking lists.
- Any other factors the Selectors consider appropriate.

Additionally the RYA Selectors may use one or more of the following criteria to select sailors, in accordance with the YSG Guidelines for Selection.

- Performance at the *Primary Indicator event*.
- Performance at the *Secondary Indicator event(s)*.
- Performance at *nominated squad review(s)* if required.

RYA Selectors will only select Sailors that have achieved the required Physiological benchmarks agreed with the Pathway Sports Science team.

Selectors or their representatives may attend events during the year to gather information upon which to make their decisions.

They may also review any available fitness testing data, as well as data and information provided as part of the application process.

Also they may monitor the results and seek relevant reports from coaches and class association representatives about the *primary* and *secondary indicators* and *squad review events*.

## 6. Notification

Applicants will be notified in writing as soon as is practically possible after the completion of the final indicator event, and usually within 14 days. Successful sailor's names will be published on the RYA website once all attendance confirmation forms/contracts have been returned to the office – **it is not our policy to publish this information before this time**

For further information please initially contact:

Double-handed Pathway Manager ([doublehandedmanager@rya.org.uk](mailto:doublehandedmanager@rya.org.uk)) or

Single-handed Pathway Manager ([singlehandedmanager@rya.org.uk](mailto:singlehandedmanager@rya.org.uk))

Alternatively please send an e-mail to the RYA Youth Racing Manager at [youthracingmanager@rya.org.uk](mailto:youthracingmanager@rya.org.uk)

## **Part 2 – 2015/16 RYA International Competition Support**

Following the summer International competition period selection point in April the selectors will, where possible, allocate results based international travel grants and places within RYA teams as well as make any discretionary decisions using the criteria listed in items 2 and 7. The likely size of any RYA teams, the process, number of grants available and the likely notification date is outlined in Appendix B

Unless otherwise stated, or unless the eligibility criteria for the regatta differs, where an age category is mentioned as part of the results based criteria for international events or grants, this shall be assumed to be as of 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015.

If any nominated age category grants/places are not awarded, usually because insufficient eligible sailors win places in teams via the class selection process, then any grants will revert to being offered at the discretion of the RYA UK Youth Squad selectors. This may result in that grant being offered in whole, in part or not offered at all depending on the Selector's appraisal of the best way of fulfilling the remit detailed in item 2.

**Sailors may only normally accept a grant/subsidy for a given regatta from either the Youth or Olympic programme, not both.**

Where a selected sailor has already been offered an Olympic Podium Potential Squad grant for that regatta, then the Youth grant may either be offered to another sailor or withheld entirely.

Additional support may be provided for other events identified later in the year as appropriate and relevant international competition experience by the Lead Pathway Coach. This will be dependent on available funding and resource at that time.

### **Appeals**

There will be no appeals against the published selection criteria or the actions of the Selectors, provided they follow the selection criteria. By entering the selection process sailors agree to this condition. The grounds for appeal are limited to allegations of:

1. Failure to follow due process.
2. Bias/undue influence.
3. Some other misconduct.

The criteria for appeal may not include any alleged error of judgment of the selectors. Should an appeal still arise, then it should be submitted in writing to the Racing Manager within 5 days of the selection being announced. The full Appeals Policy document is available on request from the RYA Racing Manager, Racing Operations Manager or email [racing@rya.org.uk](mailto:racing@rya.org.uk)

**Status**

The Royal Yachting Association (RYA)'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.

Grants will be repayable upon notification, if the competitor does not attend the regatta(s) for any reason. The RYA reserves the right NOT to provide international competition grants or withhold them for any reason.

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## Appendix A: Indicator events, anticipated RYA UK T2 group sizes & selection process

Sailors wishing to be considered for selection in the following Youth or Olympic Classes:

Single handed – Finn, RS:X

Double handed (Symmetric) – 420, 470

Double handed (Asymmetric) – 29er, 49erFX, 49er, Nacra

Should register their interest with the appropriate pathway manager and through the Youth Squad intentions process (*anyone outside of the programme can be forwarded, by request, the intentions document*) and comply with the standard British Sailing Team guidelines for eligibility.

Normally:

- Minimum top 20% Youth international performer at Youth Class World or Europeans
- Demonstrate achievement of the elite standards in the fitness preparation and commitment/behaviours expected of the UK Youth Squad programme
- Has an agreed individual/team development and action plan for an appropriate Olympic Class
- Has the required Olympic Class boat or feeder boat (as determined by the RYA)
- Has submitted a suitable programme in collaboration with the relevant Youth Pathway Manager

Sailors wishing to be considered for selection in the Laser Standard and Laser Radial (female) should also consider the below information.

<b>Class</b>	<b>Phase</b>	<b>Primary Indicator</b>	<b>Secondary Indicator(s)</b>	<b>Anticipated Squad Size</b>	<b>Anticipated Min no. of Boats</b>	<b>Results based places</b>	<b>Discretionary places</b>
Laser Standard (Male)	Summer Competition (April)	RYA Youth National Championships, WPNSA, 4–10 Apr 2015.	UKLA 2015 Spring Qualifiers (28 Feb – 1 Mar – Royal Torbay YC, 14-15 Mar – Stokes Bay SC, 21-22 Mar - WPNSA).	<b>2 – 6 (U21)</b> Total Training Group size 6 – 14 (incl. Youth Squad sailors)	3	Top 3 U21s at 31/12/15	0-3
	Winter Training (September)	UKLA Autumn Qualifiers: 26-27 Sep 2015 Sunderland YC 10-11 Oct 2015 Paignton SC	24-25 Oct 2015 HISC	<b>2 – 6 (U21)</b> Total Training Group size 6 – 14 (incl. Youth Squad sailors)	3	Top 3 U20s at 31/12/15	0-3
Laser Radial (Female)	Summer Competition (April)	RYA Youth National Championships, WPNSA, 4–10 Apr 2015.	UKLA 2015 Spring Qualifiers (28 Feb – 1 Mar – Royal Torbay YC, 14-15 Mar – Stokes Bay SC, 21-22 Mar - WPNSA).	<b>2 – 4 (U21)</b> Total Training Group size 4 – 8 (incl. Youth Squad sailors)	2	Top 1 U21s at 31/12/15.	1-3
	Winter Training (September)	UKLA Autumn Qualifiers: 26-27 Sep 2015 Sunderland YC 10-11 Oct 2015 Paignton SC	24-25 Oct 2015 HISC	<b>2 – 4 (U21)</b> Total Training Group size 4 – 8 (incl. Youth Squad sailors)	2	Top 1 U20s at 31/12/15.	1-3

**Appendix B: 2015 International RYA supported Events.**

<b>Class</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Number of grants</b>	<b>Grant per Boat (G) or Sailor Contribution (SC)</b>	<b>Selection Process/Trip arrangements</b>
Laser Standard (Male)	Laser Standard Men's U21 World Championships, Medemblik, Netherlands.	15 – 22 Aug 2015	2 – 4 (U21)	6 (max) x £250 (G) spread between U19 & U21	Top 2 U19 & Top 2 U21. (RYA Youth National Championships as indicator event). Coach support for granted sailors only. Sailor to make all arrangements.
	Laser Standard U21 European Championships, Murcia, Spain	28 Aug – 4 Sept 2015	2 – 4 (U21)	6 (max) x £250 (G) spread between U19 & U21	Top 2 U19 & Top 2 U21. (RYA Youth National Championships as indicator event). Coach support for granted sailors only, sailor to make all arrangements.
Laser Radial (Female)	Women's Radial U21 World Championships, Medemblik, Netherlands	15 – 22 Aug 2015	1-3 (U21)	3 max x £250 (G)	Top 2 U21. (RYA Youth National Championships as indicator event). Coach support for granted sailors only. Sailor to make all arrangements.
	Women's Radial U21 European Championships. Murcia, Spain	28 Aug – 4 Sept 2015	1-3 (U21)	3 max x £250 (G)	Top 2 U21. (RYA Youth National Championships as indicator event). Coach support for granted sailors only. Sailor to make all arrangements.

Coaching will be available at certain international events for all classes and grants may be available depending on budget.