

YACHTING NEW ZEALAND

SELECTION REGULATION

FOR THE 2026 NZL SAILING FOUNDATION YOUTH TEAM

to attend the 2026 Youth Sailing World Championships

This Regulation takes effect on the date it is approved by the High Performance Advisory Group (HPAG).

4th August 2026.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Purpose

This Regulation sets out the eligibility requirements, selection process and conditions for selecting sailors to the 2026 NZL Sailing Foundation Youth Team (Team) to compete at the 2026 Youth Sailing World Championships (Championships).

1.2 Authority and commencement

This Regulation is approved by the High Performance Advisory Group (HPAG) and takes effect from [insert date] August 2026.

1.3 Definitions

Key terms used in this Regulation are defined in clause 11.

1.4 Amendment

HPAG may amend this Regulation at any time. Any amendment, or an updated version of this Regulation, will be published on the Yachting New Zealand website or otherwise made available by Yachting New Zealand.

1.5 Exclusion

Clause 4.5.3 (New Zealand Representation) of the general Yachting New Zealand Regulations does not apply to selection of the Team.

2. THE CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Championships will be held in Vilamoura, Portugal, from 11 to 19 December 2026.

Unless otherwise directed by World Sailing, the Championships include the following Events and equipment:

World Youth Championship Events	Class
Boy's One Person Dinghy	ILCA 6
Girl's One Person Dinghy	ILCA 6
Boy's/Mixed Two Person Dinghy	International 420
Girl's Two Person Dinghy	International 420
Boy's Windsurfer	Youth iQFOiL (8.0m rig)

Girl's Windsurfer	Youth iQFOiL (7.3m rig)
Mixed Multihull	Nacra 15
Boy's/Mixed Skiff	29er
Girl's Skiff	29er
Boy's Kitefoil	Formula Kite
Girl's Kitefoil	Formula Kite

3. ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for selection to the Team for an Event, a sailor must:

- be a national of New Zealand when the selection decision is made, as determined under the World Sailing Eligibility Code;
- be a current financial member of a yacht club that is a current member of Yachting New Zealand, as determined under the Yachting New Zealand Constitution;
- comply with the World Sailing eligibility rules, including the World Sailing Eligibility Code;
- be under 19 years of age on 31 December 2026;
- comply with the gender requirements of the Event;
- agree that, if selected, they will contribute up to \$8,000 toward Team expenses, as determined by Yachting New Zealand; and
- compete in the relevant fleet or class at the Nomination Regatta, that is the 2026 New Zealand Youth Championships, which is listed below:

NZ Youth Championships	Fleet / class
Boy's One Person Dinghy / Girl's One Person Dinghy	ILCA 6
Boy's/Mixed Two Person Dinghy / Girl's Two Person Dinghy	International 420
Boy's/Mixed Skiff / Girl's Skiff	29er
Boy's Windsurfer / Girl's Windsurfer	iQFOiL
Boy's Kitefoil	Kitefoiling

Note: Yachting New Zealand does not intend to select sailors for the Mixed Multihull (Nacra 15) or Girl's Kitefoil Events in 2026. Accordingly, no Nomination Regatta will be held for those Events.

4. CANCELLATION

If a Nomination Regatta is cancelled, Yachting New Zealand may:

- nominate another regatta as the replacement Nomination Regatta; or
- invite Eligible sailors to submit an expression of interest and select sailors based on those applications.

5. SELECTION OF THE TEAM

5.1 Team selection

The maximum Team size is 13 sailors. Yachting New Zealand may select fewer than 13 sailors, may choose not to select a sailor or pair for an Event, or may choose not to select a Team.

5.2 Automatic consideration

After completion of a valid Nomination Regatta for the relevant Event, the Eligible sailor or pair with the lowest Series Score will be considered for selection. Being considered does not automatically guarantee selection.

5.3 Selection factors

In deciding whether to select a sailor or pair, the Selectors may consider:

- attitude and conduct; and
- any Extenuating Circumstances considered under clause 7.

6. SCORING

6.1 Series Score

The Series Score for a Nomination Regatta is determined under rule A2 of Appendix A of the Racing Rules of Sailing 2025–2028. Medal race results are excluded.

6.2 Valid series

A Series Score will only be used if the Nomination Regatta is constituted as a series under its sailing instructions.

6.3 No Valid Series

If the Nomination Regatta for an Event is not constituted as a series, the Selectors may consider any eligible sailor or pair that competed in that regatta, including their performances and results.

6.4 Tied Series Scores

If eligible sailors or pairs are tied on Series Score, the tie will be resolved under rule A8 of Appendix A of the Racing Rules of Sailing 2025–2028. If rule A8 does not resolve the tie, or its application is unclear, the Selectors may determine which sailor or pair is treated as having the lowest Series Score for the purposes of clause 5.2.

7. EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES

7.1 Notification

A sailor or pair who considers that Extenuating Circumstances are relevant to their selection must notify Yachting New Zealand in writing immediately after the circumstances arise. The Selectors may, but are not required to, take those circumstances into account.

7.2 Injury or illness

For a claim based on injury or illness, Yachting New Zealand may require the sailor or pair to undergo a medical examination by a medical practitioner nominated by Yachting New Zealand and to provide that practitioner's opinion or report. If the sailor or pair does not agree to the request, Yachting New Zealand may decide not to treat the injury or illness as an Extenuating Circumstance.

8. CONDITIONS OF SELECTION

8.1 Sailor Agreement

Each selected sailor must sign the Sailor Agreement by the date specified by Yachting New Zealand.

8.2 Obligations

Once selected and after signing the Sailor Agreement, each sailor must:

- pay the contribution toward Team expenses specified by Yachting New Zealand by the required date;
- compete in the Event for which they were selected and on the basis on which they were selected, unless Yachting New Zealand directs otherwise. For example, sailors selected as a pair must compete together as that pair unless directed otherwise; and
- train for the Event in accordance with the competition and training programme specified by Yachting New Zealand and comply with reasonable directions from Yachting New Zealand.

8.3 Suspension or removal

Yachting New Zealand may suspend or remove a sailor from the Team if the sailor fails to sign or comply with the Sailor Agreement, fails to comply with clause 8.2, or ceases to be Eligible.

8.4 Fair process

Yachting New Zealand will act fairly when making any decision to suspend or remove a sailor from the Team.

9. REPLACEMENT SAILORS

If Yachting New Zealand reasonably considers that a selected sailor or pair is unable to compete at the Championships because of injury or illness, or if a selected sailor or pair is suspended, removed or is no longer Eligible, the Selectors may, in their absolute discretion, consider any other Eligible sailor or pair for the relevant Event and may select a replacement sailor or pair.

10. APPEALS

10.1 Grounds

A sailor or pair may appeal a decision not to select them only on one or more of the following grounds:

- This Regulation was not properly followed or implemented;
- The sailor or pair was not given a reasonable opportunity to satisfy the requirements of this Regulation;
- The decision was affected by actual bias; or
- There was no material on which the selection decision could reasonably be based.

10.2 Appeal process

An appeal must be made as follows:

1. The sailor or pair must notify the Chief Executive in writing of their wish to appeal within 72 hours after being notified in writing of the selection decision.
2. As soon as practicable after receiving the notice, the Chief Executive will convene a confidential, without prejudice meeting involving the Chief Executive, as many Selectors as are available, the sailor

or pair, and each sailor's authorised representative (if any). The purpose is to explain the selection decision and determine whether the matter can be resolved by agreement.

3. If the appeal remains unresolved after that meeting, or a meeting cannot reasonably be arranged, the Chief Executive may determine the appeal in their sole and absolute discretion.
4. The Chief Executive's decision is final and there is no further right of appeal.

11. DEFINITIONS

Championships means the 2026 Youth Sailing World Championships.

Chief Executive means the Chief Executive Officer of Yachting New Zealand, or another person nominated by the Board.

Eligible means a sailor or pair that meets the eligibility requirements in clause 3.

Event means an event listed in clause 2 in which sailors or pairs may compete at the Nomination Regatta and the Championships.

Extenuating Circumstances means circumstances that affect a sailor's or pair's ability to perform at an optimum level, or a pair's ability to remain together, arising from injury or illness, bereavement or personal misfortune, or any other factor reasonably considered to be an extenuating circumstance.

HPAG means the Yachting New Zealand High Performance Advisory Group.

Nomination Regatta means the regatta specified for an Event in clause 3, including any replacement regatta designated under clause 4.

Pair means two sailors competing together in an Event.

Regulation means this Selection Regulation.

Sailor Agreement means the agreement issued by Yachting New Zealand that each selected sailor must sign and comply with.

Selectors means the people appointed by Yachting New Zealand to select sailors for the Team.

Series Score means the series score determined under rule A2 of Appendix A of the Racing Rules of Sailing 2025–2028, excluding medal race results.

Team means the 2026 NZL Sailing Foundation Youth Team.

Yachting New Zealand means Yachting New Zealand Incorporated.