



POLICY DOCUMENT
GUIDELINES FOR THE NOMINATION AND SELECTION
OF THE
AUSTRALIAN YOUTH TEAM
FOR THE
2007 ISAF WORLD YOUTH SAILING CHAMPIONSHIP

Approved June 2006

1. The Regatta

- 1.1 The 2007 ISAF World Youth Sailing Championship will be held in Kingston, Ontario in Canada from 12 to 21 July 2007.
- 1.2 The hosts of the 2007 ISAF World Youth Sailing Championship have proposed the following Events:
- Single Handed Dinghy Boys
 - Single Handed Dinghy Girls
 - Double Handed Dinghy Boys
 - Double Handed Dinghy Girls
 - Boardsailing Boys
 - Boardsailing Girls
 - Multihull Open
- 1.3 ISAF will confirm the classes to be used for each Event in the Notice of Race, to be released at a later date.

2. Eligibility

- 2.1 To be eligible for nomination and for selection, an Athlete must:
- a) Be a national of Australia at the time that the nomination is made;
 - 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 19th birthday by the 31st December 2007;
 - e) Comply with the ISAF Regulation 19.2 – Eligibility Code;

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- f) Comply with the ISAF Regulation 21 – ISAF Anti-Doping Policy; and
- g) Comply with the gender requirements of an Event (for which they are seeking selection) of the 2007 ISAF World Youth Championship.

3 Nomination for Selection – Process

3.1 As a basis for nomination, Yachting Australia will use the following 'Nomination Regattas' and classes:

Event	Nomination Regatta(s)
Single Handed Boys	2007 Australian Laser Class Championship 2007 Australian Youth Championship, Laser Event
Single Handed Girls	2007 Australian Laser Radial Class Championship 2007 Australian Youth Championship, Laser Radial Event
Double Handed Boys	2007 Australian Youth Championship, 29er Event
Double Handed Girls	2007 Australian Youth Championship, 29er Event
Boardsailing Boys	2007 Australian Youth Championship, Boardsailing Event
Boardsailing Girls	2007 Australian Youth Championship, Boardsailing Event
Multihull Open	2007 Australian Youth Championship, Hobie 16 with spinnaker

3.2 Yachting Australia will conduct a Nomination Pointscore for the events above, the results of which will form the basis for nomination and selection of the Team Members in the 2007 Australian Youth Team for the 2007 ISAF World Youth Sailing Championship.

4. Selection

4.1 Selection of Team Members to the 2007 Australian 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 the ISAF for their discipline.

4.2 Yachting Australia reserves the right to not select an Athlete/Crew in an Event. Any decision on the non-selection of Athletes will be made at the discretion of Yachting Australia.

4.3 The Yachting Australia Board will confirm selection of the 2007 Australian Youth Team for all Events approximately three months prior to the World Championship.

4.4 Yachting Australia intend to provide to the selected Team Members: team management, coaching and sport science services.

4.5 Although 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 may be \$2,500 per team member.

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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 of a replacement Helmsperson being required for any reason, the replacement Helmsperson will be determined by having regard to the pointscore and this will form the basis for nomination and selection of such replacement.
- 5.3 In the event an Athlete (other than a Helmsperson) needs to be replaced, Yachting Australia will make such selection in its absolute discretion.

6. Coaching and Support Staff

The 2007 Australian Youth Team Leader will be selected by December 2006. The Support Staff will be selected in February/March 2007. It is intended to advertise for these positions in late 2006. Details of the positions and application requirements will be posted on the Yachting Australia website.

7. Disputes

Where there is a conflict or dispute in respect of these Guidelines for Nomination and Selection for the Australian Team to the 2007 ISAF World Youth Sailing Championship, Yachting Australia reserves the right to interpret this document and 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 a class involves a Crew of more than one person, the eligible Athletes who sail together from time to time.
- 8.3 "Event" has the meaning set out in clause 1.2.
- 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 Youth Team from time to time.
- 8.7 "Nomination Pointscore" means the accrual of all points awarded to a Helmsperson from the Nomination Regattas in each Event determined as follows:
 - i) Points will only be awarded when a Nomination Regatta is constituted as a series;
 - ii) 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;
 - iii) Where open age, male, female and or mixed crews compete in the same fleet in a Nomination Regatta, points will be applied to the final regatta results of the combined fleet;

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- iv) Points will **only be awarded to a Helmsperson who meets the age criteria (2.1d) regardless of nationality or gender**, and in the case of a crewed Event, the Helmsperson and the balance of his or her Crew also meet the age criteria, **regardless of nationality or 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;
- v) At the completion of the scheduled Nomination Regattas for an Event, if there is a tie in the respective Nomination Pointscore then that tie will be broken in favour of the Helmsperson who was awarded the higher place at the final Nomination Regatta;
- vi) 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;
- vii) Where a Crew split occurs at the completion of all of the Nomination Regattas, the accumulated point score will remain with the Helmsperson;
- viii) Any changes to a Crew must be submitted by the Helmsperson to Yachting Australia in writing for the approval of the Yachting Australia Chief Executive Officer. Yachting Australia reserves the right to approve or decline, in its absolute discretion, the replacement of an Athlete within the nominated or selected Crew.

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