

POLICY DOCUMENT GUIDELINES FOR SELECTION OF THE IRISH SAILING LASER 4.7 TEAM FOR THE SPRING / SUMMER 2018

International Laser Class 4.7 Championships 2018 are open to experienced sailors who are, or will be at least 12 years old but not 18 years or older in 2018.

Selection to the Irish Sailing Squad does not entitle sailors to an automatic qualification place to the ILCA Laser 4.7 World Championship 2018.

1. Training Programme

Irish Sailing will support a training programme as follows:

1. A team Squad and Coach will be announced following the indicator events.
2. Advanced Irish Sailing Laser 4.7 Team Training Schedule – this will include additional support for selected sailors at designated events including the 2018 Laser 4.7 World Championship.

2. Age Eligibility for training programme

For the Irish Sailing Laser 4.7 Team, members shall be 16 years of age or younger on the 31st December 2018.

3. Selection for additional support – Process

a. As a basis for nomination for the additional support as described in Para 2 above, Irish Sailing will use the following 'Indicator Regatta'

- The 2018 Irish Sailing Youth Pathway Championships (05-08 April 2018, RstGYC & NYC)

This will form the basis for selection of the Team Members to the Irish Sailing Laser 4.7 Team for the Spring / Summer 2018. six sailors will be selected at the 2018 Irish Sailing Youth Pathway Championships. A minimum of two sailors shall be boys and a minimum of two sailors shall be girls.

4. Selection

- a. Selection of Team members to the Irish Sailing 4.7 Team will be subject to a full commitment to all Team training requirements.
- b. The Irish Sailing reserves the right to select or not select an Athlete in an Event. Any decision on the selection non – selection of Athletes will be made at the discretion of the Irish Sailing
- c. Selectors may choose wild card entries to the squad for various reasons (i.e. legitimate absence from indicator events etc...) at their absolute discretion.

5. Selection Practice

a. Irish Sailing Laser 4.7 Team Selectors may use their discretion to apportion any factors they may feel appropriate in making their decisions.

b. Selectors therefore have the discretion to determine:

- The size of the squad

- Which criteria to take into account
- Who they select
- c. In making their decisions with regard to selection Selectors will be expected to use their own expertise and experience. Selectors may also rely on their own observations of the competitors, together with the observations made by other individuals, such as class coaches and class representatives.
- d. By engaging in a selection series the competitors agree that the selectors have such discretions.

6. Replacements

- a. Irish Sailing will resolve any issues of selection that may arise because of injury to team members or cancellation of qualifying events at its absolute discretion.

7. Coaching and Support Staff

- a. The 2018 Irish Sailing Laser 4.7 Team Support Staff will be selected as soon as possible after the selection event.
- b. The 2018 Irish Sailing Laser 4.7 Team will receive specialist coaching support following the selection events.
- c. Irish Sailing will aim to provide coaching support to team members at least one overseas event in the course of the programme.
- d. Further information regarding coaching support and dates will be provided as soon as possible to the 2018 Irish Sailing Laser 4.7 Team sailors.

8. Disputes

- a. Issues arising with regard to Nomination and Selection will be dealt with if received in writing to the Irish Sailing Olympic Division.
- b. Where there is a conflict or dispute in respect of these Guidelines for Selection for the Irish Sailing Laser 4.7 Team. Irish Sailing reserves the right to interpret this document and to use its discretion in the resolving of the matter in conflict or dispute. If this is not sufficient to resolve the dispute it may be further resolved under the guidelines of the Irish Sailing Constitution.

9. Definitions

- a. "Athlete" means a person who competes in an event.