

2025 Youth Squad Nomination and Selection

1. Overview

The Australian Sailing (AS) guidelines relate to the support provided by Australian Sailing to assist youth sailors participating in world championships for international youth classes (as per table in 2.3).

Australian Sailing will collaborate with class associations to provide the best possible opportunity to gain appropriate international exposure for sailors who aspire to become High Performance sailors in the future.

Female representation is a key focus for Australian Sailing with the goal of increasing gender balance in Participation, Performance Pathways and High Performance pathway to develop medal winning women.

Sailors attending the Class World Championships, or an agreed international regatta are eligible to be selected for their applicable class's Youth Squad, providing them access to resources to support their development ahead of participating in the class world championships.

2. Youth Squad

2.1 The Youth Squad domestic program runs from the 9 April 2025 – 18 June 2025. The start date will vary depending on the start date of the Youth Squad domestic camp refer to 2.4.

2.2 Resources available to the Youth Squad to support the lead into international competition:

- Three day domestic squad training camp
- Action plan from the domestic squad training camp
- Two day pre-event international training camp
- Coaching support at international competition
- Webinar sessions (class specific and international preparation)
- Letter of support for school or university entry (if applicable)
- Youth Squad uniform
- Approx. cost \$800

2.3 The size of each squad is based on eligibility/class-based qualification and the ability to provide safe and effective coaching to each squad.

Class	Squad Size
ILCA 6	Up to 6 sailors
iQFOiL Youth	Up to 4 sailors
Formula Kites	Up to 4 sailors
420	Up to 4 boats
29er	Up to 8 boats
Nacra 15	3 boats

2.4 The Youth Squad domestic camp will be held as follows

Camp	Location	Date
ILCA 6 Youth	Sorrento Couta Boat Sailing Club	9 – 13 April 2025
420 Class	Sorrento Couta Boat Sailing Club	9 – 13 April 2025
29er Class	Sorrento Couta Boat Sailing Club	9 – 13 April 2025
iQFOiL Youth	Sorrento Couta Boat Sailing Club	9 – 13 April 2025
Nacra 15 Class	TBC	April 2025
Kitefoiling Youth	TBC	April 2025

2.5 Details of the webinar's dates are

Date	Time
22 April 2025	7.30 pm AEST
5 May 2025	7.30 pm AEST
20 May 2025	7.30 pm AEST
3 June 2025	7.30 pm AEST
10 June 2025	7.30 pm AEST
17 June 2025	7.30 pm AEST

2.6 Details of the additional resources, schedules and dates will be made available after each squad has been finalised.

3 Eligibility

3.1 To be eligible for nomination and selection, a sailor must:

- a) Provide proof of Australian citizenship or evidence of permanent residency.
- b) Be a financial member of an Australian Sailing affiliated club.
- c) Be a financial member of the relevant National Class Association.
- d) Whether helm or crew, shall be above the age of 13 years and under the age of 19 years on 31 December 2025 (born after 31 December 2006 and no later than 31 December 2011).
- e) Have qualified for the upcoming class world championship through the Australian qualifying event(s), if applicable.
- f) Have expressed interest with the class association and/or Australian Sailing and be considering attending the International Competition listed below in 3.2 event and complies with any International Class Association requirements to attend the event.

3.2 The International Competition will be held at the following locations:

Event	Location	Date
420 World Championships	Irad Izmir, Turkey	1 – 9 July 2025
iQFOiL Junior & Youth World Championships	Brest, France	2 – 9 August 2025

ILCA 6 Youth World Championships	Cabrillo Beach Yacht Club, Los Angeles, USA	28 July – 4 August 2025
29er Class Worlds	Porto, Portugal	1 – 9 August 2025
Nacra 15 World Championships	La Rochelle, Frances	5 – 12 July 2025
Kite World Championships	TBC	TBC

The international class association reserves the right to amend or cancel the venue, date, and events program without prior notice.

Where the class is unable to meet the quota to attend Class World Championships or International Regatta Australian Sailing may consider alternate events.

Australian Sailing may consider sending an additional class-specific coach to Class World Championships depending on the number of sailors in the class attending.

4 Cost

4.1 If selected into the National Youth Squad the participants will be responsible for the following costs:

- a) \$800 participant fee payable to Australian Sailing.
- b) All travel, accommodation, sustenance costs for domestic.
- c) All boat hire/charter and/or boat transport costs (if required).
- d) Any regatta entry and Class Association fees.

5 Nomination for Selection – Process

5.1 As a basis for the nomination, Australian Sailing will use the following 'Events' and 'Nomination Regattas':

	Nomination Regatta(s)
One Person Dinghy Youth	ILCA 6 – 2025 Australian Open and Youth Championships Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron Manly 1 – 8 January 2025
Two Person Dinghy Youth	420 – 2025 Australian National Championships Woollahra Sailing Club 18 – 23 January 2025
Windsurfer Youth	iQFOiL Youth – 2024 iQFOiL Youth Australian Championships 2024 Sail Melbourne 28 November – 1 December 2024
Skiff	29er – 2025 Australian National Championships Lake Cootharaba Sailing Club 28 December 2024 – 3 January 2025
Kiteboarding	Formula Kite – 2024 Australian Kiteboard Championships 2024 Sail Sydney 6 – 9 December 2024

Multihull Mixed	Nacra 15 – 2025 Australian National Championships Meningie Sailing Club 30 December 2024 – 5 January 2025
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5.2 Australian Sailing will use the overall results for the nominated regatta in clause 4.1, considering the top results for both male/mixed and female boats to enable equal representation of males and females in each class squad set out in 2.3.

5.3 Australian Sailing may use the nomination regattas to select additional sailors for the Youth Squad at its discretion.

6 Nominated Event Cancellation

6.1 In the event of a nominated event being cancelled or other external factors make participation impossible (ie border closures), Australian Sailing may open an Expression of Interest (EOI) for sailors to apply for the following years Youth Squad or nominate an alternative regatta.

7 Selection and Consideration

7.1 An Australian Sailing selection panel shall consider available information for the selection of each of the nominated sailors (under clause 4) and their decision will be final.

7.2 The selection panel will base their selection on but not limited to:

- Commitment to the sport
- Assessment by the selection panel based on relevant input from club or class association coaches, Australian Sailing Management on the sailor's potential in the Youth/ Pre-Emerging Development categories
 - Good Racers
 - Squad minded
 - Curious Learners
 - Physical & Mental capability
 - Committed to developing
 - Skilled Sailors

8 Selection Nomination

8.1 Invitations to join the Youth Squad will be subject to:

- a) Each sailor shall confirm they are considering attending the class world championships.
- b) A commitment to attend the Squad domestic camp.

8.2 Australian Sailing will finalise selection after cross-referencing has been completed with the Class Association and confirming that eligibility criteria has been met. This process will be completed by **February 2025**

8.3 Australian Sailing reserves the right to not nominate a sailor, select or to withdraw the selection of a sailor for an Event. Any decision on the withdrawal or non-selection of sailors will be made at the discretion of Australian Sailing, whose decision will be final.

9 Australian Sailing and Sailor Contributions

9.1 Australian Sailing will make a financial contribution towards subsidising the costs of the selections, preparation, uniform, and delivery costs including coaching and supporting resources.

9.2 Sailors/ Parents will be required to contribute the following:

- Costs for attending the 3-day domestic camp with all classes Note: this is a "non-residential" camp. Sailors are required to organise their own accommodation and parents / guardians are responsible for minors outside of scheduled camp activities.
- Costs for attending the Class World Championships and the 2-day international pre-event camp Note: this is a "non-residential" camp. Sailors are required to organise their own accommodation (costs will depend on location of event) and parents / guardians are responsible for minors. Refer to the National Class Association for more information.

10 Replacement

10.1 If a selected sailor or team suffers injury or illness and is unable to attend, the sailor's membership to the Youth Squad may be withdrawn.

10.2 If a sailor needs to be replaced for any reason, Australian Sailing may determine not to offer a Youth Squad membership to the replacement sailor. Any decision on the withdrawal or de-selection of sailors will be made at the discretion of Australian Sailing, whose decision will be final.

11 Coaching and Support Staff

11.1 The Class coaches will be appointed by Australian Sailing prior to December 2024 and will attend the domestic Camp.

11.2 The appointed coach by Australian Sailing will have the opportunity to attend the international regatta based on sailors and parents covering the out of pocket costs associated to the international regatta, this is led by the class association.

11.3 An Expression of Interest for coaching roles will be published on the Australian Sailing website.

12 Disputes

Where there is a conflict or dispute in respect of these Guidelines for Nomination and Selection for the Youth Squad, Australian Sailing reserves the right to use its sole discretion in resolving of the matter in conflict or dispute for the domestic camp.

13 Definitions

13.1 "Sailor" means a person who competes in an event whether as the person who helms the boat or as Crew.

13.2 "Crew" means:

- a) a person seeking selection in a single person (single handed) event; or

- b) The two persons seeking selection in a two-person (double handed) event.
- 13.3 “Eligible sailor” is a sailor that has competed in an Event at a Nominated Regatta as set out in 3.1 and the competitor (both helmsperson and/or crew) has met the eligibility criteria as set out in clause 3.
- 13.4 “Event” has the meaning set out in clause 4.1.
- 13.5 “Helmsperson” means the sailor who helms the boat.
- 13.6 “Nomination Regatta” means in respect of each Event, a sailing regatta as described in clause 4.1.
- 13.7 “Team Members” are the sailors comprising the Youth Squad from time to time.
- 13.8 “Results” means the overall results awarded to a Helmsperson from the Nomination Regatta in the Event determined as follows:
- a) 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.
 - b) Helmsperson, crew or teams where a sailor(s) is over 19 years of age as at 31 December of the year preceding the event will be excluded.
 - c) Crews that comprise an Australian and foreign Nationals will be ineligible for the Youth Squad selection.
 - d) Mixed gender combinations in the 420, 29er and all boy / all girl combinations in the Nacra 15 will be eligible for selection.
 - e) Where a Crew split occurs during or after a Nomination Regatta, the results for that Nomination Regatta will remain with the Helmsperson.
 - f) Any request for changes for a Crew must be submitted by the Helmsperson to Australian Sailing in writing for the approval of the Australian Sailing Performance Pathways Coordinator. Australian Sailing reserves the right to approve or decline, in its absolute discretion, the replacement of a sailor within the nominated or selected Crew.

Example for 29er/420 Results

Pos	Class Overall Results	Nat'lity	Age 31/12/24	Gender	Comments
1	Ray & Cam Sunshine	AUS	18	Boys	Eligible
3	Peter Close & Philippa McCall	AUS	18	Mixed	Eligible
4	Janet & Jane Winner	AUS	16	Girls	Eligible
2	John & Jacques Beauchamp	FRA	17	Boys	Ineligible- not Australian citizens or [permanent residents].
5	John and Joseph DeSilva	AUS	23	Boys	Ineligible- exceed age requirement
6	Casper Knot & Greg Count	GER	23	Boys	ineligible- not Australian citizens or [permanent residents] and exceed age requirement
8	Will Hope & Michael Lim	AUS/ SIN	16	Boys	Ineligible- mixed nationality teams are ineligible for selection.

Please check out the [AS Youth Website](#) for further details.