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Purpose

This document provides guidance for sailors wishing to express an interest in selection for the sailing events at the Malta 2027 Commonwealth Youth Games.

It is intended to help sailors and their families understand the eligibility requirements that may allow a sailor to represent one of the Home Countries:

- England
- Wales
- Scotland
- Northern Ireland

This guidance is provided for information only. Eligibility will ultimately be determined in accordance with the applicable Commonwealth Sport regulations and any additional requirements of the relevant Commonwealth Games Association (CGA).

Which Home Country can I represent?

When submitting an Expression of Interest, sailors must identify the Home Country they wish to represent.

A sailor may be eligible for consideration if they have a connection to that Home Country through one or more of the following:

- Their own place of birth.
- The place of birth of a parent.
- The place of birth of a grandparent.
- Residence within that Home Country.
- Nationality or citizenship requirements.
- Other eligibility provisions recognised by Commonwealth Sport.

A sailor may be eligible for more than one Home Country.

For example:

Example	Potential Home Country Eligibility
Sailor born in England, living in England with English parents and grand parents	England
Sailor born in England with a Scottish parent	England and Scotland
Sailor born in Wales with a grandparent born in Northern Ireland	Wales and potentially Northern Ireland
Sailor resident in Scotland for a significant period	Scotland
Sailor born in Wales, resident in England with Scottish grandparents	Wales, England and Scotland

The examples above are illustrative only and do not guarantee eligibility.

What if I am eligible for more than one Home Country?

If you believe you may be eligible to represent more than one Home Country:

1. Identify all Home Countries for which you believe you may be eligible.
2. Indicate the Home Country you wish to represent through this process.
3. Be prepared to provide supporting evidence.

The relevant Home Country and Commonwealth Games Association may need to review your eligibility before any longlisting or selection decisions are made.

Evidence you may be asked to provide

At a later stage of the process, sailors may be asked to provide evidence supporting their eligibility.

Depending on the route by which eligibility is claimed, this may include:

- Passport(s).
- Birth certificate.
- Parent's birth certificate.

- Grandparent's birth certificate.
- Proof of residence.
- Nationality or citizenship documentation.
- Other supporting documentation.

Providing an Expression of Interest does not mean that eligibility has been confirmed.

Previous Representation

A sailor who has previously represented a Home Country, nation or Commonwealth Games Association may be subject to additional eligibility requirements.

Sailors should declare any previous international or national representation within the Expression of Interest form.

This information will help the relevant Home Country review eligibility at an early stage.

Northern Ireland

The eligibility arrangements relating to Northern Ireland may differ from those applying elsewhere within the Home Countries.

Sailors with connections to Northern Ireland should provide full details of their circumstances within the Expression of Interest form. Additional guidance may be provided where required.

Expression of Interest Requirements

As part of the Expression of Interest process, sailors will be asked to provide:

- Their preferred Home Country.
- The basis on which they believe they are eligible to represent that Home Country.
- Details of any other Home Countries for which they may be eligible.
- Details of any previous representative honours.
- Confirmation that supporting evidence can be provided if requested.

Important Notice

Submission of an Expression of Interest:

- Does not confirm eligibility.
- Does not guarantee inclusion on a longlist.
- Does not guarantee selection.
- Does not constitute nomination to the Commonwealth Youth Games.

Eligibility will be reviewed and verified before any final selection decisions are made.