



***POLICY DOCUMENT***

***GUIDELINES FOR THE NOMINATION AND SELECTION  
OF THE  
AUSTRALIAN SAILING YOUTH TEAM  
FOR THE  
2017 WORLD YOUTH SAILING CHAMPIONSHIP***

May 2016

**1. The Regatta**

The 2017 World Youth Sailing Championship will be held in Akko, Israel from 8 – 15 July 2017.

**2. Eligibility**

To be eligible for nomination and for selection, an Athlete must:

- a) be a national of Australia;
- b) be a current member of a yacht/sailing club affiliated with a State or Territory Yachting Association;
- c) be a current Yachting Australia Silver or Youth Member;
- d) Not attain their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday by the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017;
- e) Comply with the ISAF Regulation 19.2 – Eligibility Code;
- f) Comply with the ISAF Regulation 21 – ISAF Anti-Doping Policy; and
- g) Comply with any ISAF requirements and gender requirements of an Event (for which they are seeking selection) of the 2017 World Youth Sailing Championship.

### 3. Nomination for Selection – Process

- 3.1 As a basis for nomination, Yachting Australia will use the following ‘Events’ and ‘Nomination Regattas’:

Event	Nomination Regatta(s)
Single Handed Dinghy Boys	2017 Australian Laser Radial Class Championship 2017 Australian Youth Championship^, Laser Radial Event
Single Handed Dinghy Girls	2017 Australian Laser Radial Class Championship 2017 Australian Youth Championship^, Laser Radial Event
Double Handed Dinghy Boys	2017 Australian 420 Class Championship 2017 Australian Youth Championship^, 420 Event
Double Handed Dinghy Girls	2017 Australian 420 Class Championship 2017 Australian Youth Championship^, 420 Event
Board Sailing Boys	2017 Australian Youth Championship^, Bic Techno Event
Board Sailing Girls	2017 Australian Youth Championship^, Bic Techno Event
Boys Skiff	2017 Australian 29er Class Championship 2017 Australian Youth Championship^, 29er Event
Girls Skiff	2017 Australian 29er Class Championship 2017 Australian Youth Championship^, 29er Event
Multihull Open	A single Nomination Regatta to be held in the vicinity of Lake Macquarie NSW over the Easter 2017 school holidays. Further details will be provided once host club arrangements have been confirmed.

^ The Australian Youth Championships will be held in Adelaide, SA from 10-14 January 2017

- 3.2 Yachting Australia will conduct a Nomination Point Score for the events above, the results of which will form the basis for nomination and selection of the Team Members in the 2017 Australian Sailing Youth Team for the 2017 World Youth Sailing Championship.
- 3.3 The Nomination Point Score may also be used to select a Youth Squad. The members of this Squad may be invited to attend a training camp with the Australian Sailing Youth Team.

### 4. Selection

- 4.1 Selection of Team Members to the 2017 Australian Sailing Youth Team will be subject to:
- 4.1.1 Each Athlete completing and signing a Yachting Australia Athlete Agreement prior to their selection; and
  - 4.1.2 A full commitment to all Team training requirements and an ongoing monitored personal competition and training program. Team Members will be required to train and compete in the class confirmed by World Sailing for their discipline.
- 4.2 Yachting Australia reserves the right to not select or to withdraw selection of an
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Athlete/Crew in an Event. Any decision on the withdrawal or non-selection of Athletes will be made at the discretion of Yachting Australia.

- 4.3 The Yachting Australia Board will select the 2017 Australian Sailing Youth Team for all Events no less than three months prior to the World Youth Sailing Championship except for the Multihull Open event, which will be no less than two months prior.
- 4.4 Yachting Australia intends to provide to the selected Team Members team management and coaching services.
- 4.5 As limited funding may be available to assist the selected Team Members to compete at the World Championship, each Athlete will be required to contribute towards the Team's expenses. The contribution amount will be a minimum of \$4,800 per team member plus all pre-event boat charter fees.

## **5. Replacements**

- 5.1 If a selected Athlete suffers injury or illness, such Athlete may be required to undertake a medical assessment by a Yachting Australia medical advisor. The Athlete's membership of the Team may be removed in the event of the Athlete failing to pass, to the satisfaction of the Yachting Australia medical advisor, such medical assessment.
- 5.2 In the event that an Athlete needs to be replaced for any reason, Yachting Australia will select the replacement at its absolute discretion. Where the Athlete to be replaced is the Helmsperson, Yachting Australia may determine that the entire Crew will need to be replaced. In these circumstances, Yachting Australia will select the replacement Crew at its absolute discretion.

## **6. Coaching and Support Staff**

The 2017 Australian Sailing Youth Team Leader and supporting coaches will be selected in February 2017.

## **7. Disputes**

Where there is a conflict or dispute in respect of these Guidelines for Nomination and Selection for the Australian Team to the 2017 World Youth Sailing Championship, Yachting Australia reserves the right to use its sole discretion in the resolving of the matter in conflict or dispute.

## **8. Definitions**

- 8.1 "Athlete" means a person who competes in an event whether as the person who helms the boat or as Crew.
- 8.2 "Crew" means, where an Event involves more than one athlete sailing together (ie double handed dinghy boys, double handed dinghy girls, boys skiff, girls skiff, open multihull).
- 8.3 "Event" has the meaning set out in clause 3.1.
- 8.4 "Helmsperson" means the athlete who helms the boat.
- 8.5 "Nomination Regatta" means in respect of each Event, a sailing regatta as described in clause 3.1.
- 8.6 "Team Members" are the Athletes comprising the Australian Sailing Youth Team from time to time.
- 8.7 "Nomination Point Score" means the points awarded to a Helmsperson from the

Nomination Regattas in each Event determined as follows:

- a. Points will only be awarded when a Nomination Regatta is constituted as a series;
- b. Where in a Nomination Regatta a Helmsperson has entered and that entry has been accepted, the Helmsperson must start in that Nomination Regatta in order to be eligible to be awarded points;
- c. Points will **only be awarded to a Helmsperson who meets the age and nationality criteria (2.1a and 2.1d) regardless of gender**, and in the case of a crewed Event, the Helmsperson and the balance of his or her Crew also meet the age and nationality criteria, **regardless of gender**, with the first Helmsperson being awarded 30 points the second Helmsperson awarded 29 points, the third Helmsperson 28 points and so on to a minimum of zero points;
- d. Where two Nomination Regattas are used, the final Nomination Point Score for each Event will be:  
The combined points received by a Helmsperson from the Australian Class Championships (ACC) and the Australian Youth Championships (AYC) with all points awarded in accordance with 8.7(c) above.
- e. At the completion of the scheduled Nomination Regattas for an Event, if there is a tie in the respective Nomination Point Score then that tie will be broken in favour of the Helmsperson who was awarded the higher place at the final Nomination Regatta;
- f. Where a Crew split occurs during or after a Nomination Regatta, the points for that Nomination Regatta will remain with the Helmsperson and will have those points included in his or her total points for the Nomination Regattas;
- g. Where a Crew split occurs at the completion of all Nomination Regattas, the accumulated point score will remain with the Helmsperson;
- h. Any request for changes for a Crew must be submitted by the Helmsperson to Yachting Australia in writing for the approval of the Yachting Australia Performance Director. Yachting Australia reserves the right to approve or decline, in its absolute discretion, the replacement of an Athlete within the nominated or selected Crew.