

**HKSF SELECTION GUIDELINES**  
**51<sup>ST</sup> YOUTH SAILING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP 2022**  
**(Issued in January 2022, revised in March 2022)**

**1. The Championship**

The 51st Allianz Youth Sailing World Championship 2022 will be held in The Hague, Netherlands from the 8<sup>th</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup> of July 2022.

The following dinghy classes will be supported for the 2022 Youth Worlds (1 crew/team per event max):

- (a) ILCA 6 (Laser Radial) (Male)
- (b) ILCA 6 (Laser Radial) (Female)
- (c) 29er (Boys)
- (d) 29er (Girls)

Note:

- For Nacra 15, no Hong Kong entry to the Youth Worlds will be considered for endorsement by HKSF without evidence of strong performance at international class regattas.
- For the 420 class, no Hong Kong entry to the Youth Worlds will be considered for endorsement by HKSF due to the lack of a team in order to proceed with a fair selection.

**2. Eligibility**

To be eligible for selection each sailor must **(at end of January 2022)**:

- (a) be a member of HKSF (if you are not a member yet, please apply for and be accepted for membership to HKSF prior to the event).
- (b) be a member of HKSF National Youth Squad for 2022 (if you are not, you must join the squad after being selected).
- (c) be an ordinary resident in Hong Kong and have resided in Hong Kong for a period of 7 years.
- (d) be born after 31 December 2003 and no later than 31<sup>st</sup> of December 2010;
- (e) Comply or receive exception from World Sailing Eligibility Code (World Sailing Regulation 19.2) and be registered as a World Sailing Sailor on the World Sailing website;
- (f) complete at least 15 hours of on-the-water training over 4 days in each week from August 2021 to January 2022 (each sailor must submit to HKSF his monthly log of on-the-water training signed by their relevant coach)
- (g) attend High Performance Camps organized by HKSF.

**3. Selection**

3.1 The objective is to select and support eligible sailors who have the best potential to compete for medals at the Youth Worlds.

3.2 In view of the current Covid-19 restrictions, the cancellation of Sun Hung Kai & Co Sail Hong Kong 2022, the uncertainty of having the Hebe Haven Regatta in May 2022 and HKSI's planning for pre-world overseas training, HKSF will make selection based on the following criteria (in no order of priority):

- a) Recommendation from a Special Panel organized by HKSF
- b) Sailors' physical, technical, psychological/social proficiency and past and recent results in general as follows:

Physical: Possesses appropriate fitness and strength as evidenced by performance in past local and international regattas and training sessions in a club or HKSF national team.

Technical: Proficient in the boat handling and trim techniques for the class (tacking, gybing, use of the spinnaker (in case of a double handed boat), sail trim and balance), and the competition situations and tactics, as evidenced by performance in past local and international regattas and training sessions in a club or HKSF national team.

Psychological/Social: Possesses appropriate attitude and demeanor to be a positive member of the team, including respect for the competition, personal integrity, and a strong work ethic, as evidenced by performance in past local and international regattas and training sessions in a club or HKSF National Team.

Past Results: Sailors' results in the ranking in the selection of the HKSF National Team 2022 (Or Class Championship) as a reference, and results in overseas and local regattas in the period from January 2021 to March 2022.

Training: Video footage from training sessions within the past twelve months may be used to assess capabilities including but not limited to; boat handling, boat speed, starting and tactics. Footage may also be used to discuss general attitude and any other factors which may be deemed of significance to the selection process.

All individuals/teams must meet the eligibility requirements outlined in Section 2, otherwise the individual will be ineligible.

- c) The final selection will need to be voted on and approved by the HKSF Council.

**3.3 HKSF reserves the right not to select a sailor/team to the Youth World** if the HKSF Selection Committee is not reasonably satisfied that such sailor/team's performance standard is capable of placing within the top 30% of the next Youth Worlds or future editions.

3.4 HKSF reserves the right to withdraw the selection of a sailor/team if such sailor/team commits:

- (a) gross misconduct in a local or overseas event;
- (b) a criminal act;
- (c) a breach of the anti-doping rules;
- (d) failure to comply with the eligibility requirements; or
- (e) failure to comply with the training hours requirement.

#### **4. Replacement**

If for any reason a selected sailor/team withdraws from the Youth Worlds, HKSF may or may not replace the selected sailor/team with another sailor/team.

#### **5. Funding**

The selected sailor/team must be prepared to pay all the expenditures incurred in taking part in the Youth Worlds. Depending on the available funding, HKSF may pay some or all competition related expenses and will announce the details if funding is available for the event.

#### **6. Selection**

Please note that selection is based on the **Special Panel's recommendation and the factors set out in Section 3.2**, a sailor's expression of interest is for administrative purpose only.

#### **7. Appeal**

**Any appeals must be directed to the HKSF within 7 days after the announcement of the selection results**

#### **8. Caution**

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.

**HKSF reserves the right not to enter or to withdraw the entry of any sailors to the Youth Worlds** having considered the health risks associated with traveling and taking part in the event amid the COVID-19 outbreak, the traveling and other restrictions in the country of the event and in Hong Kong.

While doing the Youth Worlds, all selected sailors must observe the "HKSF Protocols of



Protection of HK Participants in Overseas Event (Covid 19)" that is in force from time to time.