



## IOC Youth Olympic Games 2018 Selection Notice

### 1. Introduction

1.1. The IOC Youth Olympic Games 2018 will take place in Buenos Aires, Argentina, from the 6<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> October 2018. It is the intention of the RYA to send a full team which consists of three male and three female sailors, with representation in the five **disciplines** as follows:

Windsurfer	BIC Techno plus	Boy
Windsurfer	BIC Techno plus	Girl
Kiteboarding	IKA Twin Tip	Boy
Kiteboarding	IKA Twin Tip	Girl
Multihull	Nacra 15 (Foiling)	Mixed

1.2. The "Selection Process" is defined as everything included in this document that relates to the selection of sailors by the RYA for nomination to the British Olympic Association ("BOA") for selection to represent Great Britain ("GBR") at the IOC Youth Olympic Games 2018.

1.3. This document should be read in conjunction with the IOC Youth Olympic Games 2018 Qualification System (English) document on-line on the WS site at:

[http://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/201704BuenosAires2018QualificationSystemFINALSailingEN-\[22546\].pdf](http://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/201704BuenosAires2018QualificationSystemFINALSailingEN-[22546].pdf)

### 2. Aim

2.1. The aim of the Selection Process is primarily: to maximise the medal-winning potential of the British Youth Olympic Games 2018 sailing team and secondly: to facilitate the effective development of sailing talent and knowledge for future major international regattas, specifically the Youth Sailing World Championships and the Olympic Games.

2.2. Assuming sailors are successful in qualification of the nation this Selection Process will assist the RYA in determining who it wishes to nominate to the BOA for selection as part of the British Team "Team GB" at the IOC Youth Olympic Games 2018.

2.3. The aim may be best achieved by not nominating a sailor in one or all of the above disciplines.

### 3. Eligibility

3.1 In order to be eligible for selection for the British Youth Sailing Team for the IOC Youth Olympic Games 2018, sailors must:

3.1.1 Be eligible to compete for Great Britain at the IOC Youth Olympic Games 2018 at the time of selection.

3.1.2 Be eligible to compete in the IOC Youth Olympic Games 2018;

3.1.3 Be eligible to compete under the World Sailing Eligibility Code

3.1.4 Be competing in a class for which GBR have achieved any qualification criteria for the class concerned and received a full allocation of places;

- 3.1.5 For all Classes sailors must have been born between 1 January 2000 and 31 December 2003.
- 3.1.6 Agree to participate fully in both bespoke and generic elements of the British Youth Sailing Team preparation for the event (outlined in section 7). Failure to participate fully without the written and express permission of the RYA Youth Racing Manager being granted may result in forfeiting the sailors place in the team and that place being offered to another sailor.
- 3.1.7 Agree to only be coached at the primary selection event by RYA appointed Squad/Team Coaches or RYA agreed Class Association Coaches
- 3.1.8 The sailors(s)/ teams shall remain free of any physical or mental impediment or potential physical or mental impediment to performance, i.e sailors remain free of any illness or injury nor shall they be suspected of, or undergoing tests for any illness which may be perceived by the selectors to be detrimental to performance throughout the preparation for the event.
- 3.1.9 For all sailors to have achieved and maintained the relevant benchmarks available from the RYA on request

3.2 In the event of a sailor not complying with any or all of sections 3.1.6 to 3.1.9 then the selectors reserve the right to either withdraw the nomination of that sailor/team, or nominate another sailor to replace the sailor within a team. Normally, it will result in the team (in the case of double-handers) forfeiting their place and a reserve team being selected.

#### **4 Selection Practice**

- 4.1 The Selection Committee shall be as per the British Youth Sailing Programme 'Selection Policy & procedures'.
- Chair of Selectors – British Youth Sailing  
RYA Director of Racing  
RYA Youth Racing Manager  
RYA Single-handed Pathway Manager  
RYA Double-handed Pathway Manager
- 4.2 This Selection Committee has authority delegated by the RYA Council and Racing Committee to take decisions on all matters concerning the selection process.

#### **5 Selection Process**

5.1 The Selection Committee will select in accordance with this Notice of Selection and the British Youth Sailing Programme 'Selection Policy & Procedures'. They may also take into account any other factor they decide may influence achieving the aim, as set out in Section 2 above.

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

5.2 Should this Notice of Selection be in conflict with any part of the British Youth Sailing Programme 'Selection Policy & Procedures' this Notice of Selection shall take precedence.

5.3 The primary Indicator event for the relevant Classes will be as follows:

- 5.3.1 BIC Techno Plus Boy - Techno 293 Plus European Championship, tbc, April 2018
- 5.3.2 BIC Techno Plus Girl - Techno 293 Plus European Championship, tbc, April 2018
- 5.3.3 IKA Twin Tip Boys – Worlds Championships, Shanwei, China 10-15 April 2018

- 5.3.4 IKA Twin Tip Girls - Worlds Championships, Shanwei, China 10-15 April 2018
- 5.3.5 Nacra 15 foiling mixed – Nacra 15 World Championships, Barcelona, Spain, 22-28 April 2018
- 5.4 If, in the opinion of the Selection Committee, the conditions outlined in the selection procedure are not met at the principal selection event or there is no clear winner, the Selectors will exercise their discretion which will include taking into account performances from the following additional nominated secondary indicator event(s), and as necessary any additional major national or international events for each class in order to inform their decision to select members for the British Youth Sailing Team. These (secondary) indicator events are as follows, but events may be added later at the discretion of the Selection Committee:
  - 5.4.1 **All Disciplines** – RYA Youth National Championships 2018, Largs, Scotland, *30<sup>th</sup> March 8<sup>th</sup> April 2018. (Subject to venue suitability and capacity).*
  - 5.4.2 BIC Techno Plus Boy - Techno 293 Plus World Championships, Quiberon, France, *15-20 July 2017*
  - 5.4.3 BIC Techno Plus Girl - Techno 293 Plus World Championships, Quiberon, France, *15-20 July 2017*
  - 5.4.4 IKA Twin Tip Boys – IKA Twin Tip Europe/ Africa Qualifier, Dakhla, Morocco, *20-25 February 2018*
  - 5.4.5 IKA Twin Tip Girls - IKA Twin Tip Europe/ Africa Qualifier, Dakhla, Morocco, *20-25 February 2018*
  - 5.4.6 Nacra 15 foiling mixed – Nacra 15 YOG European Qualifier, Medemblik, Holland, *21-27 October 2017*

## 6 Selection Criteria

- 6.1 Selections for the British Youth Sailing Team will be made by the Selection Committee, who will exercise their discretion to select those sailors who, as a team and in their opinion, have a combination of:
  - 6.1.1 The best prospects of winning medals at World and European Championships now and in the future,
  - 6.1.2 The best prospects of winning medals at the Youth Sailing World Championships,
  - 6.1.3 The potential to finish in the top six positions of the class in question at the IOC Youth Olympic Games 2018
  - 6.1.4 The best prospects of developing sailing talent and knowledge so that the British Youth Sailing Programme will optimally feed the Olympic pathway.
- 6.2 However, it is the intention of the Selection Committee, normally to select the highest ranked eligible sailor/team in each class for the IOC Youth Olympic Games 2018 from the primary indicator event, on a first-past-the-post basis, provided that in the opinion of the selection committee the following conditions have been met:
  - 6.2.1 There has been a reasonable number and quality of races in the series at the primary indicator event;
  - 6.2.2 That the sailors finish in the top eight Nations that are eligible to represent their own nation at the IOC Youth Olympic Games 2018
  - 6.2.3 There is clearly a strongest team at the primary indicator event
  - 6.2.4 The sailor being selected for nomination by the Selection Committee;
  - 6.2.5 GBR achieving the qualification criteria for the relevant discipline

6.2.6 All BOA qualification criteria being met;

6.2.7 The BOA selecting the RYA's nominated sailor(s) as member(s) of the Team GB Youth Olympic Games 2018 Sailing Team

6.3 Any selection will be subject to continued conformance with the terms and conditions, attainment of any physical standards set by the RYA, and full participation in an agreed training and competition programme in preparation for the regatta. Each selected sailor will normally have their own individual programme and this may include compulsory attendance at agreed team building, training, racing and physical preparation sessions.

6.4 For the avoidance of doubt and notwithstanding any other provision in the selection process, the Selection Committee reserves the right to revoke a nomination once made or to choose to nominate no-one to sail in a particular class.

## **7 Indicative Training/Competition Commitments**

7.1 Commitment to a Youth Olympic Games preparation training programme; usually consisting of one additional international regatta and 2 – 6 days UK based training – to be agreed with relevant class(es) Coach and announced in due course.

## **8 Announcements**

8.1 It is anticipated that the sailors selected for nomination to the BOA for Team GB which will represent GBR at the IOC Youth Olympic Games 2018 will be notified in writing within 14 days of the final selector event and their names will be published on the RYA website on the same day.

## **9 Appeals**

9.1 No legal action may be taken arising from a decision made by the Selectors.

9.2 Any appeal relating to the selection process will be conducted in accordance with the RYA Racing Department Selection Appeals Policy available online below:

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

Anybody wishing to appeal should contact the RYA Racing Operations Manager who can support them through the process described in the policy.

## **10 Status**

10.1 The Royal Yachting Association'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.

10.2 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.

## **11 Contact**

11.1 For further information please contact the RYA Youth Racing Manager at the RYA on 02380 604197.