

Sail Canada
Athlete Selection System and Requirements
Youth Sailing World Championships 2019
July 13-20, 2019, Gdynia, POL

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 2019 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 2019 Youth Sailing World Championship (Youth Worlds).

Athlete Eligibility

- **Age**

All prospective athletes shall be under the age of 19 years on 31 December 2019 (born after 31 December 2000)

- **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 - 2019 YOUTH SAILING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

Sail Canada's High Performance Director (HPD) in consultation with Sail Canada's High Performance Advisory Committee (HPAC) 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 2019 Youth Sailing World Championship, pending the athletes meeting all selection requirements.

The qualification process involves three stages;

- (A)** Athletes have competed in the 2018 Sail Canada Youth Championships, hosted at the Royal Canadian Yacht Club, August 24-31, 2018;
- (B)** Performance at the "Targeted Events for Selection";
- (C)** Evaluation of athlete(s) sailing resume, training and competitive program, and performance preparedness to successfully compete at the Youth World Championships.

Part B: TARGETED EVENTS FOR SELECTION

In support of Sail Canada's objectives for this 2019 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**
2019 Laser Midwinters East – Clearwater, FL – February 21-24, 2019
- **i420 Boy's and Girls**
2019 i420 Midwinters – Miami, Florida – February 16-18, 2019
- **29er Boy's and Girls**
29er US Qualification Event # 1 - Miami Beach, Florida - February 16 - 18, 2019
- **Mixed Nacra 15**
2019 Event to be confirmed once class winter schedule is in place
- **RS:X Boys and Girls**
2019 Event to be confirmed once class winter schedule is in place, if no appropriate event is confirmed, selection will be reviewed by resume as outlined later in this document.

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 Advisory 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 complete the selection process.
- Part C of the selection process will be applied against all sailors seeking selection.

Part C: 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 **2019 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, 2018 to the end of March 25, 2019 (include results from 2019 targeted event);
2. Completed training and competition plan from November 1, 2018 to end of selection events plus proposed training and competition plans from March 2019 through the Youth Worlds July 13, 2019;
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 2019 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.

The top ranked prospective athletes (the first eligible Canadian team) at each of the Targeted Events will be invited to submit an application to be considered for selection to the 2019 Youth Sailing World Championships, which must be received by Sail Canada's High Performance Director by 5:00 pm EST on **April 1, 2019**.

If no "Targeted Event" occurs for the RSX class, athletes in the RSX class will be invited to submit an application to be considered for selection to the 2019 Youth Sailing World Championships, which must be received by Sail Canada's High Performance Director by 5:00 pm EST on **April 1, 2019**.

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 Advisory Committee reserve the right to not select an athlete or team to send to the Youth Worlds.

2019 Canadian Youth Sailing World Championship Team

The High Performance Director in consultation with the High Performance Advisory 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 2019 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 2019 Youth Sailing World Championships.