



Notice of Selection

RYA British Youth Sailing – Topper Irish National Championship 2016

Royal Cork Yacht Club

Introduction and Support

A team of up to ten boats (normally comprising a minimum of four girls and four boys) will be selected to represent the ITCA (GBR) / RYA British Youth Sailing Team at the Topper Irish National Championships, at Royal Cork YC, Ireland. The event takes place on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th July 2016.

ITCA (GBR) will arrange transport for the boats and sailors from a specified location, accommodation, food and coach support for all the boats selected to represent ITCA (GBR) / RYA British Youth Sailing Team for the duration of the regatta and for pre-regatta training, which will take place at the regatta venue from approximately 30th June 2016

For boats selected, the sailors will be expected to contribute the sum of £370 towards the cost of transport, food and accommodation to/at the regatta. The sailors will also be required to pay their own entry fee. Those sailors chosen to represent ITCA (GBR) / RYA British Youth Sailing Team will receive coach support from the RYA Topper Irish National Championship Coaches (Natalie Lloyd and Duncan West) prior to and during the regatta.

Eligibility

In order to be eligible for the ITCA (GBR) / RYA British Youth Sailing Team, sailors shall normally be aged under 15 years on the 31st of December 2016.

In addition, selected Topper sailors must be resident in Great Britain, hold or be eligible to hold a British passport and eligible to represent Great Britain in the Youth World Sailing Championships.

Selection Criteria and Procedure

Places will be offered at the discretion of the Selection Committee, to sailors who in their opinion have demonstrated the most potential to win medals for RYA British Youth Sailing at international competitions in the subsequent years.

Sailors who are being encouraged to make the transition into the youth classes after the summer, are advised that they are unlikely to be selected for this regatta. They are urged to spend time training in their chosen class for the summer events and new youth classes heading into the autumn/winter training.

When selecting the sailors to represent ITCA(GBR)/RYA British Youth Sailing the Selection Committee will take the following factors into account:

- Performance in the Indicator series
- Age and potential
- Factors affecting results
- Attitude and behaviour throughout the series and during previous training
- Class ranking list
- Performance in other events
- Goals and aspirations
- Height and weight
- Other factors the selection committee considers appropriate.

Indicator Events

The 2016 Topper Irish National Championship International indicator events are:

1. **National Series 3** 16th & 17th April 2016
Datchet Water SC
2. **Inland Championships** 30th April & 1st May 2016
Grafham Water SC



Scoring

Normally up to twelve races are scheduled as part of the indicator series, although there is now the possibility of up to 20 races. The series will be scored by adding together the individual race scores from each indicator event. Scores shall be discarded on the basis below:

<u>Number of races</u>	<u>discards</u>
15 or more	3
8 or more	2
5-7	1
4 or less	0

The competitor with the lowest points will be the winner of the Indicator series.

Members of the Selection Committee will be attending the above events in order to make discretionary selections, based upon the matrix of criteria listed above.

Selection Practice

For all places, the selectors have the discretion to determine:

- The size of the team, taking into account the target size
- Which of the criteria to take into account.
- Who to select.

In making their decisions and exercising their discretions Selectors are expected to:

- Use their expertise and experience
- Rely on their observations of the competitors, together with the observations made by other individuals, such as class coaches and class representatives.

By entering an event or activity that is part of this selection series, competitors agree that the Selectors have such discretions.

Selection Committee

The Selection Committee will be made up of the Topper Class Steering Team (or their appointed representatives), which currently consists of:

- Topper Class Chairman
- RYA Single Handed Pathway Manager
- RYA Topper UK Junior Squad Coach
- RYA Topper UK Intermediate Junior Squad Coach

Registration, Entry Fees and Measurement

There is no application process for the indicator series, successful sailors will be notified using their contact details held with ITCA (GBR) or the sailor's local RYA High Performance Manager.

Details of the selections will be published on the RYA web-site in due course.

There will be no additional entry fee for the Topper International travel grant indicator Series. All boats must conform to the Class Association rules and measurements.

Notification

Applicants will be notified in writing by email as soon as is practically possible after the completion of the final indicator event, usually within 14 days.



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 judgement of the selectors. Should an appeal still arise then it should be submitted to the Racing Manager within five days of the selection being announced. The full Appeals document is available on request from the RYA Racing Operations Manager.

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.

Please read this in conjunction with the British Youth Sailing – Programme Selection Policy and Procedures by using the following link:

<http://www.rya.org.uk/racing/youthjunior/information/Pages/Policies.aspx>