

**Sail Canada**  
**Athlete Selection System and Requirements**  
**Youth Sailing World Championships 2018**  
**July 14-21, 2018, Corpus Christi, TX, USA**

**Objective/Preamble:**

The Youth Sailing World Championship is an important early step in an athlete's high performance sailing career. The Sail Canada podium pathway identifies a target performance of top 25% of the field at the Youth Sailing World Championship as a marker of high performance potential.

Through this selection process, Sail Canada will identify the sailor(s) who are at a stage of development that demonstrate results against international caliber competition, supported by a training and competition plan, that best supports achieving this performance objective.

Sailing experts and stakeholders have contributed to establishing performance standards, and selecting targeted events that enable athletes from across the country to compete against each other in as strong a field as possible, within a developmentally appropriate timeframe, for the opportunity to be selected to the 2018 Canadian Youth World Team.

Carefully review the selection process.

**Prospective Athlete:**

A person meeting all Athlete Eligibility requirements specified herein who wishes to compete in the 2018 Youth Sailing World Championship (Youth Worlds).

**Athlete Eligibility**

- **Age**  
All prospective athletes shall be under the age of 19 years on 31 December 2018 (born after 31 December 1999)
- **Citizenship**  
Unless otherwise approved by the IOC or World Sailing Board, all prospective athletes shall be a national of Canada and present proof of nationality (passport) or approved exception.
- **ISAF Sailor**  
All prospective athletes shall be registered as an "ISAF Sailor" on the World Sailing website.
- **Sail Canada Membership**  
All prospective athletes must be members in good standing of Sail Canada.
- **Gender**  
Prospective athletes must meet the gender requirement of the respective event.

## Equipment

Sail Canada qualification events to the Youth Worlds will be conducted with the equipment (sailboat classes) listed below. This list is subject to change if and only if World Sailing announces a different list of equipment for the Youth Worlds.

- Boy's One Person Dinghy – Laser Radial
- Girl's One Person Dinghy – Laser Radial
- Boy's Two Person Dinghy – i420
- Girl's Two Person Dinghy – i420
- Boy's Windsurfer – RS:X with 8.5 m sail & 60 cm fin
- Girl's Windsurfer – RS:X with 8.5 m sail & 60 cm fin
- Boy's Skiff – 29er
- Girl's Skiff – 29er
- **Mixed** Multihull – Nacra 15

## SAIL CANADA QUALIFICATION - 2018 YOUTH SAILING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

Sail Canada's High Performance Director (HPD) in consultation with Sail Canada's High Performance Committee (HPC) will select one eligible athlete in each of the single-handed classes and one team of two eligible athletes for each of the double-handed classes to represent Canada at the 2018 Youth Sailing World Championship, pending the athletes meeting all selection requirements.

The qualification process involves two stages;

(A) Performance at the "Targeted Events for Selection";

(B) Evaluation of athlete(s) sailing resume, training and competitive program, and performance preparedness to successfully compete at the Youth World Championships.

### Part A: TARGETED EVENTS FOR SELECTION

In support of Sail Canada's objectives for this 2018 Youth Sailing World Championship selection process, targeted events have been identified that will provide significant evidence of performance readiness against the highest caliber of field possible, within the qualification period. \*

Sailors and teams wishing to be considered for selection **must** participate in the identified event for their class.

- **Laser Radial Boy's and Girls**  
2018 Laser Midwinters East – Clearwater, Florida – February 22-25, 2018

- **i420 Boy's and Girls**  
2018 i420 Midwinters – Miami, Florida – February 17-19, 2018
- **29er Boy's and Girls**  
2018 Spring High Performance Regatta, March 2-4, Houston, TX
- **Mixed Nacra 15**  
2018 Nacra 15 Regatta, March 29-31, Long Beach, CA
- **RS:X Boys and Girls**  
No targeted event is available – submitted sailing resume will be considered for selection.

**If a targeted event is a “non-event”:**

If the targeted event identified in the selection process is a “non-event”, as defined by the Notice of Race for that event, the High Performance Director in consultation with the High Performance Committee reserves the right to identify a future targeted event, or use the resume of results, for selection purposes. In this situation the High Performance Director has sole discretion for naming an alternative event and/or in naming the final individual or team selected.

\* Performance at the targeted selection event does not guarantee selection. Part B selection process will be applied against all sailors seeking selection.

**Part B: Athlete Program and Performance Evaluation**

To be considered for selection, eligible athletes and teams are required to submit a detailed application for selection to the **2018 Youth Sailing World Championship**. Applications to be considered for selection must include the following information:

1. Sailing resume of results including all competed events from January 1, 2016 to the end of March 25, 2018 (include results from 2018 targeted event);
2. Completed training and competition plan from November 1, 2017 to end of selection events plus proposed training and competition plans from March 2018 through the Youth Worlds July 14, 2018;
3. Personal coach(es) and other expert staff supporting the training and competition plan;
4. Cover letter from each sailor addressing their goals for the 2018 Youth Sailing World Championships and how this event fits into their long term goals as a high performance sailor.

Sail Canada reserves the right to validate all submitted information through interview, auditing of results, and consultation with class-specific sailing experts.

Top ranked prospective athletes in the Targeted Events will be invited to submit an application to be considered for selection to the 2018 Youth Sailing World Championships, which must be received by Sail Canada’s High Performance Director by 5:00 pm EST on **March 31, 2018**.

Athletes in the RSX class will be invited to submit an application to be considered for selection to the 2018 Youth Sailing World Championships, which must be received by Sail Canada's High Performance Director by 5:00 pm EST on **March 31, 2018**.

Late or incomplete applications will not be considered for selection.

**Substitutions:**

- In the case that the selected single-handed athletes are unable to compete for any reason including injury or illness, the next highest-ranking athlete will be considered. \*
- In the double-handed classes, in the case that one of the athletes (either skipper or crew) is unable to compete at the Youth Worlds after selection, the High Performance Director (HPD) may approve a substitute athlete. Athletes shall submit requests for team composition changes in writing to the HPD. The HPD reserves the right to disapprove the request and select the next highest-ranking team from the selection event. \*
- In the case that the selected double-handed team of athletes is unable to compete for any reason including injury or illness, the next highest-ranking team will be considered. \*

\* Where a substitution occurs the High Performance Director in consultation with the High Performance Committee reserve the right to not select an athlete or team to send to the Youth Worlds.

**2018 Canadian Youth Sailing World Championship Team**

The High Performance Director in consultation with the High Performance Committee will assess the athlete programs and performances and in the sole discretion of the High Performance Director reserves the right to not select an athlete or team for inclusion on the 2018 Youth Worlds Team that has not demonstrated that they are at an appropriate stage of development that demonstrates results against international caliber competition, supported by a training and competition plan, that best supports achieving the performance objective.

Once selected the High Performance Director reserves the right to deselect athletes who have not followed their approved preparation plan leading up to the 2018 Youth Sailing World Championships.