



**HKSF SELECTION GUIDELINES FOR ALLOCATION OF LCSD FUNDING
TO OPTIMIST IN 2022**

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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 training camps for the Optimist sailors should budget allow it and or subject to availability and LCSD requirements.

2. International Events

- 2.1 The international events that HKSF will allocate LCSD funding to support eligible sailors taking part in the year 2022 are:
- (a) 2022 IODA Optimist Asian and Oceanian Championships April 29th - May 06th 2022 – Yeosu Korea -
 - (b) 2022 IODA Optimist World Championships July 4th – July 14th 2022 – Bodrum -Turkey -
 - (c) 2022 IODA Optimist European Championships July 30th - August 05th 2022 – Sonderborg Yacht Club, Denmark-

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 an 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:

	IODA Asians South Korea 29 Apr - 6 May 22	IODA Worlds Turkey 4 - 14 July 22	IODA Euros Denmark 30 July - 5 Aug 22
HKODA Nationals - Oct 2021	Y	Y	Y
ABC Southside - Dec 2021	Y	Y	Y
SUN HUNG KAI & Co. SAIL HONG KONG 2022 (18-20 Feb 2022)	Y	Y	Y
HKSF Optimist Selection Regatta - Mar 2022	-	Y	Y

The rankings for overall HKODA ranking and selection for IODA events will be based on the results of all the individual races in the relevant regattas. For every 4 races one 1 result can be discarded.

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 caution 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.

9.3 All selected sailors and their coaches and team leader must fully comply with the "HKSF Protocols of Protection of HK Participants in Overseas Events (Covid 19)" that were in force at the time and available at HKSF website.