



**Sail Canada**  
**Athlete Selection System and Requirements**  
**World Sailing Youth World Championships 2024**  
**Lake Garda, Italy**  
**July 13-20, 2024**

**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 10% 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 2024 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 2024 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 2024

- **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.

- **World Sailing ID**

All prospective athletes shall be registered as an “World Sailing 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 – ILCA 6
- Female One Person Dinghy – ILCA 6
- 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/Mixed Skiff – 29er
- Female Skiff – 29er
- Mixed Two Person Multihull – Nacra 15
- Male Kiteboarding - Formula Kite
- Female Kiteboarding - Formula Kite



## **SAIL CANADA QUALIFICATION - 2024 WORLD SAILING YOUTH WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP**

Sail Canada's High Performance Director (HPD) in consultation with Sail Canada's Chief Technical Officer 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 2024 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 2024 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 2024 Youth Worlds selection, the targeted events will be as follows;

#### **29er Male, 29er Female, ILCA6 Male, ILCA6 Female, I420 male and female**

The trials will be the 2024 US ODP mid winters (March 21-24, Alamitos Bay 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)

#### **Nacra15**

The trials will be at the NACRA15 Midwinters East, January 13-15, Lauderdale Yacht Club

#### **Kite Men and Women**

The Trials Event for the Kite Men and Women is planned for June 1-2 in Vancouver, BC. Any athlete who intends to participate in these trials event must send an email to Sail Canada HMP Katie Sweeting ([katie@sailing.ca](mailto:katie@sailing.ca)) by April 29, 2024 confirming intent to compete. If less than 3 athletes in each class (Kite Men & Kite Women) have submitted the intent to compete email by April, the trials will move to an application process for those athletes who have submitted intent to compete email.



## **IQ Foil (men and Women)**

The trials will be at the US IQ foil youth trials at the Kaneohe Yacht Club, March 15-17, 2024

### **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 Chief Technical Officer 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 **2024 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, 2022 to July 1, 2024
2. Completed training and competition plan from May 1, 2023 to December 1, 2024
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 2024 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 2024 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 **April 25th, 2024**.

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 Chief Technical Officer reserves the right to not select an athlete or team to send to the Youth Worlds.

### **2024 Canadian World Sailing Youth World Championships Team**

The High Performance Director in consultation with the Chief Technical Officer 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 2024 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 2024 World Sailing Youth World Championships.