



SELECTION CRITERIA
FOR THE
LOS ANGELES 2028 SUMMER OLYMPIC GAMES (LA28)
OLYMPIC SAILING TEST EVENT

(To be held in Los Angeles, USA – 2027)

Approved by the Board of Yachting New Zealand with effect from June 2026.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Purpose

The purpose of this Selection Criteria (**Criteria**) is to outline the selection process for Sailors and Crews to represent Yachting New Zealand (**YNZ**) at the LA28 Olympic Sailing Test Event to be held in Los Angeles in 2027 (**Test Event**).

1.2 Authority

This Criteria is issued by YNZ pursuant to its authority under the Constitution of YNZ.

The responsibility for determining selection to the Test Event has been delegated by the YNZ Board to the High-Performance Advisory Group (**HPAG**).

1.3 Relationship to nomination pursuant to YNZ's LA28 Nomination Criteria

Selection to compete at the Test Event:

- does not automatically result in YNZ nomination to the New Zealand Olympic Committee for consideration as to selection into the New Zealand Olympic Team competing at LA28; and
- does not guarantee selection by NZOC to the New Zealand Olympic Team competing at LA28.

1.4 Amendment

This Criteria may be amended at any time by YNZ with the approval of the Board.

Any amendments will be notified to Sailors via email and published on YNZ's Teams platform and/or the YNZ website.

1.5 Selection Criteria subject to Olympic Qualification System:

This Criteria is subject to any applicable World Sailing entry quota allowance and/or Olympic Qualification System.

1.6 YNZ Selectors

The HPAG will appoint a minimum of three (3) YNZ Selectors to oversee the selection process for all classes competing at the LA 2028 Olympic Test Event. The YNZ Selectors will be responsible for assessing performances at Selection Regattas (defined below) in accordance with the scoring method set out in this Criteria and making recommendations to the HPAG regarding the Sailors and/or Crews to be selected.

2. PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVE OF THE TEST EVENT

2.1 Purpose

The Test Event provides an opportunity for Sailors and Crews to compete at the Olympic venue under Olympic-style race management and competition formats.

The Test Event also provides YNZ with the opportunity to:

- evaluate performance in Olympic venue conditions;
- build familiarity with the Olympic venue and operational environment;
- support Sailors and Crews who are demonstrably tracking toward Olympic-level performance; and
- inform ongoing Olympic campaign preparation.

2.2 Selection Objective

The objective of the HPAG is to select the highest-ranked eligible Sailor or Crew in each Olympic Class, based on the Selection Regattas and scoring method set out in this Criteria, to represent New Zealand at the LA28 Olympic Test Event.

Selection to the Test Event and eligibility for YNZ support are separate considerations and will be determined in accordance with the applicable YNZ support framework.

3. ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for selection to the Test Event a Sailor and/or Crew must:

- be a current member of a yacht club affiliated to YNZ;
- comply with the World Sailing Eligibility Code; and
- have signalled their intention to compete in the LA28 Olympic campaign through the YNZ Intention to Compete process.

4. CLASSES

The LA28 Olympic Sailing Test Event will include the following Olympic Classes:

- Men's Windsurfing (iQFoil)
- Women's Windsurfing (iQFoil)
- Men's Dinghy (ILCA 7)
- Women's Dinghy (ILCA 6)
- Mixed Dinghy (470)
- Men's Skiff (49er)
- Women's Skiff (49er FX)
- Mixed Multihull (Nacra 17)
- Men's Kiteboarding (Formula Kite)
- Women's Kiteboarding (Formula Kite)

5. NUMBER OF SAILORS / CREWS

Due to World Sailing entry limitations:

- Only one Sailor or Crew per Olympic Class may be entered in the Test Event.

Where multiple Sailors or Crews meet the eligibility requirements in a Class, selection by the HPAG will be determined using the process set out in clause 7 below.

6. SELECTION REGATTAS

6.1 Designated Selection Regattas

As outlined in Appendix 1 below

6.2 Changes to Selection Regattas

The HPAG may add or change Selection Regattas where necessary. Where this occurs, Sailors will be notified with as much notice as possible, and normally no less than thirty (30) days before the relevant regatta.

7. SCORING METHOD

7.1 Results Counting

Subject to clause 9 (Extenuating Circumstances), selection will be determined by the **best two results from the designated Selection Regattas**, based on overall finishing position.

The Sailor or Crew with the **lowest combined finishing places** will rank highest.

Example: Sailor A would rank higher.

Sailor	Result 1	Result 2	Total
Sailor A	4	5	9
Sailor B	5	7	12

If a Sailor or Crew does not compete in a designated Selection Regatta, they will be allocated a finishing place equivalent to last place in that regatta plus one (1) for the purposes of calculating their overall score.

8. TIE-BREAK

If two Sailors or Crews are tied on combined finishing positions after the relevant Selection Regattas, the following tie-break will apply:

1. A **medal (top three finish)** at a Selection Regatta will take precedence.
2. If still tied, the Sailor or Crew with the **higher placing at the most recent Selection Regatta** will rank higher.

9. EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES

Notwithstanding clause 7.1, the HPAG may consider extenuating circumstances affecting performance at a Selection Regatta, including:

- injury or illness;
- equipment failure;
- travel disruption;
- bereavement or personal hardship; or
- other circumstances deemed relevant by HPAG.

Sailors and/or Crews must notify YNZ of any such circumstance **within 48 hours of the regatta finishing** and provide supporting evidence where requested.

10. FINAL SELECTION

Following the final Selection Regatta:

1. The YNZ Selectors will review the performances of eligible Sailors and/or Crews;
2. The Selectors will make recommendations to the HPAG; and
3. The HPAG will then determine the Sailors or Crews selected to compete at the Test Event.

Selected Sailors and/or Crews will be notified as soon as reasonably practicable following the decision of the HPAG.

11. REPLACEMENT OR WITHDRAWAL

If a selected Sailor or Crew withdraws or becomes unavailable to compete, the HPAG may request the YNZ Selectors to recommend a replacement Sailor or Crew; provided that Sailor or Crew satisfies the eligibility requirements set out in this Criteria.

12. REVIEWS AND APPEALS

12.1 Review

- (a) A Sailor or Crew wishing to challenge their non-selection by YNZ can request a "Selection Review Meeting" by giving written notice ("**Notice of Selection Review**") to the YNZ CEO within two (2) days of the date that they are notified of non-selection by the YNZ CEO.
- (b) Within two (2) days of receipt of Notice of Selection Review, the YNZ CEO will, in consultation with the Sailor or Crew, arrange a Selection Review Meeting between: (i) a representative of the YNZ Selectors, (ii) the YNZ CEO; (iii) any invited professional adviser of YNZ; and, (iv) the Sailor or Crew and their representative(s) (if any).

Such a meeting, which may be held in person, by telephone or online, shall be held as soon as reasonably possible.

The purpose of such a meeting is to: (i) allow the representative of the YNZ Selectors to explain the selection decision; and (ii) allow the attendees to consider and attempt to resolve the concerns of the Sailor or Crew with regard to the selection decision that has been made.

- (c) Any Selection Review Meeting conducted in accordance with this clause shall be held on a confidential and *without prejudice* basis. In particular, the content of any matters discussed during such meeting may not be used by the other party in respect of any hearing of a Selection Appeal that is conducted pursuant to clause 12.2.

12.2 Selection Appeal

If the review of a selection decision is not resolved at the Selection Review Meeting referred to in clause 12.1, then the Sailor or Crew will have a right to appeal their non-selection to the Sports Tribunal of New Zealand (in accordance with its Rules and procedures).

13. GENERAL

13.1 Discretion of HPAG

If any matter arises which is not provided for in this Criteria, it will be determined by HPAG in its discretion having regard to the purpose and objective of this document.

13.2 Publication

This Criteria will be distributed to Sailors via email, published on YNZ Teams, and made available on the YNZ website.

Appendix 1 - Test Event Selection Regatta Table

Test Event Selection Regatta Table

CLASS	SELECTION EVENT 1	SELECTION EVENT 2	SELECTION EVENT 3
IQM / IQW	World Champs Weymouth (Sep 2026)	World Champs Brazil (Jan 2027)	
ILCA 6 / ILCA 7	World Champs Dublin (Sep 2026)	World Champs Brazil (Jan 2027)	
KITE M / KITE W	European Champs Turkey (Sep 2026)	World Champs Brazil (Jan 2027)	
49ER	European Champs Eckernförde (July 2026)	Princess Sofia Regatta (26 March – 2 April 2027)	World Champs, Gdynia Poland (July 2027)
49ER FX	European Champs Eckernförde (July 2026)	Princess Sofia Regatta 2027	
NACRA 17	European Champs Eckernförde (July 2026)	Princess Sofia Regatta 2027	
470 MIXED	Princess Sofia Regatta 2027	French Olympic Week Hyeres 2027	