

## **Athlete Representative Election Guidelines**

### **Athlete Representatives:**

**Sail Canada Board of Directors:** Two Athlete Directors, one of each gender, are elected for a one-year term, with no limit on the number of terms. Eligibility to serve as an Athlete Director is limited to those members who are current, or were within the past ten years, a carded Canadian Sailing Team member. The Athlete Representative election will normally be held within 2 weeks after the Team is named in each new year. Successful candidates will take their posts and replace their predecessors as soon as the voting is completed. Any vacancy of the Athlete Director on the Board of Directors, however caused, shall be appointed in consultation with the currently carded CST Athletes.

These regulations are outlined in section 9 of the CYA ByLaws as found at <http://www.sailing.ca/about/bylawspolicies/bylaws/index.asp>.

**Sail Canada Athlete Development Committee:** One athlete director is elected or appointed for a one-year term. Similar to the Board of Directors, these terms are of 1 year in duration, with no limit on terms. Eligibility is the same as BOD.

**Athlete's CAN:** One athlete (1 meeting per year) for a 1 year term.

### **Who is eligible to act as an athlete representative?**

The Bylaws of the Association have specific restriction as to who is eligible, specifically, the individual must be "at least 18 years of age", "be a member in good standing of a member club, class or other member organization", and "the member must have been a carded CST athlete within the prior three years." Understanding that you the athletes wish to have proper representation, you should only nominate and subsequently elect individuals that would properly represent your collective interests.

### **Nomination of the athlete:**

All nominations for elected positions should close 1 week after the team is formally announced, thus allowing all prospective individuals to be nominated or for recently named athletes to nominate representatives that they would wish to fulfill these positions.

### **Who can nominate?**

The Director of the Association who serves as the Athlete Director shall be elected by all currently carded CST Athletes in a process to be determined by these athletes.

### **The Elections:**

Balloting shall be by fax or email and will be supervised by the High Performance Coordinator. This will take place following the annual naming of the team and be open (at least 4 days) to allow team members to participate.