

Notice of Selection eSailing Nations Cup 2020 GBR Team

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1. INTRODUCTION

This document sets out the selection policy, practice, process, criteria and the responsibilities of individuals involved in the selection process for the RYA GBR eSailing Nations Cup Team.

The eSailing Nations Cup is being organised by World Sailing and the RYA will be nominating a GBR team of ten to participate. The team will participate in an initial fleet racing regatta for seeding, prior to stages of knockout rounds of Nation Vs Nation regattas held throughout October 2020.

The World Sailing's 2020 eSailing Nations Cup NoR can be found here.

2. PURPOSE OF THE SELECTION PROCESS

The purpose of this process is to select ten GBR ranked eSailors who will be invited to represent the UK in World Sailings' 2020 eSailing Nations Cup. A nation versus nation knockout challenge to crown the best eSailing nation in the world.

3. ELIGIBILITY

All GBR national ranked eSailors competing in the GBR eSailing National Championships Final will be considered for selection.

There is no age restriction on registering for the eSailing Nations Cup.

However, to be eligible for selection, eSailors must at the time of selection be eligible to compete for Great Britain and hold a British passport. In order to be considered for selection, eSailors shall be an RYA member.

Any selection is subject to the prior compliance to and on-going conformance to any standards, expectations, charters and codes of conduct laid down by the RYA and its representatives.

4. THE ROLE OF THE SELECTION COMMITTEE

The role of the Selection Committee is to ensure that the GBR (UK) selection process is followed and to consider discretionary places.

The GBR team for the World Sailing eSailing Nation's Cup 2020 will be selected by a Selection Committee consisting of the following RYA representatives:-

- RYA Director of Sport Development
- RYA Racing Services Manager
- One representative appointed by RYA Racing Committee

The RYA GBR eSailing Nations Cup Team will be selected by 22nd September 2020.

5. SELECTION PROCESS

The GBR eSailing National Championship Finals will be utilised as the Selection Event for the team to represent GBR at the World Sailing eSailing Nations Cup.

Based on the results of the GBR eSailing National Championship Finals, the Selection Committee will select the team in order of merit ensuring:-

- The top 4 based on the results of the GBR eSailing National Championship Finals will be automatically selected
- The remaining members of the team will be selected in order of merit, ensuring:-
 - The team shall consist of at least two Virtual Regatta Certified eSailors
 - 4 members of the team shall have represented an RYA Affiliated Club or Class during an RYA eSailing Club or Class Championship held prior to 1st September 2020
 - The team shall include at least one male and one female eSailor
 - Reserves based on the results of the GBR eSailing National Championship Finals, the Selection Committee will select an additional two reserves for the GBR team.

The Selection Committee will be required to either nominate one of the selected team as Captain or appoint someone external to the team.

6. SELECTION PRACTICE

In making their decisions and exercising their discretion, Selectors are expected to:

- Use their expertise and experience
- Communicate their decisions in an open and transparent manner

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

7. APPEALS

Any appeal relating to the Selection Process will be conducted in accordance with the RYA Racing Department Selection Appeals Policy, however the timescales specified in Section 2.1 of that policy are amended as below:

- Notice of intent to appeal should be submitted as soon as reasonably practical and in any event within 24 hours of the selection being announced.
- The appeal shall be submitted in full within 48 hours of the selection being announced

A copy of this document is available on request from the RYA Racing Services Manager.

8. STATUS

The 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 request the amendment, supplement and/or the discontinuation at its discretion, for whatever reason, any or all of these policies and procedures. In such cases the reason for the change will be given.

9. SCHEDULE

The schedule for the selection process and eSailing Nations cup is as follows:

Activity	Dates		
GBR eSailing National Championship Finals	19 th Sept 2020		
(GBR Selection Event)			
RYA announces eSailing Nations Cup Team	22 nd Sept 2020		
Deadline to nominate team to World Sailing	30 th Sept 2020		
Stage 1 - Fleet Races*	Between 5 th – 11 th Oct 2020		
Stage 2.1 – Knockout First Round*	Between 12 th – 18 th Oct 2020		
Stage 2.2 – Knockout Quarter Final*	Between 19 th – 25 th Oct 2020		
Stage 2.3 Knockout Semi Final*	Between 26 th Oct – 1 st Nov		
	2020		
Stage 2.4 – Knockout Final*	Between 2 nd – 8 th Nov 2020		
* eSailing Nations Cup schedule is subject to confirmation by World Sailing			
and will be confirmed after 31st July 2020			

10. FURTHER INFORMATION

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