






# Youth Olympic Games 2014 Selections










## Selection Process:

The Selection process for the 2014 Youth Olympic Games (or YOG) has been finalised as follows:


-  South African Sailing will organise a selection event which will be held in Mossel Bay from 6-10 January (Detailed below)
-  The selection event will be run by a SAS-nominated selection panel of coaches and technical advisors.
-  The selection event will be sailed in Laser 4.7 class
-  South African Sailing will select up to 2 boy and 2 girl sailors to compete in the Byte CII European Championships at Lake Garda from 21<sup>st</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> April 2014 which is the event where South Africa can qualify a spot for the Youth Olympic Games
-  If any of the selected sailors qualifies the country for the Youth Olympic Games at the European Championships, the highest placed boy and/or girl may be nominated by South African Sailing to go to the Youth Olympic Games, subject to the requirements listed below and the final decision of South African Sailing.

## Eligibility

To be eligible for nomination and selection to represent South Africa in the qualifiers at Lake Garda and the YOG the Sailor must:





-  Be a South African Citizen with a South African Passport.
-  Be a current member in good standing of a yacht/sailing club affiliated and in good standing with South African Sailing.
-  Be a paid up member of South African Sailing with a valid South African Sailing membership number.
-  Have been born between 1<sup>st</sup> January 1998 and 31<sup>st</sup> December 1999.
-  Weigh between 45 and 60 Kilograms.
-  Be an experienced, highly competitive single handed sailor preferably sailing a Laser 4.7, Laser Radial, RS Tera, Dabchick or just out of Optimists.
-  Be willing to make sacrifices to compete at the highest level.
-  Comply with ISAF regulation 19.2 – eligibility code.
-  Comply with ISAF regulation 21 – ISAF anti-doping policy.








-  Commit to the European Championships at Lake Garda from 21<sup>st</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> April 2014 as well as the Youth Olympics from 16<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> August 2014 as well as a number of training camps.

## **South African Selections for YOG:**





The selection of the team to compete in the qualifying regatta at Lake Garda will be done by means of a selection event. A more thorough breakdown of the assessment criteria for the event will be sent to applicants shortly, but in brief the format of the selection event will be a 5 day event consisting of:

-  2 Days of sailor's assessment in the form of specific sailing drills and general fitness assessments
-  3 Days of formal racing under the scrutiny of the selection panel
-  Compulsory Briefing and Debriefing Sessions by coaches in the morning and evening
-  Compulsory morning warm-up sessions throughout the event

Factors that will be taken into account by the selection panel are as follows:






-  Results from the sailing and fitness assessments
-  Results from the formal racing component
-  Commitment of athlete to long term success
-  Weight and build suitability to the class and the development into Olympic classes
-  Long term Athlete Development Plan

## **Further Information**




-  Only class legal Laser 4.7s may be used for selection.
-  Boats and equipment will not be provided.
-  The decision of the selection panel will be final.
-  The sailors will be notified of the results of the selection before 1 February 2014

## **Provisions**


The selection of sailors to compete in the qualifiers at Lake Garda and the YOG will be subject to:

-  Each Parent or Guardian of sailors completing and signing an agreement with South African Sailing prior to selection. This agreement must be co-signed by the Sailor.
-  A full commitment to all team training requirements and an on-going monitoring of personal competition and training programmes by the South African Sailing High Performance Manager. This includes a weekly report sent to the South African Sailing High Performance Manager at [training@sailing.org.za](mailto:training@sailing.org.za)
-  The SOUTH AFRICAN SAILING Council will confirm the selection of the athletes for the 2014 Youth Olympic Games before the 31<sup>st</sup> of January 2014.
-  SOUTH AFRICAN SAILING may, at its sole discretion, appoint a manager and / or coach to the Team.
-  Financial assistance from any source is not guaranteed, and should SOUTH AFRICAN SAILING be in a position to make a contribution towards costs, such contribution, the quantum and distribution thereof, will be at the sole discretion of the SOUTH AFRICAN SAILING Council.


## **Medical Agreement**

-  All selected sailors must adhere to the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) [www.wada-ama.org](http://www.wada-ama.org) anti-doping regulations. If any sailor is on medication that includes, or may include, any banned substances, it is his/her responsibility to acquire a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) certificate from a registered medical doctor. If any selected sailor is in contravention of the anti-doping regulations, he/she will be excluded from the squad with immediate effect and a replacement may be selected. Any excluded sailor will be responsible for all and any costs already incurred. For any questions contact: [training@sailing.org.za](mailto:training@sailing.org.za)
-  A selected sailor may be required to undertake a medical assessment by a SOUTH AFRICAN SAILING approved medical advisor. The sailor may be removed from the team in the event the medical advisor makes such a recommendation.
-  All selected sailors are required to complete a medical form and submit it to SOUTH AFRICAN SAILING prior to departure for the Byte CII Europeans.


## **Replacements**

-  In the event of a replacement sailor being required for any reason, the replacement sailor may be selected from the selection event ranking system in order of the final ranking, in addition to all other considerations as detailed for original selection above.

## **Disputes**

-  Where there is a conflict or dispute in respect of this nomination and selection criteria, the interpretation and decisions of the Council of SOUTH AFRICAN SAILING will be final.

## **Disclaimer**

-  South African Sailing reserves the right to not select a sailor or to withdraw a selected sailor for any reason. Any decision on the non-selection of sailors or withdrawal of a selected sailor will be made at the sole discretion of South African Sailing.

## **Channel of Communication**

To apply to be considered for selection, please send your up-to-date sailing CV to Rob Holden at [highperformance@sailing.org.za](mailto:highperformance@sailing.org.za) on or before the last day of the 2013 Youth Nationals (20<sup>th</sup> December 2013 ). If possible, a copy of the official results of each of the events mentioned in your CV should be attached. If this is not possible, the CV must include your results and the number of boats competing in each of these events.

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