

Irish Sailing Association - 2021 Olympic Games Nomination Procedures

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1. Preamble

- 1.1 The Olympic Federation of Ireland (“OFI”) is responsible for selecting the Irish team to compete at the Olympic Games in 2021 (the “Games”). The OFI will make its selection based on nominations from national sports authorities. In the case of sailing, the national authority is the Irish Sailing Association (“Irish Sailing”).
- 1.2 The board of directors of Irish Sailing (the “Board”) has appointed a subcommittee, the Olympic Steering Group (“OSG”), to make recommendations to the Board as to those Candidates who should be nominated by Irish Sailing to the OFI.
- 1.3 This document sets out the procedures that will be used by the OSG to recommend Candidates to the Board for nomination to the OFI for selection of the Irish sailing team for the Games.

2. Definitions

“**Candidate**” shall mean, in the case of a single-handed boat, the helm or, in the case of a double handed boat, each of the helm and crew, who are seeking nomination for a place on the Irish team for the Games and who comply with paragraph 3.

“**Event**” shall mean a sailing event to be held at the Games.

“**Final Nation Qualifier**” shall mean the regatta(s) designated by World Sailing as the Event specific final nation qualifier..

“**Qualifying Regattas**” shall mean the regattas listed in the Schedule to this document.

“**Recommendation**” shall mean the recommendation by the OSG to the Board of the Candidate in each Event as to who should be nominated by the ISA to the OCI

“**Trial Regatta**” shall mean each of the separate regattas for each Event, as more specifically described in the Schedule, from which the OSG shall make its Recommendation to the Board in accordance with these procedures.

“**Trials Series**” shall mean, collectively, the Trial Regattas.

3. Eligibility and Notification

- 3.1 Each Candidate must be eligible to compete for Ireland and, in accordance with OFI requirements, must hold an Irish Passport.
- 3.2 Each Candidate shall notify the Performance Director of the Irish Sailing, in writing no later than 31 January 2020, of their intention to seek a Recommendation and participate in the Trial Series for an Event. Such notification shall constitute an acknowledgment by each Candidate that they accept the procedures set forth in this document.
- 3.3 In double-handed teams’ substitution of helm or crews shall be permitted with the approval of the performance director.

4. **Procedures**

- 4.1 The minimum standard required to justify a trial for an Event is two candidates finishing top 50% in 2019 in one of the Qualifying Regattas
- 4.2 If the nation is qualified in 2019 for an Event a Trial Series will take place if more than one Candidate in an Event meets the minimum standard. If a Trial Series takes place the entry will be open to all Candidates.
- 4.3 When a Trial Series is held the Recommendations made by the OSG shall be based solely on the results of the Trial Series as described in paragraph 5.
- 4.4 If the nation is qualified in 2019 and only one Candidate has met the top 50% standard the OSG will recommend that Candidate to the Board.
- 4.5 If the nation qualifies at the Final Nation Qualifier the OSG will recommend the Candidate that qualified the nation. If no Final Nation Qualifier takes place but Ireland receives a place in the Games based on criteria applied by World Sailing, whether through results from a previous regatta, the World Rankings or otherwise, the OSG will recommend the Candidate that gained Ireland the place
- 4.6 If the nation does not receive a place pursuant to paragraph 4.5 but receives a place in the Games through a reallocation of places by World Sailing the place will go to the Candidate who had the lowest score combining the Final Nation Qualifier result and their 2019 World Championship result or if no Final Nation Qualifier takes place, their 2019 World Championship result only, calculated in accordance with the scoring principles set out in paragraph 6.
- 4.7 Other than where the nation receives a place in the Games pursuant to paragraph 4.5 or 4.6 the OSG will inform the Candidates of their Recommendations to the Board. The Board will consider the Recommendations at or before its next scheduled meeting. Where the nation receives a place pursuant to paragraph 4.5 or 4.6 the OSG will inform the Candidates of their Recommendation and notify the Board within 48 hours of receiving notice from World Sailing. The Board will consider the Recommendation as soon as practicable. Candidates will be informed of their nomination or otherwise within 48 hours of the decision of the Board. In the event of a postponement or cancellation of any regatta, the Event or decision in relation to the allocation of places for the Games the Board and the OSG shall carry out the process as outlined above as soon as reasonably practicable.
- 4.8 The Board shall not be obliged to accept the OSG's Recommendation and shall not be obliged to nominate any Candidate to the OFI.
- 4.9 In the event that a nominated Candidate is unable to attend the Games, whether through illness, injury or otherwise, the OSG shall, where a Trial Series has taken place, nominate the next highest ranked Candidate from such Trial Series and, where a Trial Series has not taken place, nominate the next highest ranked Candidate in accordance with paragraph 4.5 or 4.6 as applicable, provided that in each case such Candidate is a member of the Irish Sailing Team in good standing. In the event that no Candidate meets the criteria set out in this paragraph 4.9 the OSG shall nominate such individual or team as it deems appropriate in the circumstances.

5. **Trials Series**

- 5.1 (a) The Laser Standard,49er and Finn class will not be having a trial as the nation did not qualify in 2019 and nomination will be in accordance with paragraphs 4.5 and 4.6.
- (a) The Trial Regattas for the Laser Radial Class shall be as set out in the Schedule.
- 5.2 Entry for Trial Regattas shall be the responsibility of each Candidate. In the event that a timely entry submitted by a Candidate for a Trial Regatta is not accepted due to a limitation on available places, and subject to the Performance Director receiving written notification of such non-acceptance within a period of seven days from the date of rejection, such event shall no longer be designated a Trial Regatta.
- 5.3 In the event that one or more of the Trial Regattas for any Event does not take place, or that no results are declared from a Trial Regatta by its organizers, then the OSG's Recommendation shall be based on the scores of the Trial Regattas actually held.

6. **Scoring**

- 6.1 Points shall be awarded to the Candidate in each Trial Regatta exactly corresponding to that Candidate's final overall placing in that Trial Regatta as shown on the official final results sheet published by the regatta organizers. For example, an overall first place shall score one point; a second place shall score two points and so on.
- 6.2 In a double handed team not continuing together in the Olympic Nomination Procedure the minimum standard to be included in the Trial Series or points accrued from the Trial Regattas can by mutual agreement within the team, be awarded to either the helm or the crew. If they cannot agree the Performance Director will decide which if any of them benefits from their past performances together.
- 6.3 In the event that a Candidate does not compete in a Trial Regatta, then that Candidate shall score points for that Trial Regatta equal to the overall placing given to the last entry on the official final results sheet published by the regatta organizers plus one point.
- 6.4 Scores for the Trials Series for each Event shall include the points from each Trial Regatta.
- 6.5 If there is a tied score between two or more Candidates in any Trials Series, each Candidate's Trial Regatta scores shall be listed in order of best (lowest) to worst (highest) and at the first point where there is a difference the tie shall be broken in favour of the Candidate with the best score. If a tie still remains between two or more Candidates, the Candidate with the best final overall placing in the last Trial Regatta shall be recommended.
- 6.6 Subject to paragraph 6.5, the Candidate with the lowest number of points at the conclusion of the Trials Series shall be recommended by the OSG to the Board.

7. **Amendments and Appeals**

- 7.1 No amendment to these procedures shall be made in respect of any Event without the prior written consent of each Candidate for that Event. However the OSG reserve the right to amend the procedures unilaterally if agreement cannot be reached between the Candidates.

- 7.2 In the event of a dispute in relation to any decision of the OSG pursuant to these procedures a Candidate may appeal such decision in writing to Irish Sailing not later than 48 hours after the grounds for appeal becomes known to the appellant. A tribunal shall be established by Irish Sailing (the “Irish Sailing Tribunal”), the Irish Sailing Tribunal shall take evidence and make a decision in respect of an appeal not later than 15 days after receipt of such appeal.
- 7.3 In the event that the dispute has not been resolved the Candidate may appeal a decision of the Irish Sailing Tribunal in writing not later than 48 hours following receipt of the decision of the Irish Sailing Tribunal, Such appeal shall be made to Sport Dispute Solutions Ireland for final and binding resolution.
- 7.4 All internal Irish Sailing appeals regarding selection/nomination must be concluded before nominations are made to the OFI. Successful Candidates will be nominated to the OFI for selection within 48 hours of either the expiry of the appeal period referred to in paragraph 7.2 or the conclusion of an appeal process in accordance with paragraphs 7.2 and 7.3.

SCHEDULE

Qualifying Events

- Palma 29 March - 6 April 2019
- Genoa World Cup Round: 15-21 April 2019
- Hyères Regatta, 27 April - 4 May 2019
- Marseille World Cup Final: 2-9 June 2019
- Enoshima Test Event: 15-22 August 2019
- Enoshima World Cup Round: 25 August-1 September 2019
- Event European Championships 2019
- Event World Championships 2019

Final Nation Qualifier

As defined above

Trial Regattas

Melbourne 2020 ILCA Laser Radial Women's Worlds Championship-21-28 February 2020
which will replace the Genoa WC Round 2020Palma

28 March – 4 April 2020

Hyères Regatta, 18 – 25 April 2020