



Sail Canada
Athlete Selection System and Requirements
World Sailing Youth World Championships 2022
The Hague, Netherlands
July 8-15, 2022

Objective/Preamble:

The World Sailing Youth World Championships is an important early step in an athlete's high performance sailing career. The Sail Canada podium pathway identifies a target performance of top 15% of the field at the World Sailing Youth World Championships as a marker of high performance potential.

Through this selection process, Sail Canada will identify the sailor(s) who are at a stage of development that demonstrate results against international caliber competition, supported by a training and competition plan that best supports achieving this performance objective.

Sailing experts and stakeholders have contributed to establishing performance standards, and selecting targeted events that enable athletes from across the country to compete against each other in as strong a field as possible, within a developmentally appropriate timeframe, for the opportunity to be selected to the 2022 Canadian Youth World Team.

Carefully review the selection process.

Prospective Athlete:

A person meeting all Athlete Eligibility requirements specified herein who wishes to compete in the 2022 World Sailing Youth Championship (Youth Worlds).

Athlete Eligibility

- **Age**

All prospects shall be above the age of 12 years and under the age of 19 years on 31 December 2022 (born after 31 December 2003 and no later than 31 December 2010).

- **Citizenship**



Unless otherwise approved by the IOC or World Sailing Board, all prospective athletes shall be a national of Canada and present proof of nationality (passport) or approved exception.

- **ISAF Sailor**

All prospective athletes shall be registered as an “ISAF Sailor” on the World Sailing website.

- **Sail Canada Membership**

All prospective athletes must be members in good standing of Sail Canada.

- **Gender**

Prospective athletes must meet the gender requirement of the respective event.

Equipment

Sail Canada qualification events to the Youth Worlds will be conducted with the equipment (sailboat classes) listed below. This list is subject to change if and only if World Sailing announces a different list of equipment for the Youth Worlds.

- Male One Person Dinghy – Laser Radial
- Female One Person Dinghy – Laser Radial
- Male/ Mixed Two Person Dinghy – i420
- Female Two Person Dinghy – i420
- Male Windsurfer – Youth iQFOiL (with 8.0m rig)
- Female Windsurfer – Youth iQFOiL (with 8.0m rig)
- Male Skiff – 29er
- Female Skiff – 29er
- Mixed Two Person Multihull – Nacra 15
- Male Kiteboarding - Formula Kite



- Female Kiteboarding - Formula Kite

SAIL CANADA QUALIFICATION - 2022 WORLD SAILING YOUTH WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

Sail Canada's High Performance Director (HPD) in consultation with Sail Canada's National Performance Coach will select one eligible athlete in each of the single-handed classes and one team of two eligible athletes for each of the double-handed classes to represent Canada at the 2022 World Sailing Youth World Championships, pending the athletes meeting all selection requirements.

The qualification process involves two stages;

(A) Performance at the "Targeted Events for Selection";

And

(B) Evaluation of athlete(s) sailing resume, training, and competitive program, and performance preparedness to successfully compete at the World Sailing Youth World Championships.

Part A: TARGETED EVENTS FOR SELECTION

In support of Sail Canada's objectives for this 2022 World Sailing Youth World Championships selection process, targeted events have been identified that will provide significant evidence of performance readiness against the highest caliber of field possible, within the qualification period.

For the 2022 Youth Worlds selection, the targeted events will be as follows;

29er (female and male), IQ foil, Kitefoil

1. The trials will be based on the 2022 ODP Midwinters West | Mar. 25-27, 2022 | Alamitos Bay Yacht Club, Long Beach, CA, with the best performer being determined by the athlete with the lowest score (subject to section B, Athlete program and performance evaluation being satisfied).
2. The female and male windsurfing event will be held in the IQ foil
3. If the first event is not completed then the trials for the 29er (female and male), IQ foil, Kitefoil will be based on an event (TBD) based on the West coast in May of 2022 and will be announced by April 5th, 2022 if necessary.

Radial (female and male)

1. The trials will be based on the 2022 Midwinters East scheduled for March 10-13 at the St Petersburg Yacht Club with the best performer being determined by the athlete with the lowest score (subject to section B, Athlete program and performance evaluation being satisfied).
2. If the first event is not completed then the trials for single handed female and male will be based on an event scheduled May 27-29, 2022 in the Greater Toronto area (tbd) with the best performer being determined by the athlete with the lowest score (subject to section B, Athlete program and performance evaluation being satisfied).

I420 (female and male/mixed)

1. The trials will be based on a I420 event hosted by the Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron (may 27-29) with the best performer being determined by the athlete with the lowest score (subject to section B, Athlete program and performance evaluation being satisfied).

NACRA 15 (mixed)

1. The trials will be based on
 - a. NACRA event hosted by the Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron (may 27-29) with the best performer being determined by the athlete with the lowest score (subject to section B, Athlete program and performance evaluation being satisfied).
 - b. commitment compete in at least one European and North American NACRA event before the world youths have started

If a targeted event is a “non-event”:

If the targeted event(s) identified in the selection process is a “non-event”, as defined by the Notice of Race for that event, the High Performance Director in consultation with the National Performance Coach reserves the right to identify a future targeted event, or use the resume of results, for selection purposes. In this situation the High Performance Director has sole discretion for naming an alternative event and/or in naming the final individual or team selected.

- Performance at the targeted selection event does not complete the selection process.
- Part B of the selection process will be applied against all sailors seeking selection.



Part B: Athlete Program and Performance Evaluation

To be considered for selection, eligible athletes and teams are required to submit a detailed application for selection to the **2022 World Sailing Youth World Championship**.

Applications to be considered for selection must include the following information:

1. Sailing resume of results including all events from January 1, 2021 to May 30th, 2022
2. Completed training and competition plan from January 1, 2022 to the start of the World Sailing Youth World Championships (July 1, 2022)
3. Personal coach(es) and other expert staff supporting the training and competition plan;
4. Cover letter from each sailor addressing their goals for the 2022 World Sailing Youth World Championships and how this event fits into their long term goals as a high performance sailor.

Sail Canada reserves the right to validate all submitted information through interview, auditing of results, and consultation with class-specific sailing experts.

The top ranked prospective athlete/team (the first eligible Canadian team) at the completion of the Targeted Events will be invited to submit an application to be considered for selection to the 2022 World Sailing Youth World Championships, which must be received by Sail Canada's High Performance Director (mike@sailing.ca) by 5:00 pm EST on **May 30, 2022**.

Late or incomplete applications will not be considered for selection.

Substitutions:

- In the case that the selected single-handed athletes are unable to compete for any reason including injury or illness, the next highest-ranking athlete/team will be considered. *
- In the double-handed classes, in the case that one of the athletes (either skipper or crew) is unable to compete at the Youth Worlds after selection, the High Performance Director (HPD) may approve a substitute athlete. Athletes shall submit requests for team composition changes in writing to the HPD. The HPD reserves the right to disapprove the request and select the next highest-ranking team from the selection event. *



- In the case that the selected double-handed team of athletes is unable to compete for any reason including injury or illness, the next highest-ranking team will be considered. *

* Where a substitution occurs the High Performance Director in consultation with the National Performance Coach reserves the right to not select an athlete or team to send to the Youth Worlds.

2022 Canadian World Sailing Youth World Championships Team

The High Performance Director in consultation with the National Performance Coach will assess the athlete programs and performances and in the sole discretion of the High Performance Director reserves the right to not select an athlete or team for inclusion on the 2022 Youth Worlds Team that has not demonstrated that they are at an appropriate stage of development that demonstrates results against international caliber competition, supported by a training and competition plan that best supports achieving the performance objective.

Once selected the High Performance Director reserves the right to deselect athletes who have not followed their approved preparation plan leading up to the 2022 World Sailing Youth World Championships.