

## Interpretations

### Selection Guidelines for the 2019 HKSF National Junior and Youth Sailing Squads

For purpose of removing any reasonable doubts:

#### Entry:

- The annual selection is amended in entry selection 2.4 by: “The annual selection will be invited to join the youth squad for 9 months from April 1<sup>st</sup> 2019 to December 31<sup>st</sup> 2019.”

#### Classes/Ages

- No Laser Standard sailors will be considered for a youth squad (point 5.4)
- Optimist and 420 HKSF National Youth & Junior Squads will be considered separately and the interpretations within this document do not apply.
- All sailors of the 29er and Laser Radial must be born in 2001 or later (I.e. U19 in 2019).
- All sailors of the Laser 4.7 must be born in 2002 or later. (I.e. U18 in 2019).

#### Selection Places

- “The top ranked sailors” means that only *the* top ranked sailor/team in each class is guaranteed a place in the youth squad (point 2.4) assuming they meet the basic age/residency/eligibility criteria.
- Minimum number of sailor/team in each class is one, unless that class is cancelled within the year.
- The maximum number of sailors recruited by selection racing in each class is limited but can be increased by HKSF High Performance Committee recommendation.
- Recommendations will predominantly be made in rank order of the selection series finish positions, however other factors to be considered are:
  - Potential for top performance at 2022 Asian Games (AG2022) in Laser 4.7 and 29er<sup>1&3</sup> (In both these classes priority will be given to those meeting eligibility criteria for this event)
  - Potential for top 8 at World Sailing Youth World Championships and class World Championships<sup>4</sup>
  - Eligibility to represent HK at future Asian and Olympic Games<sup>1</sup>
  - Current performance level
  - Past performance achievements, including previous junior classes
  - Suitability of height & weight for class<sup>2</sup>
  - Age<sup>3</sup>
  - Commitment levels<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Requires HKSAR Passport

<sup>2</sup> Optimum Laser 4.7 size is 55-60kg and tall

Optimum 29er team weight is 120-135kg. Crew ideally should be heavier and taller than helm

<sup>3</sup> To be eligible for AG2022 Laser 4.7 sailors must be born in 2004 or 2005

To be eligible for AG2022 29er sailors must be born in 2004 or later.

<sup>4</sup> Sailors must be committed to base all their training at Sail Training Association unless agreed otherwise by the HKSI Head Coach  
Minimum expected training hours is 15 per week and must be recorded on a monthly training log to be submitted to HKSI.