

**Sail Canada**  
**Athlete Selection System and Requirements**  
**World Sailing Youth World Championships 2020**  
**December 12-19, 2020, Salvador, Brazil**

**Objective/Preamble:**

The World Sailing Youth World Championships 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 World Sailing Youth World Championships 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 demonstrates 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 2020 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 2020 World Sailing Youth Championship (Youth Worlds).

**Athlete Eligibility**

- **Age**

All prospective athletes shall be under the age of 19 years on 31 December 2020 (born after 31 December 2001)

- **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 an 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 - 2020 WORLD SAILING YOUTH WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP**

Sail Canada's High Performance Director (HPD) in consultation with Sail Canada's National Performance Coach 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 2020 World Sailing Youth World Championships, pending the athletes meeting all selection requirements.

The qualification process involves two stages;

(A) Performance at the “Targeted Events for Selection”;

And

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

### **Part A: TARGETED EVENTS FOR SELECTION**

In support of Sail Canada’s objectives for this 2020 World Sailing Youth World Championships 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.

For the 2020 Youth Worlds selection, the targeted events will be as follows;

#### **29er (men and women)**

1. Athletes must participate in one of either the Sail Canada Youth Championships or the 2020 29er World Championships. Athletes must participate in one of these two events but the scores will not be counted as part of the trials results.
2. The trials will be based on the 2020 class North American championships with the best performer being determined by the athlete with the lowest score (subject to section B, Athlete program and performance evaluation being satisfied).

#### **Radial (men and women)**

1. Athletes must participate in one of either the Sail Canada Youth Championships or the 2020 Laser Radial Youth World Championships. Athletes must participate in one of these two events but the scores will not be counted as part of the trials results
2. The trials will be based on the 2020 class North American championships with the best performer being determined by the athlete with the lowest score (subject to section B, Athlete program and performance evaluation being satisfied).

#### **I420 (men and women)**

1. Athletes must participate in the Sail Canada Youth Championships. Athletes must participate in this event but the score will not be counted as part of the trials results.
2. The trials will be based on the 2020 I420 East Coast championships (October 24-25) with the best performer being determined by the athlete with the lowest score (subject to section B, Athlete program and performance evaluation being satisfied).

### **For all other classes (RSX M & W, Nacra 15 mixed)**

For all other classes the top performer will be determined by performance at both the 2020 Sail Canada Canadian Youth Championships and the 2020 North American Championships.

To determine the top performer in these classes each Team's final result placing from both selection events will be added together and the Team with the overall lowest score will be selected to the Youth Worlds team (subject to section B, Athlete program and performance evaluation being satisfied). Important: the final results will be inclusive of results achieved by competitor countries (i.e., even if a 5th place Team is the top Canadian result, their result will be a 5th place finish and not a 1st place ranking).

In the case of a tie, the best finish at the Canadian Youth championships shall break the tie.

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

**If one of the targeted events is a non-event as defined by the Notice of Race for that event then the remaining event shall be the sole targeted event used in the performance evaluation.**

If both targeted events identified in the selection process are “non-events”, as defined by the Notice of Race for those events, the High Performance Director in consultation with the National Performance Coach 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 B of the 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 **2020 World Sailing Youth World Championship**. Applications to be considered for selection must include the following information:

1. Sailing resume of results including all events from January 1, 2020 to the end of September 30th 2020 (include results from 2020 targeted event) and in the case of the I420 up until October 25th, 2020;
2. Completed training and competition plan from September 1, 2020 to the start of the World Sailing Youth World Championships (December 12, 2020)

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 2020 World Sailing Youth 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 athlete/team (the first eligible Canadian team) at the completion of the Targeted Events will be invited to submit an application to be considered for selection to the 2020 World Sailing Youth World Championships, which must be received by Sail Canada's High Performance Director (mike@sailing.ca) by 5:00 pm EST on **September 30, 2020**.

**In the case of the I420, the application must be received by 5:00pm on November 2nd, 2020.**

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/team 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 National Performance Coach reserves the right to not select an athlete or team to send to the Youth Worlds.

## **2020 Canadian World Sailing Youth World Championships Team**

The High Performance Director in consultation with the National Performance Coach 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 2020 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 2020 World Sailing Youth World Championships.