



2017 Canada Games
Requested Exemption from Para Sailing Age Requirements
Peter Eagar, 2.4M. Ontario

Ontario Sailing identified trials for para athletes for the 2017 Canada Games. The trials were won by Peter Eagar who, with a birth date of March 23rd, 1956, is overage. Ontario requested an age exemption from the Canada Games Society, on the basis that Mr. Eagar “won our trials, has a full Yearly Training Plan and ... would be the best candidate in Ontario for the 2017 CSG.” The requested exemption was referred to the relevant sport authority, Sail Canada. Sail Canada constituted a panel to examine the matter.

In addition to the information supplied in the Eligibility Ruling Request the 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 18th) 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 Peter Eagar 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 Peter Eagar 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, Mr Eagar was the winner 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 Peter Eagar 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 Peter Eagar alone. Should he choose to participate in another class, or should he be replaced by another athlete, this age exemption is null and void.

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Lynne Beal
Mike Turner
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