



Notice of Selection

RYA BIC Techno 293 UK Junior Squad 2019/20

1. Introduction

1.1. This document sets out the squad selection policy and the responsibilities of individuals involved in the selection process for the RYA Bic Techno 293 UK Junior Squad.

1.2. This document and its appendices should be read in conjunction with the British Youth Sailing "[Programme Selection Policy & Procedures](#)". It consists of the following sections:

2. Aims of the Programme

The aim of RYA Bic Techno 293 UK Junior Squad training is to facilitate skill development and progression, and increase the number of sailors participating in competitive Bic Techno 293 sailing and feeding into the British Sailing Team and other senior development programmes.

3. Support

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

- Invitation to subsidised race training camps. These take place at a number of venues around the UK and are delivered by the RYA BIC Techno 293 UK Junior Squad Head Coach and other additional specialists and coaches. The RYA Bic Techno 293 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.
- A specific needs based training programme.
- Opportunity to access remote coaching support from the UK Junior Squad Head Coach.
- Opportunity to purchase discounted UK Junior Squad clothing.
- Transitional advice regarding their progression into Youth Sailing from the UK Junior Coach and RYA Single Handed Pathway Manager.

Whilst the RYA BIC Techno 293 UK Junior Squad programme is heavily subsidised by the RYA, a sailor/parental contribution towards the costs of coaching, venues, coach boats, accommodation and food (for residential camps) is required.

4. Eligibility

In order to be eligible for the RYA BIC Techno 293 UK Junior Squad, sailors should:

- I. Attend the nominated squad indicator series ranking events in the year of qualification as specified in Appendix 1
- II. Be members of the UK Windsurfing Association (UKWA)
- III. Be members of the Techno 293 UK Class Association
- IV. Be members of the RYA
- V. Be resident in Great Britain, hold or be eligible to hold a British passport and be eligible to represent Great Britain at the World Sailing Youth Sailing World Championships. Sailors who do not comply with 4. iv. must apply to the RYA Youth Racing Manager for consideration.
- VI. Normally be aged under 16 on the 31st December in the year of application. 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).
- VII. Ensure their equipment conforms 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.

Sailors may not accept a RYA BIC Techno 293 UK Junior Squad place if they have accepted a place in another RYA Squad.



5. Selection Process

For the 2019/20 RYA BIC Techno 293 UK Junior Squad, twelve BIC Techno 293 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 primary indicator events/series. The first two places will normally be offered to the top ranked 7.8 boy and girl (aged under 16 on 31st December 2019, born in or after 2004) on completion of the primary indicator events/series. Two places will normally be offered to the top ranked 6.8 boy and girl (aged under 14 on 31st December 2019, born in or after 2006) on completion of the primary indicator events/series.

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.

6. Selection Criteria and Procedure

6.1. RYA Bic Techno 293 UK Junior Squad selection events/series

Clear and objective selections are an important principle for the Bic 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 Bic Techno 293 UK Class 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 Primary Indicator events/Series 2019.

6.2. Scoring

"RYA UK Junior Squad Indicator Series" will be scored by adding each non-discarded race score from the primary indicator events. Each non discarded primary indicator race score will be counted unaltered, i.e. including all competitors at the regattas. The race scores to be counted will be added up and scored as a new series. For the 7.8's this will comprise both primary indicator events, for the 6.8's this will comprise the sole primary indicator event.

6.3. 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.

6.4. **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

6.5. **Selection Practice**

The 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.

7. **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.



If a Selector is a parent of a sailor seeking a squad place they will make a declaration of interest to the committee and will normally seek to find an alternative person to take their place during the process.

8. Application, Entry Fees and Measurement

Applications for the RYA BIC Techno UK 293 Junior Squad 2019/20 should be submitted on-line between the 1st August and the last indicator event.

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 293 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.

9. Notification

Applicants will be notified in writing by email as soon as is practically possible after the completion of the final 7.8 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 RYA policy to publish this information before this time.

10. 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 Operations Manager within five days of the selection being announced. The full Appeals document is available on request from the RYA Racing Operations Manager.

11. 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.

12. 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>



Appendix 1

13. RYA UK Junior Squad Indicator Events:

There are two categories of events which contribute to selection decisions. These are:

1. **Primary**, which are used principally to allocate any results based places;
2. **Secondary**, which can be used in conjunction with primary indicators to support any additional selections.

In order to be selected a sailor should compete in the events below.

Rig	Event Type	Date	Event	Venue
6.8	Secondary	22/23 June 2019	UKWA National Inland Championships Round 1	Northampton Sailing Club
6.8	Primary	7/8 September 2019	National Windsurfing Championships	Grafham Water SC
7.8	Primary	7/8 September 2019	National Windsurfing Championships	Grafham Water SC
7.8	Primary	5/6 October 2019	UKWA National Cup Championships Round 6	Herne Bay

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 in 6.3.