



Notice of Selection

RYA RS Feva XL 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 RS Feva XL 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 RS Feva XL UK Junior Squad training is to facilitate skill development and progression, and increase the number of sailors participating in competitive RS Feva sailing and feeding into the British Sailing Team and other senior development programmes.

3. Support

Sailors selected to be part of the RYA RS Feva XL UK Junior Squad will normally receive the following support:

- Invitation to subsidised race training camps.
- A specific needs based training programme.
- Opportunity to access remote coaching support from the UK Squad Coach.
- Opportunity to purchase discounted UK Junior Squad clothing.
- Transitional advice regarding youth sailing from the UK Junior Squad Coach and RYA Double Handed Pathway Manager in order to assist progression into the RYA UK Youth Squad.

Whilst the RYA RS Feva XL UK Junior Squad programme is heavily subsidised by the RYA, some 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 RS Feva XL UK Junior Squad, helms and crews should:

- i) Attend the nominated squad indicator series ranking events in the year of qualification as specified in **Appendix 1**.
- ii) Be members of UK RS Feva Class Association
- iii) Be members of the RYA
- iv) 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 3 iv must apply to the RYA Youth Racing Manager for consideration.
- v) In order to be eligible for the RYA RS Feva XL UK Junior Squad, sailors shall normally be aged under 15 on the 31st December on the year of application.

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

5. Selection Criteria and Procedure

Normally up to eight boat places will be offered for the RYA RS Feva XL 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.

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

The first three places will normally be offered to the three highest ranked teams aged at under 15 in the year of application. A further five places will be offered as discretionary places based upon the criteria. (See 7 below)



The squad will have a minimum of two female teams aged under 15 in the year of application and if any of these crews are not in the first three highest ranking boats, they will be counted within the five discretionary places.

Mixed (girl & boy) teams will be offered a place if they are in the first three highest ranked boats and also considered for the discretionary places.

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 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 for legitimate reasons.

When allocating discretionary places the selection committee may take into consideration any factors they deem relevant.

8. 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.

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 the Performance Operations Team member, at: Beth.McKellar@rya.org.uk



9. Selection Practice

For all RS Feva XL 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.

10. Selection Committee

The Selection Committee is appointed as per the British Youth Sailing "Programme Selection Policy & Procedures" and currently comprises of the following people:

- RYA High Performance Manager. (Selection Committee Chairman).
- RYA Senior High Performance Manager, RYA Double Handed or Single Handed Pathway Manager
- RS Feva XL Class Chair.

The RYA RS Feva 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.

11. Registration, Entry Fees and Measurement

Applications for the RYA RS Feva XL 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 RS Feva XL 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.

12. 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 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.

13. 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.

