

HKSF SELECTION GUIDELINES FOR ALLOCATION OF LCSD FUNDING

TO OPTIMIST IN 2021

(October 2020)

1. Purpose

1.1 For the purpose of promoting the development local young sailors, HKSF will seek LCSD funding to:

- (a) subsidise eligible sailors to take part in Optimist international events specified in paragraph 2 below; and
- (b) Organise or subsidize member clubs or member associations to organise training camps held for the Optimist sailors.

2. International Events

2.1 The international events that HKSF will allocate LCSD funding to support eligible sailors taking part in the year 2021 are:

- (a) 2021 IODA Optimist European Championships Jun 20th – June 27th – Spain -
- (b) 2021 IODA Optimist World Championships July 4th – July 14th – Turkey -
- (c) 2021 IODA Optimist Asian and Oceanian Championships Oct 16th – Oct 23rd – Thailand -

3. Eligibility

3.1 In order to be eligible for receiving LCSD funding to take part in an Optimist international event, a sailor must:

- (a) be above the age of 10 years and under the age of 16 years in the year of such Optimist international event;
- (b) be a HKSF member;
- (a) have been an ordinary resident of Hong Kong for at least 7 consecutive years;
- (c) be eligible to represent Hong Kong in such Optimist international event;
- (d) meet the eligibility requirements of such Optimist international event (Boy/Girl Ratio); and
- (e) be selected by Hong Kong Optimist Dinghy Association (HKODA) to take part in such Optimist international event.

3.2 The number of Optimist sailors receiving LCSD funding is limited as follows:

- (a) 4 sailors for the IODA Optimist European Championships;
- (b) 5 sailors for the IODA Optimist World Championships;
- (c) 10 sailors for the IODA Optimist Asian and Oceania Championships.

4. Selection of Optimist sailors

4.1 For the purpose of selection, HKSF will use the HKODA ranking and selection system as per the class website: <http://www.hkoda.org/ranking/>

An extract of the selection is shown below:

	Euros Spain 20 - 27 June 21	Worlds Turkey/ Italy 4 - 14 July 21	Asians Thailand 16 - 23 Oct 21
ABC - Nov 2020	Y	Y	-
HKODA December* - Dec 2020	Y	Y	Y
HK Race Week - Jan 2021	Y	Y	Y
HKSF Festival of Sport - Mar 2021	Y	Y	Y
Hebe Haven Open - Apr 2021	-	-	Y

* Should travel conditions change and HKODA and the relevant families feel comfortable to send a team to the IODA Asians this December then this regatta will no longer be counted in the 2020/21 ranking or as a selection regatta. Please check HKODA website for more explanation: <http://www.hkoda.org/hkoda-2020-21-ranking-and-ioda-selection/>

4.2 HKSF reserves the right not to allocate any LCSD funding if

- (a) LCSD subvented program has been suspended temporarily due to the health risks associated with the Covid-19 outbreak; or
- (b) LCSD recommends HKSF not to send sailors to take part in overseas events in view of the health risks associated with COVID-19 outbreak.

5. Training

5.1 Each funded sailor must fulfil the following training requirements:

- (a) 15 hours of training per week (at club level training)
- (b) Attend the training camps organised by HKSF or subsidised by LCSD funding

6. Funding

6.1 The amount of LCSD funding allocated to a funded sailor in respect of an international event will be based on the total number of selected sailors in such event, the amount granted by LCSD for such event and LCSD's limitation of the expenditure items and expenditure amount.

7. Suspension & Withdrawal

- 7.1 HKSF reserves the right to suspend or terminate a sailor's entitlement to LCSD funding, and to withdraw or not to endorse the entry of a sailor in an international event if such sailor commits any of the following acts:
- (a) gross misconduct in a local or international event
 - (b) a criminal offence
 - (c) a breach of anti-doping rules
 - (d) failure to fulfil the training requirements as set out in paragraph 5 above
 - (e) failure to meet the eligibility requirements of the relevant international event

8. Appeal

- 8.1 If a sailor considers that the funding allocation or selection is unfair or biased or irregular, he may lodge an appeal to the HKSF Council within 14 days of the announcement of the funding allocation. The appeal must include the grounds for appeal and supporting documents.
- 8.2 The appeal will be heard by an Appeal Committee consisting of 3 members, one of whom will be an officer of HKSF and the remaining 2 be members of the Racing Rules and Appeal Committee. No member of the Selection Committee will sit on the Appeal Committee.
- 8.3 A hearing by the Appeal Committee will be held within 15 days to listen to the views of the appellant sailor and HKSF. The procedures and format of the hearing will be similar to those under the Racing Rule 63. A written decision will be provided to both parties within 10 days of the hearing.

9. Cautions

- 9.1 In view of the health risks associated with COVID-19 outbreak, all sailors, their parents and coaches must exercise cautions in making any decision to take part in any of the overseas events.
- 9.2 HKSF may make further amendments to these selection guidelines in case of postponement or cancellation of overseas events or government restrictions or recommendations of suspension of participation in overseas events amid COVID-19 outbreak.