

# Notice of Selection

## RYA BIC Techno National Junior Squad 2011/12

### Introduction

Twelve BIC Techno National Junior squad places will normally be offered however, this number may vary according to the ability of competitors taking part in the indicator series. We would aim to award four of these places to girls. The first six places will normally be offered to the six highest ranked sailors on completion of the indicator series to include a minimum three 6.8's and three 7.8's, and two girls (at least one in each class) all of whom shall be aged under 14 and under 16 respectively on the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2011.

The remaining BIC Techno National Junior Squad places will be offered at the discretion of the Selection Committee to sailors who in their opinion have demonstrated the best prospects of progressing to the RYA National Youth Squads and the most potential to win medals for RYA Team GBR at major international competitions in the subsequent years.

### Support

Sailors selected to be part of the 2011/12 RYA BIC Techno National Junior Squad will receive the following support:

- Invitation to subsidised race training weekends and half term camps. These take place at a number of venues around the UK and are delivered by the RYA BIC Techno National Coach and other additional specialists and coaches.
- Benefit from a specific needs based training programme.
- Have the opportunity to access remote coaching support from the National Squad Coach.
- The opportunity to purchase a discounted National Junior Squad jacket.
- Receive transitional advice regarding Youth Sailing from the National Junior Squad Coach and RYA Single Handed Pathway Manager in order to assist with their progression into a Pathway recognized Youth Class.

Whilst the RYA BIC Techno National Junior Squad programme is heavily subsidized by the RYA, some parental contribution towards the costs of coaching, venues, coach boats, accommodation, and food is required.

### Eligibility

In order to be eligible for the BIC Techno National Junior Squad 2011/12, sailors shall normally be aged under 16 on the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2011. However, in very exceptional circumstances sailors who do not meet the age criteria may be invited at the discretion of the Selection Committee (these sailors would be ineligible to compete internationally in the OD Techno classes).

In addition, BIC Techno National Junior Squad sailors must be resident in Great Britain, hold or be eligible to hold a British passport and eligible to represent Great Britain in the ISAF Youth World Sailing Championship.

If you wish to be considered for a place in the RYA National squad, equipment must conform 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 6.8 can be used in international events.

With respect to the change down for 6.8 sails, the International AGM in 2008 agreed that the BIC 5.8 should be developed as an alternative change down to the existing option to use any 5.5 sail with two or less Cams. The AGM also agreed that this decision would be reviewed annually with regard to a possible decision to make the BIC 5.8 a One-Design (sole option) change down. The 5.5 option remains internationally and will remain in the UK for at least 2011.

Helms may not accept a BIC Techno National Junior Squad place if they have accepted a place in another RYA Junior Squad.

## Selection Criteria and Procedure

Six of the BIC Techno National Junior Squad 2011/12 places will be allocated according to a ranking system, using the results from the following indicator events:

11 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup> June	UKWA Inland 3	Whitwell SC
17 <sup>th</sup> - 18 <sup>th</sup> September	UKWA Cup 5	Christchurch
1 <sup>st</sup> - 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	UKWA/RYA Youth & Masters	WPNSA

Members of the Selection Committee (or their appointed representatives) will (normally) attend some of the above events in order to make discretionary selections based upon the matrix of criteria listed below.

## Exceptional Circumstances/failure to attend Indicator events

Sailors that are either:

1. Unable to attend any, or all indicator events, or
2. Would like to make the selectors aware of any exceptional circumstances which they would like to be considered during selection,

should notify the selectors in writing including any relevant reasons in writing via the Junior Racing Administrator, at [julia.haskell@rya.org.uk](mailto:julia.haskell@rya.org.uk).

## Scoring

The ranking system will be compiled by adding together the individual race scores from the indicator events (counting conventional fleet racing only). The following discard system will be used to allow for sailor inconsistency and varying conditions.

Normally, there will be a maximum of 24 races:

20+ races	4 discards
15 – 19 races	3 discards
10 – 14 races	2 discards
5 – 9 races	1 discard
4 races or less	0 discards

## 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 National Youth Squads and the most potential to win medals for RYA Team GBR at international competitions in the subsequent years.
- Fall outside the age criteria.
- 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.

### Selection Practice

Selectors therefore have the discretion to determine:

- The size of the squad, 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 selection series, the competitors agree that the Selectors have such discretions.

### Selection Committee

The Selection Committee will be made up of the BIC Techno Class Steering Group (or their appointed representatives), which currently consists of:

- RYA Single Handed Pathway Manager – Kirsty Bonar (Selection Committee Chair).
- TCA Chairman – Andy Watkinson.
- RYA BIC Techno National Junior Squad Coach - Oli Woodcock.

### Registration, Entry Fees and Measurement

Sailors must be members of the UK Windsurfing Association and should be members of the RYA. Applications for the RYA BIC Techno National Junior Squad 2011/12 should be submitted on-line at [www.ryaracingevents.org.uk](http://www.ryaracingevents.org.uk), which is due to be open from approximately the 1<sup>st</sup> of June 2011. Once on the racing events page, click on the 'RYA Squad Applications'. All applications must be submitted prior to the final indicator event.

In 2011 the intention is for Techno sailors to apply only for a generic Techno Squad place, for clarity this means that you do not apply specifically to one or more squad but that the Selection Committee determine the most appropriate squad for you in light of your ranking, age and ability. Sailors will be updated as to the status of their application as and when each tier of selection (or phase) is complete via a selection update letter/e-mail. Please see Application and Selection Process Diagram attached.

There will be no additional entry fee for the BIC Techno National Junior Squad indicator Series. All boards must conform to the Class Association rules and measurements. Further details of the RYA selection policy is published on the website.

### Selection procedure

The 2011/12 BIC Techno Squad selections will take place in two phases:

**Phase One** – Selection of Phase One will take place at the culmination of the final National Squads Indicator events (as above) – the following squad will be selected from this ranking list:

- RYA National Junior Squad.

**Phase Two**- Selection for Phase two will take place at the culmination of the RYA Zone Squad Indicator events after which the following squads will be selected:

- RYA Zone Squads.

Please note that due to this process of application for a squad place in 'a Techno Squad' - applicants who are unsuccessful at gaining selection during Phase One Selections but **who meet the criteria for Phase Two consideration** will receive a "**selection update**" / decision deferral letter at this point, which advises sailors that they will be considered for an RYA Zone Squad place in Phase Two.

For clarity then, if a sailor is unsuccessful in securing a squad place at the Phase One selections they **will automatically** be carried through to the Phase Two selections **providing** they meet the eligibility criteria for this application. Should sailors not wish to be carried forward then they should advise their local RYA High Performance Manager that they do not wish to be considered for a place in the Phase Two selection process for RYA Zone Squads.

### **Notification**

Applicants will be notified in writing by mail 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 our policy to publish this information before this time.

### **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 Manager within five days of the selection being announced. The full Appeals document is available on request from the RYA Racing Operations Manager.

### **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.

## RYA BIC Techno Squad Application Process Diagram

