



## Notice of Selection

# RYA BIC Techno 293 UK International Competition Support 2020

### 1. Introduction

1.1. This document sets out the team selection policy and the responsibilities of individuals involved in the selection process for the RYA Bic Techno 293 UK European and World Championship teams 2020.

1.2. This document and its appendices should be read in conjunction with the British Youth Sailing "[Programme Selection Policy & Procedures](#)" It consists of the following sections:

### 2. Aims of the Programme

The aim of RYA Bic Techno 293 UK Junior Europeans and World Championship Squad teams is to give Junior Squad sailors both experience and the best chance of performance at international regattas. Size of squad and ages of sailors will reflect the demands of the venue and environment they are expected to compete in to help develop them within the British Youth Sailing Pathway and beyond.

### 3. Support

Sailors selected to be part of the RYA BIC Techno 293 UK European and World Championships teams will be offered support as described within the table in Appendix 1.

### 4. Eligibility

In order to be eligible for International Competition support 2020, sailors shall:

- I. Attend the nominated indicator events as specified in Appendix 1
- II. Be members of the UK Windsurfing Association (UKWA)
- III. Be members of the RYA
- IV. Be members of the Techno 293 UK Association
- V. Be resident in Great Britain, hold or be eligible to hold a British passport and be eligible to represent Great Britain at the World Sailing Youth Sailing World Championships. Sailors who do not comply with 4. iv. must apply to the RYA Youth Racing Manager for consideration.
- VI. Be aged under 17 on the 31<sup>st</sup> December in the year of competition.
- VII. Ensure their equipment conforms to the UK (RYA) National Class rules for the Bic Techno class at the indicator events. Therefore with respect to the change down for 7.8 sails, the international rules state that only the Bic Techno 6.8 can be used in International events.

### 5. Selection Process

For the 2020 International competition support, all current UKJS sailors will be offered support at the European Championships in Marseille, and a number of sailors will be offered support for the World Championships in Torbole, as described in Appendix 1. The teams will normally comprise of both the 6.8 and 7.8 rigs, however, the overall number of places and exact breakdown will be determined by the Selectors and may vary according to the ability of competitors taking part in the indicator events.

Discretionary places may be offered by the selection committee, to sailors who in their opinion have demonstrated the best prospects of progressing to the RYA UK Youth Squads and winning medals for the British Youth Sailing Team at major international competitions in the subsequent years.

### 6. Selection Criteria and Procedure

#### 6.1. RYA Bic Techno 293 UK International teams selection events/series



Clear and objective selections are an important principle for the British Youth Sailing programmes, however, in the Techno class this is challenging because sailors often compete at different events on different rigs. Additionally we recognise that young sailors are often inconsistent and inevitably progress at different rates, due to differing rates of emotional and biological maturity.

Therefore, whilst a proportion of the RYA International event support places will normally be offered on a 'first past the post basis', the remaining places will be offered at the discretion of the Selection Committee who are empowered by the Bic Techno 293 UK Class and the RYA to make such decisions in the context of the aims of the programme.

Those places offered to the highest ranked sailors on the basis of results, will be allocated according to a ranking system using the results from the RYA Bic techno 293 UK International competition support Indicator series 2020.

## 6.2. Scoring

**"RYA UK Bic techno 293 UK International Competition support Indicator Series"** will be scored by adding each non-discarded race score from the indicator events. Each non discarded indicator race score will be counted unaltered, i.e. including all competitors at the regattas. The race scores to be counted will be added up and scored as a new series.

## 6.3. Discretionary Places

Discretionary places will be determined by the Selection Committee and may be offered to sailors who:

- In their opinion have demonstrated the best prospects of progressing to the RYA UK Youth Squads and the most potential to win medals for RYA Team GBR at international competitions in the subsequent years.
- Fail to achieve automatic selection, possibly (but not exclusively) because they are new to the class, injured, or could not attend all indicator events.

When allocating discretionary places, the Selection Committee may take into consideration the following factors:

- Age and potential.
- Factors affecting results.
- Performance in the Indicator series.
- Attitude and behaviour throughout the series and during previous training.
- Class ranking list.
- Performance in other events.
- Goals and aspirations.
- Height and weight.
- Other factors the Selection Committee considers appropriate.

The Selection Committee may extend the selection process beyond the indicator series.

## 6.4. Exceptional Circumstances/Failure to attend indicator events:

The Selectors expect sailors to make every endeavour to attend the indicator events in order that they can make objective decisions, having seen sailors compete against each other at key events.

Where this is **impossible**, sailors may take the opportunity to notify the Selectors of the reasons why and seek dispensation, which will only be granted (retrospectively) in exceptional circumstances. Some examples of exceptional circumstances are: illness or injury which precludes sailing (medical diagnosis should be provided), bereavement or non-transferable academic commitments which directly impact on the grade of a nationally recognised qualification that sailors will be awarded.

Gear failure, breakage or the actions of another competitor are not considered exceptional, where appropriate, sailors should seek retribution via the normal processes of the racing rules of sailing.



Sending in a discretionary request does not imply acceptance of the reasons or the granting of dispensation by the Selectors. By electing not to attend an event, sailors accept the likelihood of this negatively impacting on their selection. Sailors are encouraged to seek medical advice and exercise common sense around competing with an illness or injury.

Sailors wishing to notify the selectors of exceptional circumstances/failure to attend indicator events should do so in writing, together with any diagnosis or reasons via RYA Performance Operations Coordinator for windsurfing: [niki.paton@rya.org.uk](mailto:niki.paton@rya.org.uk)

#### 6.5. Selection Practice

The selectors have the discretion to determine:

- The size of the team, taking into account the target size.
- Which of the criteria to take into account.
- Who to select.

In making their decisions and exercising their discretions, Selectors are expected to:

- Use their own expertise and experience.
- Rely on their own observations of the competitors, together with the observations made by other individuals, such as class coaches and class representatives.

By entering an event or activity that is part of this indicator series, the competitors agree that the Selectors have such discretions.

#### 7. Selection Committee

The Selection Committee will be made up of BIC Techno 293 UK Class Committee members (or their appointed representatives) and RYA Staff, which currently consists of:

- One of the RYA Regional Performance Managers (Chair)
- Lead Pathway Coach
- Techno Class Association (TCA) Chairman, or their representative
- Another TCA representative

The RYA Techno UK Junior Squad Head Coach will not form part of the selection committee, but will attend the meeting and advise on sailor development and selection.

The RYA Youth Racing Manager may be in attendance as an independent observer.

If a Selector is a parent of a sailor seeking a team place they will make a declaration of interest to the committee and will normally seek to find an alternative person to take their place during the process.

#### 8. Application, Entry Fees and Measurement

There will be no additional entry fee for the BIC Techno 293 UK International competition support indicator Series. All boards must conform to the Class Association rules and measurements. Further details of the RYA Selection Policy are published on the website.

#### 9. Notification

Selected sailors will be notified in writing by email as soon as is practically possible after the completion of the final indicator event, usually within 14 days. Successful sailor's names will be published on the RYA web-site once all attendance confirmation forms/contracts have been returned to the office – it is not RYA policy to publish this information before this time.



## **10. Appeals**

There will be no appeals against the published selection criteria or the actions of the Selectors, provided they follow the selection criteria. By entering the selection process sailors agree to this condition. The grounds for appeal are limited to allegations of:

- I. Failure to follow due process.
- II. Bias/undue influence.
- III. Some other misconduct.

The criteria for appeal may not include any alleged error of judgement of the Selectors. Should an appeal still arise, then it should be submitted to the Racing Operations Manager within five days of the selection being announced. The full Appeals document is available on request from the RYA Racing Operations Manager.

## **11. Status**

The Royal Yachting Association's (RYA's) policies and procedures are subject to change from time to time, including variations required to comply with Sports Councils' directions on the investment of National Lottery funds.

The RYA reserves the right to amend, supplement and/or discontinue at its absolute discretion, for whatever reason, any or all of its policies and procedures.

## **12. Policies**

Please read this Notice of Selection in conjunction with the British Youth Sailing – Selection Policy and Procedures by using the following link:

<http://www.rya.org.uk/racing/youth-junior/info/Pages/policies.aspx>



Appendix 1

**RYA Bic Techno 293 UK International Competition Support Indicator Events and team information:**

Class	Event	Date	Sailors to be supported	Places awarded by result / discretion			Trip arrangements	Main Qualifiers to be attended for selection:	No. of RYA Coaches
				Squad size	Results	Discretion			
<b>Techno 6.8 and 7.8</b>	European Championships, Marseille	13-19 April 2020. Pre training 11/12 April - Marseille	All current Techno 293 OD UKJS sailors	All current Techno 293 OD UKJS sailors to be supported			Non-residential trip. RYA will provide coaches. Sailors to arrange entry, travel, accommodation etc.	N/A	<b>2</b>
<b>Techno 6.8 and 7.8</b>	World Championships, Torbole, Lake Garda (Italy)	24-30 October. Pre training 22/23 October - Torbole	4 x 6.8 sailors and 4 x 7.8 sailors (At least one sailor of each gender in each rig)	Squad size	Results	Discretion	Non-residential trip. RYA will provide coaches. Sailors to arrange entry, travel, accommodation etc.	UKWA Cup 3, Christchurch 20/21 June 2020  UKWA Cup 4, Bridlington 18/19 July 2020  UKWA Cup 5, Pwllheli 29/30 August 2020	<b>2</b>
				4 x 6.8	1 male 1 female	2			
				4 x 7.8	1 male 1 female	2			