



## Techno 7.8 fleet at the RYA Youth Nationals 2017

### Background:

The British Youth Sailing Team have been looking into the best way in which to support a successful team to represent Team GB at the Youth Olympic Games (YOG) in 2018. The event takes place in Buenos Aires, Argentina with the Country qualification window opening on March 31<sup>st</sup> 2017 and running into 2018.

RYA staff have made the provision for Techno 7.8 sailors to attend the RYA Youth Nationals in April 2017 with a view to selecting a group of committed sailors who would like to work towards achieving selection for the YOG on the chosen equipment for the YOG which is the Techno 293 Plus. First of all GBR need to qualify the country and following successful qualification, the RYA will select individuals to nominate to the British Olympic Association (BOA) to represent Team GB. **Questions and Answers:**

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I am a current Techno 7.8 UK Junior Squad sailor, should I attend?	If you are born in 2000, 2001, 2002 or 2003 and wish to be considered for selection to the YOG in the future then YES, this would be a good idea.
I am a Zone Squad sailor, sailing Techno 7.8, should I attend?	Maybe, discuss with your coach and if you are within the age criteria as above, then the answer could be yes dependant on your sailing development
I am a current RS:X UK Youth Squad sailor, should I sail on Techno?	No, sail on your RS:X. Selectors can still consider you for the training group regardless of the fleet you sail in.
I have already transitioned from Techno and I am now sailing a RS:X, but within the age profile for consideration, what should I do?	Sail at the RYA Youth Nationals on your RS:X. (as above)
Do I need to buy Techno 293 Plus equipment?	Not before the RYA Youth Nationals, but if selected to join the YOG training group, then yes, you will need the equipment and commit to racing the relevant International events on a Techno 293 Plus.
If selected to the YOG training group, can I still sail with Techno 7.8 or RS:X?	Yes, although you need to work closely with the coaching team to work out the right programme for you which should include racing Techno plus at the relevant International events.
To attend the RYA Youth Nationals (as a Techno UK Junior Squad member), I will need to miss my training weekend on 8/9 April 2017 in order to complete profiling, registration and	Yes, only sailors that pass profiling, register and measure as per the NoR & SI can be considered for selection.



equipment registration for the event. Will I receive a re-fund for this weekend?	With regard to refunding the missed training weekend staff are still considering the best way to address this (direct refund, credit note, discounted training)
Do I need to attend profiling on 7/8 April 2017 to be considered for the YOG training group?	Yes, this is part of the process to be considered for selection to any RYA squads.
There is a minimum fleet size of 12. Does the Techno fleet need to reach this minimum number?	The RYA will monitor entries and consider fleet size in the lead up to the event, but on the basis that any change in numbers across the windsurf disciplines are a function of RYA actions we are unlikely to strictly enforce this minimum

RYA staff, selectors and coaching team look forward to a great turn out of windsurfers at this year's RYA Youth National Championships sailing either Techno 7.8 or RS:X. The event is a strictly non-coached event, but all sailors will be supported on the water. There will be RYA Race Management, Safety and Coach Boats on the windsurfing course. All sailors will have access to ribs to carry their boat bags.