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SELECTION NOTICE FOR SOUTH AFRICAN TEAM 2021 Youth Sailing World Championship

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The Regatta

The World Sailing Youth Sailing World Championship 2021 (Youth Worlds 2021) will take place in a venue to be confirmed, December 2021. (http://www.worldsailingywc.org/home.php) and will be sailed in the classes listed below. Please note that South African Sailing (SA Sailing) will not necessarily fill all the slots and this will be at the sole and final discretion of SA Sailing. This list is subject to change if, and only if, World Sailing announces a different list of equipment for the Youth Worlds 2021:

- Boy's One Person Dinghy Laser Radial
- Girl's One Person Dinghy Laser Radial
- Boy's Two Person Dinghy 420
- Girl's Two Person Dinghy 420
- Boy's Board RS:X with 8.5m2 sail and 60cm fin
- Girl's Board RS:X with 8.5m2 sail and 60cm fin
- Boys Skiff 29er
- Girls Skiff 29er
- Open (mixed) Multihull Nacra 15

Aim

The aim of the selection process is to maximise the medal-winning potential of the South African Youth Sailing Team at the 2021 Youth Sailing World Championships and the effective development of sailing talent and knowledge for future major International regattas and the Olympic Games, whilst making the best use of the resources available to the South African Youth Performance Programme.

The selection process will assist SA Sailing in determining who it wishes to select as part of the SA Sailing Youth Sailing Team at the 2021 Youth Sailing World Championships.



The aim may be best achieved by not nominating a sailor in one or more of the above disciplines.

Eligibility

To be eligible for selection to compete in this event the Sailor must:

- Be a South African citizen at the time that the nomination is made (proof required);
- Have a valid South African passport at the time of entering the event, and have a valid South African ID document to be presented at the beginning of the selection event (proof required);
- Be a current member of a yacht/sailing club affiliated and in good standing with South African Sailing (proof required);
- Be a paid-up member of South African Sailing with a valid South African Sailing membership number (proof required);
- Be under the age of 19 years on 31 December 2021 (born after 31 December 2002);
- Be registered as a "World Sailing Sailor" on the World Sailing website;
- Comply with World Sailing regulation 19.2 eligibility code;
- Comply with World Sailing regulation 21 World Sailing Anti-Doping policy;
- Comply with the gender requirement of the event and class for which they are nominated. In the case of Open, male or female sailors are eligible;
- In the case of the Nacra 15, have a combined crew weight within the range 115kgs 125kgs; and
- Must not have represented another country at any Class Nationals (or higher level of competition) within 3 years prior to this event.

Selection Criteria

The 2021 Youth Sailing Worlds Selection process for South Africa will involve the following events:

All classes listed above:

- All selection events must be sailed in the equipment in which application is made. The Hobie 16 will apply in the case of the Multihull entry.
- Selection events must take place before June 2021 in order to count.
- 2020 and 2021 Class National Championships as is relevant for the above-mentioned classes within the selection window.
- 2020 and 2021 Class Regional Championships.as is relevant for the above-mentioned classes with in the selection window.
- The selection series score will be compiled using the final positions achieved in each regatta. (ie positions will not be adjusted to youth sailors only).
- Competing in a relevant international event in the 24 months leading up to the Youth Worlds 2021 will be viewed in a favourable light.

Additional requirements for the Multihull Class:

Participation at a Nacra 15 event preferred

YW2021 Squad Ranking

The YW2021 Squad Ranking will be applied to determine the top ranked athletes for each of the classes,:

- For Class National Championships: Final positions at each of the local selection events are weighted by awarding a high point scoring factor that is determined by the fleet size of the relevant class for each of the local events. For example, if the registered fleet entry is 20, then 1st = 20 points, 2nd 19,3rd 18 etc. Class Nationals will count double points, and if the event is an offshore event the result will score an additional 50 % in points. (ie. Total points x 1.5)
- For Class Regional Championships: Final positions at each of the local selection events are weighted by awarding a high point scoring factor that is determined by the fleet size of the relevant class for each of the local events. For example, if the registered fleet entry is 20, then 1st = 20 points, 2nd 19,3rd 18 etc.
- In the event of an athlete not attending any of the Class National- or Regional events, a DNC will be recorded and Zero points will be allocated for that event to that athlete.
- An appeal for exemption from an event can be applied for in writing via the communications channel detailed below prior to the event
- In the case of an exemption granted by the High-Performance Committee, average points are calculated from the positions recorded in the Ranking sheet on all selection events
- Only one exemption application will be considered per person and shall apply only to the event on which it is granted for.
- In the event of a points tie breaker on the Squad Ranking table, the tie breaker will be broken by applying the Racing Rules of Sailing tie breaker stipulation (RRS A8) to the Squad Ranking table.

If any of the above events is a "non-event", as defined in the Notice of Race for that event, the remaining event will be the sole qualifier for that class.

Even though the selection event results will be the main factor considered in the selection, the South African Sailing Selection Panel may exercise its discretion in the case of extraordinary circumstances, or inappropriate conduct of the sailors either on or off the water.

In the case of 420's, Multihull and 29er, if the team breaks up during the selection process and one of the team members wishes to continue, then a special application will need to be made to the South African Sailing Selection Panel. The decision on whether or not to allow this member to retain their position in the SA Sailing World Sailing

Youth Worlds team for 2021 with a new teammate, is entirely at the discretion of the South African Sailing Selection Panel.

Further Requirements

The selection of SA Sailing Youth Worlds Team for the 2021 World Sailing Youth World Championship will be subject to:

- Each Parent or Guardian of sailors completing and signing an agreement with South African Sailing prior to final selection. This agreement must be co-signed by the Sailor.
- A full commitment to all team-training requirements and an ongoing monitoring of personal competition and training programmes by the SA Sailing High Performance Working Group.
- It is expected that the selected sailors will compete in their relevant Class National championships prior to the Youth Sailing World Championships
- It is expected that the selected sailors would have compete in a relevant international sailing event prior to the Youth Sailing World Championships within the last 2 seasons.

SA Sailing reserves the right not to select a sailor or team in an event for whatever reason. Any decision on the non-selection of sailors or teams will be made at the sole discretion of the SA Sailing Selection Panel.

SA Sailing are aligning to the SASCOC requirements and striving to achieve a 50/50 gender and 50/50 racial team representation.

The SA Sailing Council will confirm selection of Team South Africa for the 2021 World Sailing Youth World Championship as soon as reasonable possible - approximately mid July 2021. SA Sailing agrees to provide a team manager and/or team coach to the Team at the discretion of the SA Sailing Council.

Funding

South African Sailing will pay each team's entry fee (including entry fee, boat charter fee, and organizer provided meals during the event) on the following basis (per team, final placement in its fleet):

- On or above top 20% 100% entry fee covered
- Below the top 20% but on or above the top 30% 75% entry fee covered
- Below top 30% but on or above top 40% 50% entry fee covered
- Below the top 40% − 0% entry fee is covered.

All entry fees must be paid up front by the sailors, at the requested times, and will be reimbursed by SA Sailing following the completion of the event, based on their performance in accordance to the schedule above.

Costs (travel expenses, entry and meals) for the coach and / or manager will be added to the total cost and

divided equally amongst all the sailors.

The competitors will be responsible for all expenses not covered by SA Sailing above and will be required to contribute to team expenses.

Medical Agreement

All selected sailors must adhere to the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) <u>www.wada-ama.org</u> anti-doping regulations. If any sailor is on medication that includes, or may include, any banned substances, it is his/her responsibility to acquire a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) certificate from a registered medical doctor. (Kindly note that TUE applications need to be done at least 30 days prior to the event.)

If any selected sailor is in contravention of the anti-doping regulations, he/she will be excluded from the squad with immediate effect and a replacement may be selected. For any questions regarding medical requirements contact Lucy de Freitas on lucydf@sailing.org.za

If a selected sailor suffers illness or injury, he/she may be required to undertake a medical assessment by a South African Sailing approved medical advisor. The sailor may be removed from the team in the event the medical advisor makes such a recommendation.

All selected sailors are required to complete a medical form and submit it to South African Sailing prior to departure for the World Sailing Youth World Championship.

Replacements

In the event of a replacement helm, crew or both being required for any reason, the replacement(s) will be selected at the discretion of the South African Sailing Selection Panel.

Deviations

In the event of a sailor needing to deviate from the above laid out selection criteria, due to illness and/or for the attendance of a relevant international event, the sailor must submit a formal request in writing via lucydf@sailing.org.za - "Att: SA Sailing HP working group", with the reasons for not being able to attend and thus comply with the above laid out criteria. Any such request, will be evaluated by the SA Sailing HP Working group at the time and taken into account in the final team selection.

SA Sailing HP Working Group reserves the right to amend these selection criteria for 2021, as it continues to work towards strengthening the SA Sailing squad system and will as much as possible provide adequate notice of any such changes should the necessity arise to apply any changes. Where ever possible such changes will be avoided, or kept to a minimum.

Disputes

Where there is a conflict or dispute in respect of this selection criterion, SA Sailing reserves the right to interpret this document and to use its sole discretion in resolving the matter in conflict or dispute.

- No legal action may be taken arising from a decision made by the South African Sailing Selection Panel.
- Any appeal relating to the selection process will be conducted in accordance with the SA Sailing Appeals Policy available.

Channel of Communication

All correspondence should be directed to lucydf@sailing.org.za - Att: SA Sailing HP Working Group. SA Sailing will, when appropriate, post further information regarding selection of the SA Youth Worlds team on the SA Sailing Facebook page: /sailing.org.za

Expression of Interest

All sailors who are interested in attending the selection event are requested to complete the program registration form by registering their Expression of Interest by no later than the 31st May 2021. This in no way binds either South African Sailing or the sailor to the event. In addition, it is recommended that all aspirant sailors sail in their Class National Championships, and as many other provincial and club/ regional regattas as possible, in order that the South African Sailing Selection Panel can get an idea of their standard of competition.

SA Sailing HP Working Group

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