

YACHTING ASSOCIATION OF INDIA

Title	Selection and Nomination Policy
Key Result Area	High Performance
Related Policies	Ranking System, Athlete Agreement, Membership
Responsibility	Selection Committee
Approved By	The YAI Council
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1. A National Squad will be selected from amongst identified athletes that will prepare for participation in overseas events each year in the Optimist, ISAF Youth World and Olympic Classes.

2. **Eligibility.** To be eligible for selection, an Athlete must:

(a) Be an Indian Citizen or in the process of becoming a Indian Citizen at the time that the selection is made;

(b) Be a member in good standing of the Yachting Association of India and in possession of "Annual Associate Membership" card issued by the Yachting Association of India (MoYAS Letter 32-18/2009-SP.III dated 25 Nov 09 refers), application for "Annual Associate Membership" form is attached at Annexure I;

(c) In the Youth Classes, athletes should fulfill the requirements of the organising authority;

(d) Comply with the ISAF Regulation 19.2 – Eligibility Code;

(e) Comply with the ISAF Regulation 21 – ISAF Anti-Doping Policy;

(f) Comply with the gender requirements of an Event for which they are seeking selection; and

(g) Comply with the National Anti Doping Agency Rules.

(h) In the Optimist Class, the selected athletes should not have completed 15 years of age as on 31 December of the year in which he/ she is selected as part of National Squad.

(h) In the ISAF Youth World Classes, the selected athletes should not have completed 19 years of age as on 31 December of the year in which he/ she is selected as part of National Squad.

3. **Selection Process.**

3.1 The selection of National Squad will be guided by the Government of India, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports letter F No 49-3/2008 – SP-II dated 18 Sep 08 and any other policy that may be issued from time to time by the Government of India.

3.2 The selection of the National Squad will be based on the Ranking System approved by the YAI Council during its meeting held on 27 Dec 2010 and as modified during the Council Meeting of 02 Apr 2012. The Rankings will be based as per the Low-Point Ranking System which will be effective from 01 Jan 2013. Copy attached at Annexure II.

3.3 The selected athletes will be required to attend intensive sail training sessions organised by the Yachting Association of India. Physical training sessions may also be arranged by the Yachting Association of India. Subject to good performance and attendance of at least 90% of the training sessions, athletes may be selected to participate in overseas events, subject to fulfilling the requirements of the organising authority.

3.4 Each Athlete shall be required to complete and sign an Athlete Agreement on their selection to the National Squad. Copy attached at Annexure III.

3.5 Each Athlete shall provide such information as required from time to time by the National Anti Doping Agency prior to his / her selection and after his selection to the National Squad. (NADA letter 83/2009/NADA dated 10 Aug 09 refers)

3.6 The YAI will nominate athletes to participate in overseas events based on rankings of the athletes. No individual is permitted to participate at 'no cost basis' in ISAF Grade I events / World Championships / ISAF World Cups/ Asian Sailing Championships/ Asian Games / Olympics. **The only exception to this caveat is explained at Article 3.10.**

3.7 Although funding may be available to assist the selected athletes to participate at overseas events for training / competition, this will be subject to the approval of the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports. Funding from Government funds will be earned through the combination of on the water performance and completed tasks, enumerated in subsequent paragraphs.

3.8 Funding Guidelines are not an agreement to pay out grants. These are included for informational purposes. Actual funding may be greater or lesser depending on

3.8.1 The number of athletes in that class with qualifying results.

3.8.2 Career results including past World Championships, Asian Championships / Games, Olympic Trials, Olympic Games and other events.

3.8.3 Continuity of team mates in multi person classes.

3.8.4 Relative strength of qualifying results in different classes and

3.8.5 Specific or extenuating circumstances including, but not limited to illness or injury

3.9 The minimum progressive standards to be achieved by aspiring athletes for receiving funding support through MoYAS / SAI / YAI during the years 2013 -2016 are enumerated below :-

(a) **Olympic Classes** – Must finish in

(i) top 75 percent of the fleet at ISAF World Cup / Class World Championship in the year 2013,

(ii) top 70 percent of the fleet at ISAF World Cup / Class World Championship in the year 2014,

(iii) top 65 percent of the fleet at ISAF World Cup / Class World Championship in the year 2015,

(iv) top 60 percent of the fleet at ISAF World Cup / Class World Championship in the year 2016.

(b) **ISAF Youth Classes** - Must finish in

(i) top 85 percent of the fleet at ISAF Youth World / Class World Championship in the year 2013,

(ii) top 80 percent of the fleet at ISAF World Cup / Class World Championship in the year 2014,

(iii) top 70 percent of the fleet at ISAF World Cup / Class World Championship in the year 2015,

(iv) top 60 percent of the fleet at ISAF World Cup / Class World Championship in the year 2016.

3.10 Athletes who fail to achieve the minimum standards for continued funding support through MoYAS / SAI / YAI at any stage during the years 2013 -2016, will be removed from the funding program. Such athletes may, however, be permitted to participate at designated events at "no cost to MYAS / SAI / YAI " to regain the qualifying standard as stipulated for the year in which he/she seeks funding support. **YAI reserves the right to approve or decline, in its absolute discretion, participation in such events at "no cost to MYAS/SAI/YAI".**

4. Replacements

4.1 If a selected Athlete suffers injury or illness, such Athlete may be required to undertake a medical assessment by a YAI's Medical Advisor. The Athlete's membership of the Team may be removed in the event of the Athlete failing to pass, to the satisfaction of the YAI's Medical Advisor, such medical assessment.

4.2 Any changes to a Crew must be submitted by the Helmsperson to the YAI in writing for the approval of the YAI's Selection Committee. The YAI reserves the right to approve or decline, in its absolute discretion, the replacement of an Athlete within the selected Crew.

4.3 In the event an Athlete needs to be replaced, the YAI will make such selection in its absolute discretion.

5. Coaching and Support Staff

5.1 The Team Manager will be appointed by the President, Yachting Association of India. The Support Staff will be selected by the Selection Committee of the YAI.

6. Disputes and Appeals

6.1 Where there is a conflict or dispute in respect of these Guidelines for selection for the Indian Team to overseas events for training / representing India, the YAI reserves the right to interpret this document and to use its sole discretion in the resolving of the matter in conflict or dispute.

6.2 There will be no appeals against the selection criteria and the decision of the Selectors. By entering the Ranking Regattas / Selection trials, the competitors agree to this condition.

6.3 Yachting Association of India reserves the right to not select an Athlete/Crew in any Event. Any decision on the non-selection of Athletes will be made at the discretion of Yachting Association of India.

7. Definitions

7.1 "Athlete" means a person who competes in an event whether as the person who helms the boat or as Crew.

7.2 "Crew" means, where a class involves a Crew of more than one person, the eligible Athletes who sail together from time to time.

7.3 "Helmsperson" means the athlete who helms the boat.
