

**2017 Canada Games**  
**Requested Exemption from Para Sailing Age Requirements**  
**Aaron Wong Sing, 2.4M. Ontario**

Ontario Sailing identified trials for para athletes for the 2017 Canada Games. The trials were won by Peter Eagar who was above the age limit. Ontario requested and obtained an age exemption for Mr. Eagar through an appeal to Sail Canada. A Saskatchewan appeal of the age exemption was denied, but Canada Summer Games (CSG) ruled Mr. Eagar to be ineligible, as he had been carded as an athlete in the 2.4 M class.

Following the CSG ruling Ontario Sailing requested an age exemption for the second-place competitor in the Ontario trials, Aaron Wong Sing. Mr. Wong, at 40 years of age is above the age limit, but satisfied LTAD criteria. Mr. Wong Sing is committed to sail in the event if allowed.

The Appeals panel examined the results of the Ontario Sailing trials, which made use of the 2016 2.4M Canadian Championships. The Executive Director of Ontario Sailing provided supplemental information that none of the three Ontario candidates who sailed in the designated trials regatta (Peter Eagar finishing 4th overall, Aaron Wong Sing finishing 11th, and Audrey Kabayachi finishing 18<sup>th</sup> of 21 competitors) met the age requirement, although all met the residency requirement.

**Decision of the Panel**

The panel addressed the matter through questions.

1. Did the proposed candidate meet residency (but not age) requirements? The panel is satisfied that Aaron Wong Sing meets residency requirements, but does not meet age requirements.
2. Is the candidate a credible candidate para athlete? On the basis of results of the 2016 2.4M Canadian Championships, the panel is satisfied that Aaron Wong Sing is a credible candidate para athlete in the 2.4M class.
3. Was there no apparent candidate para athlete satisfying Canada Games residency and age requirements for the 2.4M class? On the basis of evidence submitted, Aaron Wong Sing was the top finishing *eligible* competitor of a selection trial in which no Ontario candidate para athlete satisfied age requirements.

On the basis of these questions the panel grants an age exemption to allow Aaron Wong Sing to represent Ontario in the 2017 Canada Games 2.4M para class. This exemption does not amend Canada Games rules and regulations *per se*, but is specific to Aaron Wong Sing alone. Should he choose to participate in another class, or should he be replaced by another athlete, this age exemption is null and void.

Warren Nethercote, Chair  
Lynne Beal  
Mike Turner  
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