

Selection Criteria for International Representation

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1. Purpose

The purpose of this document is to outline the eligibility and selection criteria for competitors who wish to represent **Ireland** at international events.

The policy aims to ensure that selection decisions are fair, transparent, and based on merit, commitment, and compliance with the association's standards.

2. Eligibility Requirements

To be considered for selection, a competitor must meet the following criteria:

1. Citizenship

- Must be a citizen of the island of Ireland (born in either the Republic of Ireland or Northern Ireland); or
- Hold an Irish passport; or
- Be an Irish resident for at least 5 years

2. Residency

- Competitors should normally reside on the island of Ireland.
- Exceptions may be made for Irish citizens living abroad, provided they maintain an active connection with Irish sport (e.g. participation in national events, training in Ireland, or clear commitment to representing Ireland).
- All exceptions require prior approval by the **Selection Committee**.

3. Membership

- Must be a current member in good standing Radio Sailing Ireland and, where applicable, the relevant class association.

4. Boat Ownership and Certification

- Must own (or have verified long-term access to) a boat in the class for which selection is sought.
 - The boat must hold a valid measurement certificate or equivalent class documentation.
 - All boats must comply with class and safety regulations at the time of selection
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3. Competitive and Performance Criteria

1. Recent Activity

- Competitors must have participated in at least one recognised national or class-sanctioned event within the previous 12 months.
- Performance in these events may be used as an indicator of readiness and competitiveness.

2. Trials or Selection Events

- The Association may hold selection trials or designate “indicator events.”
 - Attendance at these events may be required unless an exemption is granted due to exceptional circumstances (e.g. illness, injury, or other valid reason).
 - The Selection Committee will review and approve any exemption requests.
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4. Conduct and Compliance

1. Competitors must comply with the **Association’s Code of Conduct** and uphold the highest standards of sportsmanship and integrity.
 2. Any ongoing disciplinary matters or sanctions may render a competitor ineligible for selection.
 3. All selected competitors are expected to conduct themselves professionally at all times while representing Ireland.
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5. Commitment and Availability

1. Competitors must confirm their availability for the full duration of the international event and any associated training, travel, or administrative commitments.
 2. Selected competitors are required to cooperate fully with team management, coaching staff, and officials.
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6. Financial and Logistical Responsibilities

1. Unless otherwise stated, competitors are responsible for their own expenses, including travel, equipment, boat transport, measurement fees, and insurance.
 2. Proof of affiliation and insurance may be requested by the organising committee.
 3. The Association accepts no financial liability for costs incurred by individuals unless expressly agreed in writing.
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7. Health, Safety, and Insurance

1. Competitors must hold adequate personal and third-party liability insurance.
 2. All safety equipment must comply with class and national safety standards.
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8. Representation Change or Dual Eligibility

1. Competitors who have previously represented another country must comply with any relevant international federation rules regarding nationality change or representation.
 2. A waiting period may apply before eligibility to represent Ireland is confirmed.
 3. Final approval rests with the Selection Committee.
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9. Selection Process

1. Applications

- Competitors must submit a formal expression of interest or application by the date specified by the Association.

2. Selection Committee

- A designated Selection Committee, approved by the Executive Committee, will evaluate all eligible candidates against this policy.
- This committee may be the Executive Committee until such a time when we have enough members to have a Selection Committee.

3. Decision and Notification

- Decisions will be based on eligibility, performance, conduct, and overall readiness.
- Priority will be given to competitors who meet the criteria listed in this document **and** who live on the island or Ireland.
- Selected competitors will be notified in writing.
- All decisions will be recorded and retained for transparency.

4. Appeals

- Competitors who wish to appeal a selection decision must submit a written appeal within 7 days of notification.
 - Appeals will be reviewed by an independent panel, whose decision will be final.
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10. Policy Review

This policy will be reviewed annually by the Executive Committee to ensure it remains current, fair, and aligned with international and national governing body requirements.