



Sail Canada

**Athlete Selection System and Requirements
World Sailing Youth World Championships 2025**

Vilamoura, Portugal
December 12-20, 2025

Objective/Preamble:

The World Sailing Youth World Championships is an important step in an athlete's high performance sailing career. The Sail Canada podium pathway identifies a target performance of top 20% of the field at the World Sailing Youth World Championships as a marker of high performance potential.

This selection process will identify athletes who demonstrate results against international caliber competition and have a training plan to allow them to achieve this performance objective.

Athlete Eligibility:

In order to be considered eligible to compete in the 2025 World Sailing Youth Championship (Youth Worlds) a person must meet all requirements specified herein.

- Be a Canadian citizen.
- Be able to represent Canada in accordance with the eligibility requirements set out by World Sailing.
- Be in compliance with all relevant World Sailing requirements for eligibility.
- Be registered as a "World Sailing Sailor" on the World Sailing website.
- Sign, submit, and comply with Sail Canada Athlete Agreement no later than the Application deadline for their class as shown in Appendix 1.
- Be a member in good standing of Sail Canada.
- Be above the age of 12 years and under 19 years on 31 December 2025 (born after 31 December

2006 and no later than 31 December 2013).

- Comply with vaccination requirements and policies of Sail Canada, World Sailing, and the host country of the event (if applicable).
- Comply with all Sail Canada financial requirements prior to being named to the team.
- Comply in all respects with the Anti-Doping Rules of the International Federation, the Canadian Anti-Doping Program (“CADP”) and the Anti-Doping Rules of any other Anti-Doping Organization that has authority over them, and must not be serving a period of ineligibility or provisional suspension for an anti-doping rule violation at the time of nomination or during the Games; and
- Athletes named to compete in the 2025 World Sailing Youth Worlds will be required to comply with dress code regulations of Sail Canada.

Equipment:

Sail Canada will nominate athletes to attend the 2025 World Sailing Youth Worlds in the 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.

- Male One Person Dinghy – ILCA 6
 - Female One Person Dinghy – ILCA 6
 - Male/Mixed Two Person Dinghy – i420
 - Female Two Person Dinghy – i420
 - Male Windsurfer – Youth iQFOiL (with 8.0m rig)
 - Female Windsurfer – Youth iQFOiL (with 8.0m rig)
 - Male/Mixed Skiff – 29er
 - Female Skiff – 29er
 - Mixed Two Person Multihull – Nacra 15
 - Male Kiteboarding - Formula Kite
 - Female Kiteboarding - Formula Kite
- Athlete Selection Process:

Sail Canada’s HPD or their designate 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 2025 World Sailing Youth World Championships, pending the athletes meeting all selection requirements.

Attendance at the selection event does not guarantee nomination. The HPD or their designate will assess the athlete programs and performances and reserves the right to not select an athlete or team for inclusion on the 2025 Canadian Youth Worlds Team. Once selected, the HPD or their designate reserves the right to deselect athletes who have not followed their approved preparation plan leading up to the 2025 World Sailing Youth World Championships.

Selection Events

Section events for the 2025 Youth Worlds are:

- **ILCA 6 - Male and Female One Person Dinghy**
2025 ILCA 6 Youth World Championships, July 28 - Aug 4, 2025, Cabrillo Beach Yacht Club San Pedro, California, USA
- **29er - Male/Mixed and Female Skiff**
2025 Sail Canada Youth Championship, Aug 21 - 24, 2025, CORK, Kingston, ON, Canada
- **i420 - Male/Mixed and Female Two Person Dinghy**
2025 US Youth Championship, October 10 - 13, 2025, Fort Lauderdale Yacht Club, Florida, USA
Athletes must express their intent to attend this event, via email kyle@sailing.ca, prior to August 30, 2025.
- **Nacra 15 - Mixed Two Person Multihull**
2025 US Youth Championship, October 10 - 13, 2025, Fort Lauderdale Yacht Club, Florida, USA
Athletes must express their intent to attend this event, via email kyle@sailing.ca, prior to August 30, 2025.
- **Formula Kite - Male and Female Kiteboarding**
2025 Sail Canada Formula Kite Senior Champs, August 8 - 10, 2025, CORK, Kingston, ON, Canada
- **iQFOIL - Male and Female Windsurfer (U19 division)**
2025 IQFOIL Youth & Junior World Championships, July 23 - 30, 2025, Brest, France

If a selection event is a “non-event”:

If the selection event(s) identified in the selection process is a “non-event”, as defined by the Notice of Race for that event, the HPD or their designate, reserves the right to identify a future event, or use the resume of results, for selection purposes. In this situation the HPD or their designate has sole discretion for naming an alternative event and/or in naming the final individual or team selected.

Application:

Following the selection event, the top ranked individual or team will be required to submit an application. Athletes must submit the application to Sail Canada by the deadline. Application deadlines can be found in appendix 1.

Applications must include the following information:

1. Training and competition plan from 2025
2. Contact details for, parent(s) and/or guardian(s), personal coach(es) and other expert support staff
3. A cover letter addressing goals for the 2025 World Sailing Youth World Championship
4. Signed copy of the Sail Canada Athlete agreement including World Sailing Youth Worlds Championship Appendix.

Nomination:

Applications will be reviewed and athletes will be notified of Sail Canada's intentions around nomination. Athlete nomination is not complete until team fees are paid. Deadlines around payment and nomination can be seen in Appendix 1.

Team announcement:

Following nomination, athletes will be contacted by Sail Canada Communications and Marketing Manager who will coordinate messaging around the announcement of the athlete being selected to the team. Athletes shall not speak publicly about their nomination before this.

Substitutions:

Where an athlete or team is unable to compete for any reason, including injury or illness, a substitution may occur. In this situation the HPD or their designate reserves the right to not select an athlete or team to send to the Youth Worlds. Substitutes will be selected as follows:

- Single-handed classes - the next highest-ranking athlete at the selection event will be considered.
- Single athlete 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 HPD or their designate may approve a substitute athlete. The HPD or their designate reserves the right to disapprove the request and select the next highest-ranking team from the selection event. Athletes shall submit requests for team composition changes in writing to the HPD or their designate.
- Double-handed classes - in the case that the selected double-handed team of athletes is unable to compete, the next highest-ranking team at the section event will be considered.

Staff Selection:

The HPD or their designate will, in connotation with the Sail Canada high performance staff, select the support staff, including team leader, coach(s) for the 2025 Games. The support staff will be selected based on the principle of sending a team of specialists that is best capable of assisting athletes in achieving podium performances at the event. All staff must meet the World Sailing eligibility criteria; sign and comply with all agreements by the deadline, complete mandatory training sessions, and be a member in good standing of the Coaching Association of Canada by December 12, 2025.

Appendix 1

This appendix contains detailed information regarding the application and nomination timeline for the 2025 Canadian Youth Worlds Team.

Class	Selection Event	Event Dates (2025)	Application Deadline	Nomination Notification	Payment deadline
ILCA 6	ILCA 6 Youth World Championships	July 28 ↓ Aug 4	Aug 11, 2025	Aug 15, 2025	Aug 28, 2025
29er	Sail Canada Youth Championship	Aug 21 ↓ Aug 24	Sept 1, 2025	Sept 5, 2025	Sept 18, 2025
i420	US Youth Championship	Oct 10 ↓ Oct 13	Oct 20, 2025	Oct 24, 2025	Nov 6, 2025
Nacra 15	US Youth Championship	Oct 10 ↓ Oct 13	Oct 20, 2025	Oct 24, 2025	Nov 6, 2025
Formula Kite	Sail Canada Formula Kite Senior Champs	Aug 8 ↓ Aug 10	Aug 18, 2025	Aug 22, 2025	Sept 4, 2025
iQFOiL	QFOiL Youth & Junior World Championships	July 23 ↓ July 30	Aug 11, 2025	Aug 15, 2025	Aug 28, 2025