

HKSF SELECTION GUIDELINES 2025 ILCA 4 Youth World Championship 19 - 26 July Cabrillo Beach Yacht Club, Los Angeles, USA

1. The Championship

The 2025 ILCA 4 Youth World Championships ('ILCA4 Youth Worlds'), will be held at Cabrillo Beach Yacht Club, Los Angeles, USA on 19 - 26 July 2025.

The NOR (the Sailing Competition Regulations) is provided in following link: <u>https://2025ilca4youth.ilca-worlds.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/26/2024/11/NOR-2025-ILCA-4</u> <u>Y-USA.pdf</u>

2. Eligibility

To be eligible for selection each sailor must: (at end of June 2025)

- A. within the age limit of the event;
- B. (i) be a holder of Hong Kong passport or (ii) a holder of Hong Kong Permanent Identity Card or (iii) having resided in Hong Kong for 7 years and eligible to apply for Hong Kong permanent ID card;
- C. be a member of the Sailing Federation of Hong Kong, China (HKSF), and of the Hong Kong Laser Class Association (HKLCA);
- D. compete with a HKG sail number in local and international events after being selected by HKSF;
- E. Comply or receive exemption from World Sailing Eligibility Code (World Sailing Regulation 19.2) and be registered as a World Sailing Sailor on the World Sailing website;
- F. have applied to compete in the ILCA 4 Youth Worlds by the day before the first day of the selection regatta;
- G. comply with HKLCA's qualifications criteria for representing Hong Kong
- H. comply with all requirements of the Notice of Race.

3. Selection

- 3.1 The objective is to select eligible sailors that have the potential to produce good results at the 2025 ILCA 4 Youth World Championship.
- 3.2 The selection event result will rank the athletes who have applied for the ILCA 4 Youth World Championships. The International Laser Class Association (ILCA) will decide how many entries will be allocated to HKLCA.



- 3.3 The selection will be based on the sailors' results in the following event:
- 3.3.1 2025 Hong Kong Race Week, 11 16 February 2025 at RHKYC, Middle Island
- 3.4 If this event is cancelled, or does not constitute a series, the HKLCA ranking list after Hong Kong Race Week will be used to rank the applications
- 3.5 The final will need to be voted on and approved by the HKSF council
- 3.6 HKSF reserves the right to withdraw the selection of any sailor/team who 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 Guidelines on Handling the Playing of the National Anthem and Raising of the Regional Flag for Hong Kong Athletes and Teams Engaging in International Sports Events -

https://sailing.org.hk/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/Appendix-I-Guidelines-on-Handling-National -Anthem-and-Regional-Flag_eng-May-2023.pdf.

4. Replacement

If for any reason a selected sailor withdraws from the team for the 2025 ILCA 4 Youth World Championship HKSF may or may not replace the selected sailor with another sailor.

5. Funding

The selected sailor must be prepared to pay for all the expenditure incurred in taking part in the 2025 ILCA 4 Youth World Championship.

- 1. Title Event Funding may be available for National Team members according to Sports Institute guidelines.
- 2. One girl and/or one boy that qualifies to the ILCA 4 Worlds that are not part of the national team may have funding supported by LCSD.
- 3. An athlete supported by HKSI cannot receive funding by LCSD

6. Appeal

6.1 Any appeals must be directed to the HKSF within 7 days after the announcement of the selection results. HKSF may at its discretion appoint an Appeal Working Party to decide on the validity of the appeal and the outcome.

6.2 No appeal against the selection results may be made other than by an aggrieved sailor.