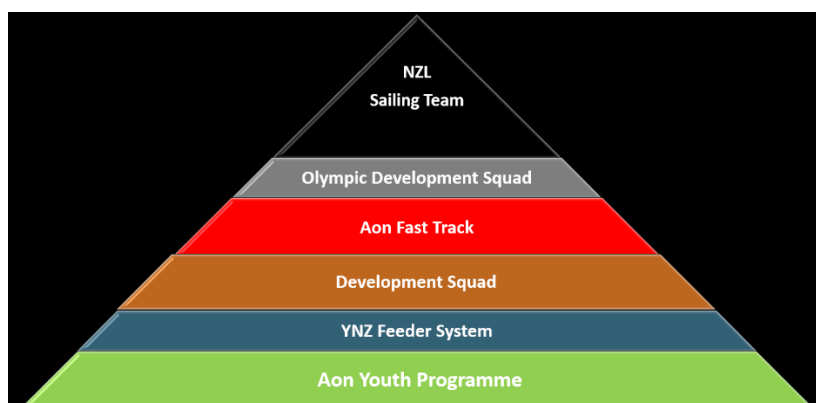


NZL Sailing High Performance Programme Support Levels



NZL Sailing Team

The pinnacle level of our NZL Sailing Programme. Sailors qualify for the NZL Sailing Team by achieving a top 10 placing at the World Championships, Olympic Games, or have previously medalled at an Olympic Games.

Olympic Development Squad

The next tier down from the NZL Sailing Team. These sailors are actively Olympic campaigning and are tracking towards making the NZL Sailing Team – specifically placing in the top 20% overall or top 20 overall (depending on fleet size) , in their specific Olympic class pinnacle event.

N.B Qualification requirement and the pinnacle event needs to be signed off with YNZ in advance .

Examples:

140 competitors: 20% = 28th place overall or better

75 competitors: Top 20 overall

Fast Track

The Aon Fast Track squad comprises sailors under 24 years old who have achieved one of the following results:

- Olympic class junior world champs medal
- World Sailing Youth Worlds medal
- Youth class world championships medal
- Placed in the top 40% at an Olympic class open world championship.

Sailors remain on fast-track level for two years provided they are actively campaigning an Olympic class with a current campaign plan signed off with YNZ. They can requalify for the Fast Track squad by meeting any of the above criteria.

If a sailor does not manage to requalify within two years, they can apply to remain on Fast Track support for an extended year based on the same criteria outlined below for the development squad. Applications will be assessed by a selection panel.

Youth sailors who have medalled at a Youth Worlds (or Youth Class Worlds) will be assessed for Fast Track once they commence sailing an Olympic class and have a confirmed campaign plan.

Development Squad

Each year Sailors from the wider NZL Feeder system will be invited to apply to join the Development Squad. This is the official entry level of our NZL Sailing High Performance Programme. Development Squad Sailors are eligible to receive a HPSNZ development grant (if funding levels are available) as well as specific APS (athlete performance support). These services are delivered by HPSNZ.

To remain a Development Squad Sailor, athletes need to place in the top 60% in their open World Championships or at their agreed pinnacle event and be committed to their Olympic class sailing.

Athletes who do not achieve the above criteria, can reapply again for the following year.

Applications will need to be submitted between November 1 and December 1 and after their international pinnacle event.

Applications will be assessed by a selection panel comprising of NZL Sailing Programme leaders, a HPSNZ representative and a possible independent selector.

Application criteria :

- Having a clear campaign plan
- Commitment and work ethic
- Results at international pinnacle events in that year
- Rank in NZ fleet and quality and depth of this fleet
- Previous results (Youth and Olympic class)
- Future potential for success in 2028 / 32
- Individual sailor circumstances eg. Time in class or in combination
- Year on year improvement
- Feedback from coaches and performance staff

N.B The number of grants / "TAPS" positions YNZ may award is subject to numbers allocated by HPSNZ, and this may change on a yearly basis.

NZL Feeder System

The NZL Sailing programme is an inclusive squad-based programme. The intention of having a feeder level is to help sailors as they step up into Olympic class sailing. It includes sailors who are committed to their sailing and are aiming to attend an international event within the upcoming two years. Sailors will be invited to join squad training when and where possible. They will also be included in all development squad performance forums.

Overriding NZL Sailing Programme Support Principles:

- In conjunction with the criteria outlined above, all campaigns will be assessed on an individual basis including but not limited to; past international performance (including fleet

size and quality), contribution to the squad, communication with key stakeholders and support team, commitment to their objective, work ethic, behaviours, and intention.

- When an athlete / team qualifies for NZL Sailing Team, Olympic Development Squad, or Fast Track, they remain on this for two World Championships (or two years as above) provided they have a confirmed campaign plan each year and remain actively campaigning.
- When an athlete / team qualifies for a programme level and then changes partners and / or boat class, athletes may be allowed to remain on this level in a new combination or class at the discretion of the High-Performance Director.