

# Notice of Selection

## RYA Cadet UK Junior Squad 2019/20



### 1. Introduction

The RYA British Youth Sailing Pathway is a performance programme to develop and retain racing sailors who can represent the sport at the highest levels. The UK Junior Squad is organised by the UK Cadet Class as one of the RYA recognised classes. The purpose of the squad is to help sailors prepare and progress for BYS Youth Classes...

Normally up to eight boat places will be offered for the RYA Cadet UK Junior Squad however this number may vary according to the overall ability of competitors taking part in the indicator series and not simply the relative ability of such competitors. Places will normally be offered to boats where the helm is under 15 in the year of application.

The RYA aspires to select an equal proportion of boys and girls into the Junior Squad and an equal proportion of boats with male and female helms.

### 2. Support

Sailors selected to be part of the 2019/20 RYA Cadet UK Junior Squad will normally receive the following support:

- Invitation to subsidised race training camps.
- Opportunity to access remote coaching support from the UK Squad Coach.
- Opportunity to purchase a discounted UK Junior Squad clothing.
- Transitional advice regarding youth sailing from the High Performance Manager in order to assist progression into the RYA UK Youth Squad.

Whilst the RYA Cadet UK Junior Squad programme is heavily subsidised by the RYA, some parental contribution towards the costs of coaching, venues, coach boats, accommodation and food is required.

### 3. Eligibility

In order to be eligible for the RYA Cadet UK Junior Squad 2019/20, helms and crews shall normally be aged under 15 in the year of application.

In addition Cadet UK Squad sailors must be resident in the United Kingdom; hold or be eligible to hold a British passport; and, eligible to represent Great Britain in the Youth Sailing World Championships.

All applicants must be members of the RYA.

Helms may not accept an RYA Cadet UK Junior Squad place if they have accepted a place in another RYA Squad.

### 4. Selection Criteria and Procedure

Normally up to six boat places of the 2019/20 RYA Cadet UK Junior Squad places will be allocated according to a ranking system generated using the results from the indicator events referred to below. Up to a further two boat places (known as "discretionary places") may be allocated based on other factors (see below).

### 5. Indicator Events

The following events will be used as indicators for RYA Cadet UK Junior Squad places

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| • <b>BYS East Regional Junior Championships</b><br>Combined Clubs of Burnham | 28 <sup>th</sup> & 29 <sup>th</sup> September 2019 |
| • <b>Cadet Class Inland Championships</b><br>Alton Water                     | 22 <sup>nd</sup> & 23 <sup>rd</sup> September 2019 |

The RYA reserve the right to add further indicator events if the Selection Committee deem it necessary.

### 6. Scoring

The ranking list will be compiled by adding together each individual race score (including all competitors) from the indicator events.

The total number of races sailed at the indicator events will determine whether any worst scores will be excluded from this calculation (i.e. discards), as follows:

- When fewer than 4 final races have been completed, a boat's final series score will be the total of her race scores.
- When 4 to 8 final races have been completed, a boat's final series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- When 9 or more final races have been completed, a boat's final series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores

The net points will then be used to rank the competitors where the competitors are listed from first to last (lowest net points first).

If in the view of the selectors any of the race are deemed unsatisfactory, then the level of subjective/discretionary selection may be increased.

## 7. Discretionary Places

Discretionary places may be offered by the Selection Committee to boats where the sailors:

- In their opinion have demonstrated the best prospects of progressing to the RYA UK Youth Squads and the most potential to win medals for the British Youth Sailing Team at international competitions in the subsequent years.
- Fall outside the age criteria.
- Fail to achieve selection based on rankings in the indicator events, 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 any factors they deem relevant

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 must notify the selectors in writing**, giving the reasons why and seek dispensation not to attend an event. Dispensation 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. 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.

Sailors wishing to notify the selectors of exceptional circumstances should do so in writing, together with any diagnosis or reasons via the Youth Racing Senior Administrator, at:

[Beth.McKellar@rya.org.uk](mailto:Beth.McKellar@rya.org.uk)

## 8. Selection Practice

For all RYA Cadet UK Junior 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.

## 9. Selection Committee

The Selection Committee will be made up of the Cadet Class Steering Team (or their appointed representatives), which currently consists of:

- RYA High Performance Manager (Selection Committee Chairman).
- RYA Senior High Performance Manager RYA Double Handed or Single Handed Pathway Manager
- Cadet Class Association Chair.

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

## 10. Application, Entry Fees and Measurement

Sailors must be members of the UK Cadet Class Association and the RYA.

Applications for the 2019/20 RYA Cadet UK Junior Squad should be submitted on-line at <http://www.rya.org.uk/racing/youthjunior/squads/junior/Pages/Selection.aspx>, which will be open from 1st August 2019, All applications must be submitted before the last indicator event.

There will be no additional entry fee for the RYA Cadet UK Junior Squad indicator Series. All boats must conform to the Class Association rules and measurements. Further details of the RYA selection policy is published on the website.

## 11. 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 website once all attendance confirmation forms/contracts have been returned to the office. It is not RYA policy to publish this information before this time.

Whilst the RYA value the tremendously important contribution crews make, our experience has shown that there are frequent crew changes at this level. We use our best endeavors to avoid any unnecessary confusion/upset which may arise from the RYA being given inaccurate information about current pairings.

## 12. 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 5 days of the selection being announced. The full Appeals document is available on request from the RYA Racing Operations Manager.

## 13. Status

The 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.

## 14. 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/youthjunior/information/Pages/Policies.aspx>