



Notice of Selection

RYA BIC Techno UK Junior Squad 2017/18 and RYA International Competition support 2017

1. Introduction

For the 2017/18 RYA BIC Techno UK Junior Squad, twelve BIC Techno UK Junior Squad places will normally be offered. The squad will normally comprise of both the 6.8 and 7.8 rigs, however, the overall number of places and exact breakdown will be determined by the Selectors and may vary according to the ability of competitors taking part in the indicator series. The first two places will normally be offered to the top ranked 7.8 boy and girl (aged under 16 on 31st December 2017, born in or after 2002) on completion of the indicator series. Two places will normally be offered to the top ranked 6.8 boy and girl (aged under 14 on 31st December 2017, born in or after 2004) on completion of the indicator series.

It is our intention to award the top ranked 7.8 boy and girl from the UKWA National Championship Series (aged under 16 on 31st December 2017) a squad place if they are not already selected from the above criteria. However, this decision will be at the discretion of the Selection Committee.

Please note that in order to be eligible for international events in 2017, 6.8 and 7.8 sailors shall be aged under 15 and under 17 respectively on the 31st December 2017.

Any remaining BIC Techno UK Junior Squad places will be offered at the discretion of the Selection Committee, to sailors who in their opinion have demonstrated the best prospects of progressing to the RYA UK Youth Squads and winning medals for the British Youth Sailing Team at major international competitions in the subsequent years.

The Selectors expect sailors to make every endeavour to attend the indicator events, in order that they can make objective decisions having seen sailors compete against each other at the key events.

2. Support

Sailors selected to be part of the 2017/18 RYA BIC Techno UK Junior Squad will receive the following support:

- Invitation to subsidised race training programme. These take place at a number of venues around the UK and are delivered by the RYA BIC Techno UK Junior Squad Head Coach and other additional specialists and coaches. The Techno UK Junior Squad usually train together as a squad during half term and Easter holiday National camps as well as attending training sessions within the "Zone", closer to home.
- Benefit from a specific needs based training programme.
- Have the opportunity to access remote coaching support from the UK Junior Squad Head Coach.
- The opportunity to purchase discounted UK Junior Squad clothing.
- Receive transitional advice regarding their progression into Youth Sailing from the UK Junior Coach and RYA Single Handed Pathway Manager.

Whilst the RYA BIC Techno UK Junior Squad programme is subsidised by the RYA, a sailor/parental contribution towards the costs of coaching, venues, coach boats, accommodation and food is required.

3. Eligibility

In order to be eligible for the BIC Techno UK Junior Squad 2017/18, sailors shall normally be aged under 16 on the 31st December 2017. However, in extremely exceptional circumstances sailors who do not meet the age criteria may be invited at the discretion of the Selection Committee (these sailors would be ineligible to compete internationally in the OD Techno classes).



In addition, RYA BIC Techno UK Junior Squad sailors must be resident in Great Britain, hold or be eligible to hold a British passport and be eligible to represent Great Britain in the Youth World Sailing Championship.

If you wish to be considered for a place in the RYA BIC Techno UK Junior Squad, your equipment must conform to the UK (RYA) National Class rules for the BIC Techno class at the indicator events. Therefore with respect to the change down for 7.8 sails, the international rules state that only the BIC Techno 6.8 can be used in international events.

With respect to the change down for 6.8 sails, the International AGM in 2008 agreed that the BIC 5.8 should be developed as an alternative change down to the existing option, which is to use any 5.5 sail with two or less Cams. The AGM also agreed that this decision would be reviewed annually with regard to a possible decision to make the BIC 5.8 a One-Design (sole option) change down. The 5.5 option may remain internationally and will remain in the UK for at least 2017.

Sailors may not accept a RYA BIC Techno UK Junior Squad place if they have accepted a place in another RYA Squad.

4. Selection Criteria and Procedure

Clear and objective selections are an important principle for the Techno squad programmes, however, in the Techno class this is challenging because sailors often compete at different events on different rigs. Additionally we recognise that young sailors are often inconsistent and inevitably progress at different rates, due to differing rates of emotional and biological maturity.

Therefore, whilst a proportion of the squad places will normally be offered on a 'first past the post basis', the remaining places will be offered at the discretion of the Selection Committee who are empowered by the UKWA/TCA and the RYA to make such decisions in the context of the aims of the programme.

Those places offered to the highest ranked sailors on the basis of results, will be allocated according to a ranking system using the results from the UK Junior Squad Indicator Series 2017.

(Indicator events for RYA Zone squad places are regionally based, details of which can be found at www.rya.org.uk/go/zones, under the 'zone squad selection policy').

Normally four of the RYA BIC Techno UK Junior Squad 2017/18 places will be allocated according to rankings based on the UK Junior Squad Indicator Series 2017. The remaining places, where offered, will be awarded on a discretionary basis.

5. RYA UK Junior Squad Indicator Series ranking events:

Rig	Date	Event	Venue
6.8 and 7.8	26/27 August 2017	UKWA National event	Pwllheli
6.8 and 7.8	9/10 September 2017	National Championships (mandatory)	Grafham Water SC

Sailors should attend the **UKWA / RYA Junior National Championships (Grafham Water SC on 9/10 September 2017), plus UKWA Cup 5 at Pwllheli to qualify for the selection series.**

Members of the Selection Committee (or their appointed representatives) will normally attend some of the above events, in order to make discretionary selections based upon the matrix of criteria listed below.

6. Scoring

“**RYA UK Junior Squad Indicator Series**” will be scored by adding the two overall finishing positions from the two identified series indicator events. The scores will be counted unaltered, i.e. including all competitors at the regattas. These event results will be used to create a ranking list that will be updated regularly and published via a link from the UKWA website. Further scoring details can be found on the UKWA Notice of Race.



7. Discretionary Places

Discretionary places will be determined by the Selection Committee and may be offered to sailors who:

- In their opinion have demonstrated the best prospects of progressing to the RYA UK Youth Squads and the most potential to win medals for RYA Team GBR at international competitions in the subsequent years.
- Fall outside the age criteria.
- Fail to achieve automatic selection, possibly (but not exclusively) because they are new to the class, injured, or could not attend all indicator events.

When allocating discretionary places, the Selection Committee may take into consideration the following factors:

- Age and potential.
- Factors affecting results.
- Performance in the Indicator series.
- 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.

The Selection Committee may extend the selection process beyond the indicator series.

8. Exceptional Circumstances/failure to attend Indicator events

The Selectors expect sailors to make every endeavour to attend the indicator events in order that they can make objective decisions, having seen sailors compete against each other at key events.

Where this is **impossible**, sailors may take the opportunity to notify the Selectors of the reasons why and seek dispensation, which will only be granted (retrospectively) in exceptional circumstances. Some examples of exceptional circumstances are: illness or injury which precludes sailing (medical diagnosis should be provided), bereavement or non-transferable academic commitments which directly impact on the grade of a nationally recognised qualification that sailors will be awarded.

Gear failure, breakage or the actions of another competitor are not considered exceptional, where appropriate, sailors should seek retribution via the normal processes of the racing rules of sailing.

Sending in a discretionary request does not imply acceptance of the reasons or the granting of dispensation by the Selectors. By electing not to attend an event, sailors accept the likelihood of this negatively impacting on their selection. Sailors are encouraged to seek medical advice and exercise common sense around competing with an illness or injury.

Sailors wishing to notify the selectors of exceptional circumstances/failure to attend indicator events should do so in writing, together with any diagnosis or reasons via RYA Senior Administrator for windsurfing: niki.paton@rya.org.uk

9. Selection Practice

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

- The size of the squad, 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 own expertise and experience.
- Rely on their own 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, the competitors agree that the Selectors have such discretions.

10. Selection Committee

The Selection Committee will be made up of BIC Techno Class Committee members (or their appointed representatives) and RYA Staff, which currently consists of:

- One of the RYA High Performance Managers (Chair)
- RYA Single Handed Pathway Manager
- Head Windsurfing Pathway Coach
- Techno Class Association (TCA) Chairman, or their representative
- Another TCA representative

The RYA Techno UK Junior Squad Head Coach will not form part of the selection committee, but will attend the meeting and advise on sailor development and selection.

The RYA Youth Racing Manager may be in attendance as an independent observer.

11. Application, Entry Fees and Measurement

Sailors must be members of the UK Windsurfing Association and members of the RYA.

Applications for the RYA BIC Techno UK Junior Squad 2017/18 should be submitted on-line between the 1st August and 10th September 2017.

Applications can be accessed via:

<http://www.rya.org.uk/racing/youth-junior/squads/junior/Pages/selection.aspx>

There will be no additional entry fee for the BIC Techno UK Junior Squad indicator Series. All boards must conform to the Class Association rules and measurements. Further details of the RYA Selection Policy are published on the website.

12. 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. Successful sailor's names will be published on the RYA web-site once all attendance confirmation forms/contracts have been returned to the office – it is not our policy to publish this information before this time.

13. 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:

- I. Failure to follow due process.
- II. Bias/undue influence.
- III. 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.



14. Status

The Royal Yachting Association's (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.

15. Policies

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

<http://www.rya.org.uk/racing/youth-junior/info/Pages/policies.aspx>



RYA International competition support 2017:

Class	Event	Date	Sailors to be supported	£££ - Grant (G) / Parental contribution (PC)	How selected / Trip arrangements	Main Qualifiers to be attended for selection:	No. of RYA Coaches
Techno	European Championships, Lorient, France	22-29 July 2017	12 sailors (6x 7.8 and 6x 6.8) Top 7.8 boy, top 7.8 girl. Top 6.8 boy, top 6.8 girl from selection series plus 8 discretionary places	Non-Residential trip – £200 grant (G) per sailor plus coach support	Sailor makes all arrangements. RYA provides coach support.	UKWA National events: WPNSA, 1/2 April 2017 and Christchurch 27/28 May 2017	2
Techno	World Championships, Salou, Tarragona, Spain	21-28 October 2017	12 sailors (6x 7.8 and 6x 6.8) Top 7.8 boy, top 7.8 girl. Top 6.8 boy, top 6.8 girl from selection series plus 8 discretionary places	Residential trip – £650 Parental Contribution. Coach support.	Sailor arranges and pays own entry fee. Sailors are responsible for organising and paying for their own food during the trip.	UKWA National events: WPNSA, 1/2 April 2017, Christchurch 27/28 May 2017 and Pwllheli 26/27 August 2017	2

Scoring

The following discard system will be used for the events to select sailors for the Techno Europeans and World Championships. This allows for sailor inconsistency and varying conditions:

14 races or more	3 discards
10 – 13 races	2 discards
5 - 9 races	1 discard
4 races or less	0 discards