



## **2021 Youth Sailing World Championships**

### **Notice of Selection**

#### **1. Introduction**

1.1. The 2021 Youth Sailing World Championships will take place in Al Mussanah, Oman, 11 - 18 December 2021. It is the intention of the RYA to send a full team, with representation in each class as follows:

- ILCA 6 (Male)
- ILCA 6 (Female)
- 420 (Male/Mixed)
- 420 (Female)
- 29er (Male)
- 29er (Female)
- Nacra 15 Multihull (Mixed)
- Techno 293 Plus (with the 8.5m rig) (Male)
- Techno 293 Plus (with the 8.5m rig) (Female)
- FormulaKite (Male)
- FormulaKite (Female)

1.2. This Selection Notice should be read in conjunction with the “British Youth Sailing Programme- Selection Policy & Procedures” and the ‘Selection Policy & Procedures 2021 Covid Amendment’ which is available from the [RYA website](#).

1.3. The “Selection Process” is defined as everything included in this Notice of Selection and in the British Youth Sailing - Selection Policy & Procedures with the ‘Selection Policy & Procedures 2021 Covid Amendment’ that relates to the selection of sailors by the RYA to represent Great Britain (“GBR”) at the 2021 Youth Sailing World Championships.

#### **2. Aim**

- 2.1. The aim of the Selection Process is to maximise the medal-winning potential of the British Youth Sailing Team at the 2021 Youth Sailing World Championships and the effective development of sailing talent and knowledge for future major international regattas and the Olympic Games whilst making the best use of the resources available to the RYA British Youth Sailing Programme.
- 2.2. The selection process will assist the RYA in determining who it wishes to select as part of the British Youth Sailing Team at the 2021 Youth Sailing World Championships.
- 2.3. The aim may be best achieved by not nominating a sailor in one or more of the above disciplines.

#### **3. Eligibility**

3.1. In order to be eligible for selection for the British Youth Sailing Team for the 2021 Youth World Sailing Championships, sailors must:

3.1.1. Be eligible to compete for Great Britain at the 2021 Youth Sailing World Championships at the time of selection.

3.1.2. For all Classes competitors shall be above the age of 12 years and under the age of 19 years on 31 December 2021 (born after 31 December 2002 and no later than 31 December 2009).

3.1.3. Agree to participate fully in all 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.

3.1.4. Remaining free of any physical impediment to performance, i.e. all sailors remaining free from any illness and injury which may be perceived by the selectors to be detrimental to performance throughout the preparation for the event.

3.2 In the event of a sailor not complying with any or all of sections 3.1.3 to 3.1.4 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'.

4.2. This Selection Committee has authority delegated by the RYA Board 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 the Selection Process as defined in 1.3 above. They may also take into account any other factor they decide may influence achieving the aim, as set out in Section 2 above.

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

5.3. Any sailor that is eligible for selection to the Youth World Sailing Championships that is a selected member of the British Sailing Team (BST) at status E or higher in a discipline that is represented at the Youth Sailing World Championships and due to British Sailing Team commitments are unable to attend the primary selection event will automatically be considered for selection over any other sailor in the process below.

**5.4. The primary indicator event for all classes will be the RYA Youth National Championships, 2021.**

5.4.1. Whilst it is the intention of the selectors to consider the results of the primary event only, in the unlikely situation of the racing at the primary event being unsatisfactory, the selectors may choose to select representatives based on historical performance in racing or training or to extend the process by nominating specific additional events. Should this be required the selectors will meet and communicate their intent by 23rd August 2021.

5.4.2. Techno 293 Plus sailors will be selected from the Windsurf (Foil) fleet at the RYA Youth National Championships, 2021.

#### **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 Youth World Sailing Championships

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, to normally select the highest ranked eligible sailor/team in each class for the 2021 Youth Sailing World Championships 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. There is clearly a strongest team at the primary indicator event.

- 6.3. Any selection will be subject to continued conformance with the terms and conditions, attainment and maintenance of 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. **ALL** - Commitment to Youth Sailing World Championships preparation class training programme; usually consisting of 2 – 6 days UK based training – to be agreed with relevant class(es) Coach and announced in due course.

## **8. Announcements**

- 8.1. Selections will be announced as soon as decisions have been made with the intention being to announce by August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021.

## **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:

<https://www.rya.org.uk/racing/british-youth-sailing/policies-and-guidance>

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.

The RYA reserves the right to amend, supplement and/or discontinue at its absolute discretion, for whatever reason, any or all its policies and procedures.

## **11. Contact**

- 11.1. For further information please contact the RYA Youth Racing Manager at [youthracingmanager@rya.org.uk](mailto:youthracingmanager@rya.org.uk)