



Notice of Selection

RYA British Youth Sailing – Topper Irish National Championship

3rd – 5th July 2020

Lough Derg Yacht Club

Introduction and Support

A team of up to ten boats (normally comprising a minimum of four girls and four boys) will be invited to represent the ITCA (GBR) / RYA British Youth Sailing Team at the Topper Irish National Championships, at the Lough Derg Yacht Club, Ireland. The event takes place on the 3rd to the 5th July 2020.

The RYA will arrange transport for the boats and sailors from a specified location, accommodation, food and coach support for all the boats selected to represent ITCA (GBR) / RYA British Youth Sailing Team for the duration of the regatta and for pre-regatta training, which will take place at the regatta venue from approximately 1st July 2019.

The invited sailors will be expected to contribute the sum of £450.00 per sailor towards the cost of transport, food and accommodation to/at the regatta. The sailors will also be required to pay their own entry fee. Those sailors invited to represent ITCA (GBR) / RYA British Youth Sailing Team will receive coach support from the RYA Topper Class Coaches prior to and during the regatta.

Eligibility

In order to be eligible for the ITCA (GBR) / RYA British Youth Sailing Team, sailors shall normally be aged under 15 years on the 31st of December 2020.

In addition, invited Topper sailors must be resident in Great Britain, hold or be eligible to hold a British passport and eligible to represent Great Britain in the Youth World Sailing Championships.

Invitation Criteria and Procedure

Places will be offered at the discretion of the Selection Committee, to sailors who in their opinion have demonstrated having the best prospects of progressing into BYS Recognised Youth Classes and the British Youth Sailing Pathway in the future.

Sailors who are being encouraged to make the transition into the youth classes after the summer, are advised that they are unlikely to be selected for this regatta. They are urged to spend time training in their chosen class for the summer events and new youth classes heading into the autumn/winter training.

When selecting the sailors to represent ITCA(GBR)/RYA British Youth Sailing the Selection Committee will take the following factors into account:

- Performance in the Indicator series
- Age and potential
- Factors affecting results
- 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.



Indicator Events

The 2020 Topper Irish National Championship International indicator events are:

1. **National Series 3** 28th – 29th March 2020
Datchet Water Sailing Club
2. **National Series 4** 2nd – 3rd May 2020
Carsington Sailing Club

Scoring

Normally up to twelve races are scheduled as part of the indicator series, although there is now the possibility of up to 20 races. The series will be scored by adding together the individual race scores from each indicator event. Scores shall be discarded on the basis below:

<u>Number of races</u>	<u>discards</u>
15 or more	3
8 or more	2
5-7	1
4 or less	0

The competitor with the lowest points will be the winner of the Indicator series.

Members of the Selection Committee May be attending the above events in order to make discretionary selections, based upon the matrix of criteria listed above.

Selection Practice

For all places, the selectors have the discretion to determine:

- The size of the team, 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 expertise and experience
- Rely on their 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, competitors agree that the Selectors have such discretions.

Selection Committee

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

- RYA National Performance Manager
- RYA Regional Performance Manager
- Topper Class Chair
- RYA Topper UK Junior Squad Coach

Registration, Entry Fees and Measurement

There is no application process for the indicator series, successful sailors will be notified using their contact details held with ITCA (GBR) or the sailor's local RYA Regional Performance Manager.

Details of the selections will be published on the RYA web-site in due course.

There will be no additional entry fee for the Topper International travel grant indicator Series. All boats must conform to the Class Association rules and measurements.



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.

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:

1. Failure to follow due process
2. Bias/undue influence
3. 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 five days of the selection being announced. The full Appeals document is available on request from the RYA Racing Operations Manager.

Status

The Royal Yachting Association (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.

Please read this in conjunction with the British Youth Sailing – Programme Selection Policy and Procedures by using the following link:

<http://www.rya.org.uk/racing/youthjunior/information/Pages/Policies.aspx>