



**RYA CYMRU WALES NATIONAL
SAILING TEAM SELECTION
POLICY**

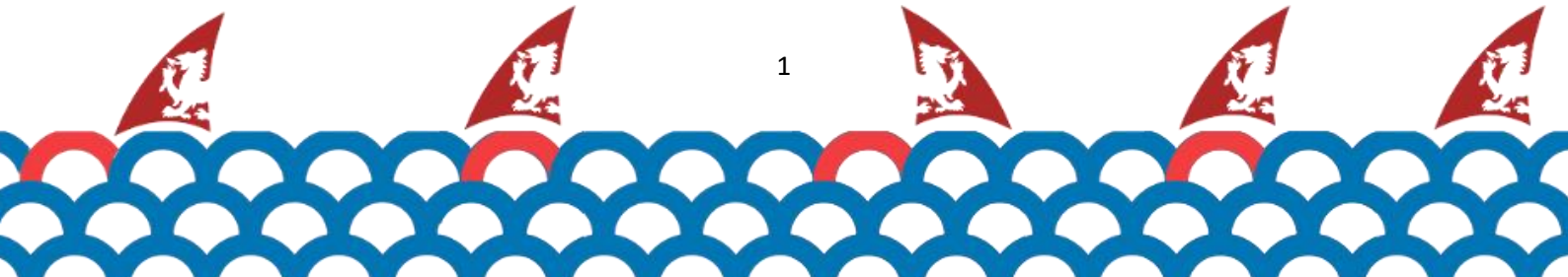
(INCLUDING ACADEMY & POST YOUTH SUPPORT)

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Welsh National Sailing Team Selection Policy Summary

Eligibility (Am I allowed to join?)

- Eligible to compete for Great Britain at the World Sailing Youth World Championships.
- Primary place of residence and Primary Sailing Club is in Wales (In exceptional circumstances the Primary Sailing Club can be a non-Welsh club.
- In double handed classes – one sailor must meet the Eligibility above.
- Sailors can not be a member of the Welsh National Sailing Team and the England Performance Development Programme
- Junior Sailors can be a member of a junior single handed and junior double handed class (e.g. Topper, Optimist, RS Tera & RS Feva)

Welsh National Sailing Team – Squads Profile

Optimist	Topper	ILCA4	RS Feva	RS Tera	Youth Squads (420, ILCA 6&7 29ers,)	Academy and Post Youth Support
U15*	U15*	U15*	U15*	U15*	U19*	U21*
6-12 Boats	12 – 18 Boats	6-12 Boats	3-6 Boats	12-18 Boats	6-12 Sailors	Very few

*Typical Age – see specific class/squad part of policy below for further details.

- **Primary Events – Sailors must attend the primary events to gain a Welsh Ranking. Priority Squad places will be offered to those who attend all of these events.**
- **Secondary Events – These will also be considered**



Optimist Primary Events

- **Welsh Club Championships, Cardiff Bay Yacht Club, 20-21st June 2026**
- **Optimist National Championships, Largs Sailing Club, 1st August-7th August 2026**
- **Welsh Youth & Junior Championships, Plas Heli Welsh National Sailing Academy, 12-13th September 2026**

Past results and feedback from coaches will also be considered.



Topper Primary Events

- **Welsh Club Championships, Cardiff Bay Yacht Club, 20-21st June 2026**
- **ITCA National Championships – Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy, 9-14th August 2026**
- **Welsh Youth & Junior Championships, Plas Heli Welsh National Sailing Academy, 12-13th September 2026**

Secondary Events

- **Welsh Topper Championships – Llandegfedd Sailing Club, 27-28th June 2026**

Past results and feedback from coaches will also be considered.



RS Feva Primary Events

- **RS Feva National Championships, Plas Heli Welsh National Sailing Academy, 23-26th May 2026**
- **Welsh Club Championships, Cardiff Bay Yacht Club, 20-21st June 2026**
- **Welsh Youth & Junior Championships, Plas Heli Welsh National Sailing Academy, 12-13th September 2026**

Past results and feedback from coaches will also be considered.



RS Tera Primary Events

- **RS Tera National Championships, Plas Heli Welsh National Sailing Academy, 27-31st May 2026**
- **Welsh Club Championships, Cardiff Bay Yacht Club, 20-21st June 2026**
- **Welsh Youth & Junior Championships, Plas Heli Welsh National Sailing Academy, 12-13th September 2026**

Past results and feedback from coaches will also be considered.



<p>ILCA 4 Primary Events</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welsh Club Championships, Cardiff Bay Yacht Club, 20-21st June 2026 • ILCA National Championships, Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy, 23-29th July 2026 • Welsh Youth & Junior Championships, Plas Heli Welsh National Sailing Academy, 12-13th September 2026
<p>Secondary Events</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RYA Eric Twiname Championships, Rutland Water Sailing Club, 2-4th May 2026 Past results and feedback from coaches will also be considered.



<p>ILCA 6 & 7 Primary Events</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RYA Youth National Championships, Hayling Island Sailing Club, 7-10th April 2026 • ILCA National Championships, Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy, 23-29th July 2026 • Welsh Youth & Junior Championships, Plas Heli Welsh National Sailing Academy, 12-13th September 2026
<p>Secondary Events</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welsh Club Championships, Cardiff Bay Yacht Club, 20-21st June 2026 • Welsh ILCA Championships, Plas Heli Welsh National Sailing Academy, 4-5th July 2026 Past results and feedback from coaches will also be considered.



<p>420 Primary Events</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RYA Youth National Championships, Hayling Island Sailing Club, 7-10th April 2026 • 420 National Championships, Brixham Sailing Club, 27-31st August 2026 • Welsh Youth & Junior Championships, Plas Heli Welsh National Sailing Academy, 12-13th September 2026
<p>Secondary Events</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welsh Club Championships, Cardiff Bay Yacht Club, 20-21st June 2026 Past results and feedback from coaches will also be considered.



<p>29er Primary Events</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RYA Youth National Championships, Hayling Island Sailing Club, 3-6th April 2026 • 29er National Championships, Hayling Island Sailing Club, 15-21st August 2026 • Welsh Youth & Junior Championships, Plas Heli Welsh National Sailing Academy, 12-13th September 2026
<p>Secondary Events</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welsh Club Championships, Cardiff Bay Yacht Club, 20-21st June 2026 Past results and feedback from coaches will also be considered.

Training and Fees

- Camps run from October to March - Squad dates will be released in July/August (we wait for the class associations and RYA to put their dates in the calendar first)
- Camps will be a mix of residential and non-residential - usually 2-3day camps and 10-12 days in total
- The fee will be between £525 and £710 per sailor depending on the number of residential camps
- Residential camps are £65 a day, non-residential camps are £42.50 per day
- Squad fees can be paid in one lump sum or spread across 6 months
- We promote lift sharing to reduce travel and time - get intouch to loan a multi stacking trailer for FREE

How do I Apply?

- Applications open in September 2026 at www.welshsailing.com
- Once the applications close the Selection Panel will meet to select the successful applicants
- Sailors will be notified by email of selection or non-selection within 21days of the selection meeting (those not selected will be sent an action plan)

For more information, please refer to the full policy below.

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Foreword

RYA Cymru Wales is the Royal Yachting Association's (RYA) council for Wales and is committed to developing the best young racing sailors in the UK and pass that talent into the British Sailing Team.

RYA Cymru Wales has appointed a "Performance Sub Committee" (PSC) which will oversee the work of the Performance Manager and ratify the Welsh National Sailing Team nominations put forward by the Selection Committee.

Even though discretion may be exercised in exceptional circumstances to include or exclude sailors from the Welsh National Sailing Team, the intention of RYA Cymru Wales is to have a clear and straight forward selection policy so that all sailors can identify their target events and work towards attaining the best possible results in them.

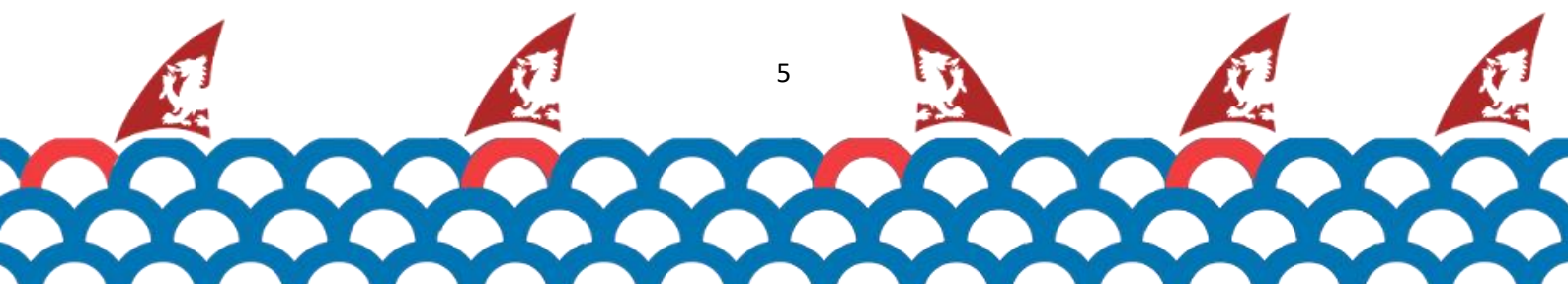
Introduction

Selection for the RYA Cymru Wales 2026- 2027 National Sailing Team will be determined by the RYA Cymru Wales Selectors appointed by the PSC. The Selectors will be the Performance Manager and Head Coach for the relevant squad/class ("Selectors"). The Selectors aim is to select the sailors, who in their opinion, have the best prospects of progressing to RYA Youth Squads and winning medals for Wales and Great Britain in the future.

Sailors must attend the 'Primary Events' to gain a Welsh Ranking. Priority places will be given to those who have completed all of the Primary Events. A high proportion of the Welsh National Sailing Team places will be allocated to sailors on the basis of their Welsh ranking (a ranking list of Welsh sailors who have applied and based on the Primary Event(s)). Some places may also be awarded on a discretionary basis, using Secondary Events and past results and feedback from coaches.

"Junior Squad" refers to the Welsh National Sailing Team Optimist Squad, Topper Squad, ILCA 4 Squad, RS Tera Squad and/or the RS Feva Squad as the case maybe.

"Youth Squad" refers to ILCA 6 & 7 Squads, 420 Squad, and/or the 29er Squad as the case maybe.



Eligibility

To be eligible for selection to the Welsh National Sailing Team and the relevant squads referred to in this policy, a sailor should meet the age criteria in the matrix below and be eligible to compete for Great Britain in the World Sailing Youth World Championship.

In addition, the sailors primary place of residence and their primary sailing club, must be situated in Wales. In exceptional circumstance, if there isn't a suitable Welsh Sailing Club near their Primary Residence, the Primary Sailing club can be a non- Welsh club.

In exceptional circumstances, non-residents of Wales may elect to apply for a Welsh National Sailing Team place. They will be considered for inclusion using the following criteria: -

1. Existing or previous membership of a Welsh National Sailing Team.
2. The sailors' crew or helm meets the above criteria (Double-handed youth classes only).
3. Their primary sailing club must be situated in Wales and is the closest suitable sailing club to their primary residence. These sailors will, however, not be eligible for equipment provision.

If a sailor has previously been a member of another region or home country and has moved primary residence and primary sailing club, they will need approval from both the Junior Racing Manager / Home Country Performance Manager and the Performance Manager (Wales) before they are considered for selection into a Welsh National Sailing Team. Without this approval, a sailor cannot be a member of a Welsh National Sailing Team after being a member of another region or home country squad.

Applications will be checked by the Performance Manager to ensure the eligibility criteria are met before being put to the Selection Committee.

Selectors may recommend to the PSC that older sailors are involved in Welsh National Sailing Team training. Sailors falling into this category are encouraged to apply and could be eligible for discretionary places.

Working towards a balanced gender mix within the Welsh National Sailing Team, Selectors may recommend to the PSC that they invite sailors falling outside of the normal selection criteria to ensure a minimum number, of either gender, usually not less than 30%, are included within the programme.

Sailors may be invited to attend one or more Welsh National Sailing Team training sessions on a trial basis if the Selectors are not certain that a sailor will meet a required level of ability. This option may normally be considered for sailors significantly below age or in transition from a different class.

At Junior level for single hander sailors there is the option to also be a member of the RS Feva Squad. Otherwise, a sailor cannot usually be a member of more than one Welsh National Sailing Team squad. However, in circumstances where a sailor is considering transition between classes, they may make a request to the Performance Manager to be allowed to train alongside another Welsh National Team squad.

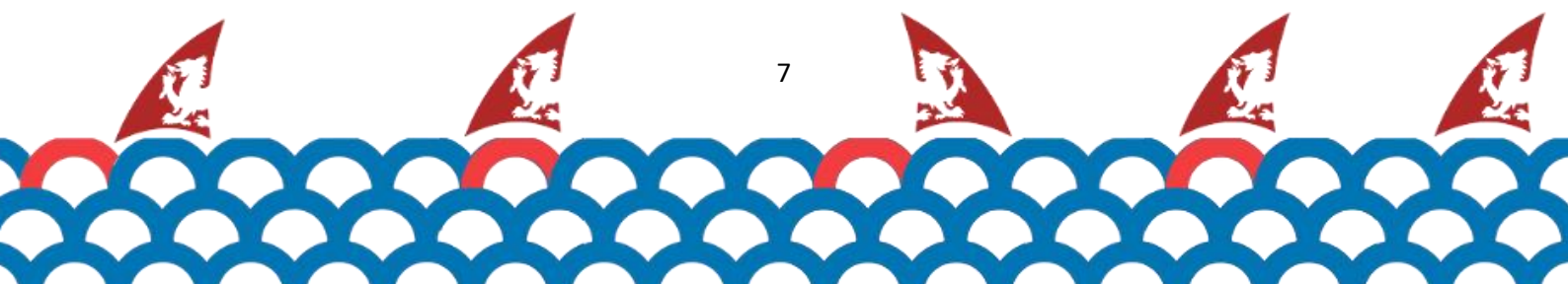
Sailors cannot be a member of both the Welsh National Sailing Team and the RYA Team England Performance Development Programme; sailors must choose to be part of one or the other.

Target Welsh National Sailing Team squad Sizes by Class and Age 2026/2027

Welsh National Sailing Team squad sizes will vary depending upon the strength and depth of talent in each class. However approximate indicative numbers are shown in the tables below. Ages set out in the tables below are in respect of the relevant class as of 31st December 2026.

Welsh National Sailing Team – Squads Profile						
Optimist	Topper	ILCA4	RS Feva	RS Tera	Youth Squads (420, ILCA 6&7 29ers,)	Academy and Post Youth Support
U15*	U15*	U15*	U15*	U15*	U19*	U21*
6-12 Boats	12 – 18 Boats	6-12 Boats	3-6 Boats	12-18 Boats	6-12 Sailors	Very few

**Typical Age – see specific class/squad part of policy below for further details.*



In exceptional circumstances, the Selectors may consider applicants outside the age ranges provided in the table above and in the specific class/squad part of the policy below.

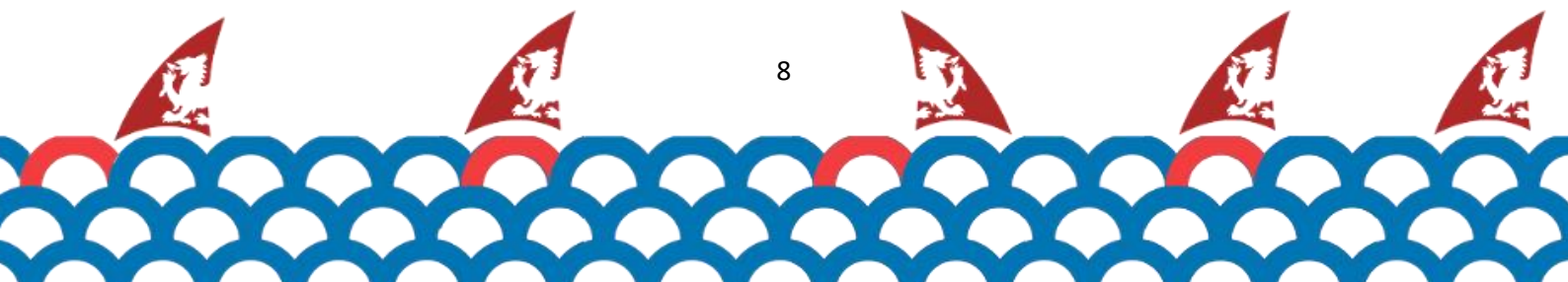
Sailors who have gained places in RYA Youth Squads (no matter what age) will automatically qualify for a place in the relevant Welsh National Sailing Squad.

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

- Fall outside the age criteria.
- Due to exceptional circumstances fail to achieve automatic selection.
- Any other reason the Performance Manager and the Head Coach feel are appropriate.

Cannot attend 'Primary events' due to -

- Bereavement (close family member)
- Injury (supporting doctor or physio note)
- Illness (supporting doctor note)



WELSH NATIONAL SAILING TEAM – OPTIMIST SQUAD

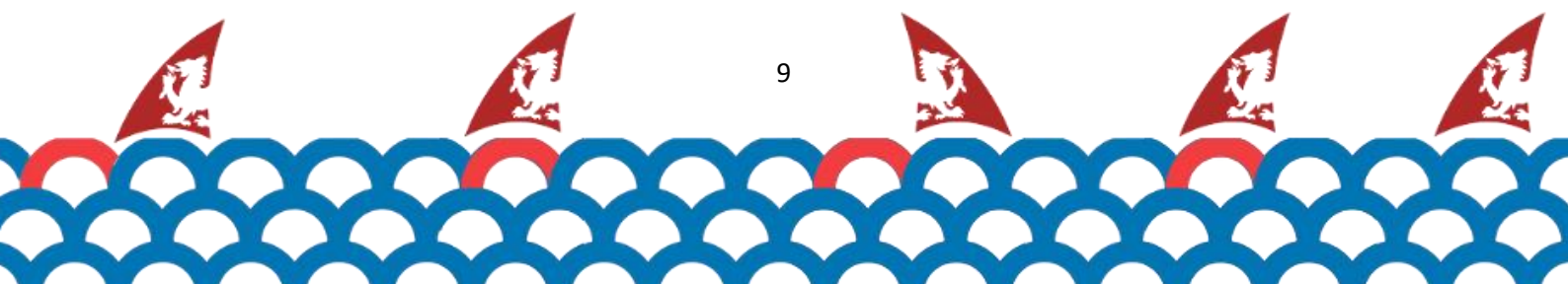
Selection Criteria

Places in the Welsh National Sailing Team – Optimist Squad will be allocated based on sailors’ results from the following events.

National Optimist Squad:

<p>Primary Events Sailors must attend these primary events to gain a Welsh Ranking.</p> <p>Priority Squad places will be offered to those who attend all of the events.</p> <p>Nonattendance reasons on page 6 of this policy</p>	<p>Welsh Club Championships, Cardiff Bay Yacht Club <i>20–21st June 2026</i></p> <p>Optimist National Championships, Largs Sailing Club <i>1st August–7th August 2026</i></p> <p>Welsh Youth & Junior Championships, Plas Heli Welsh National Sailing Academy <i>12–13th September 2026</i></p> <p>Past results and feedback from coaches will also be considered.</p>
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Squad Profile 2026 – 2027	Age Profile (31 st Dec 2026)
6 places by Welsh Optimist Ranking (consisting of the above events)	Under 15
Any number of places at the discretion of the Selection Committee. Preference maybe given to younger sailors	Under 14
Further places in exceptional circumstances maybe awarded outside these criteria. These places will normally but not exclusively be awarded to females	Under 15



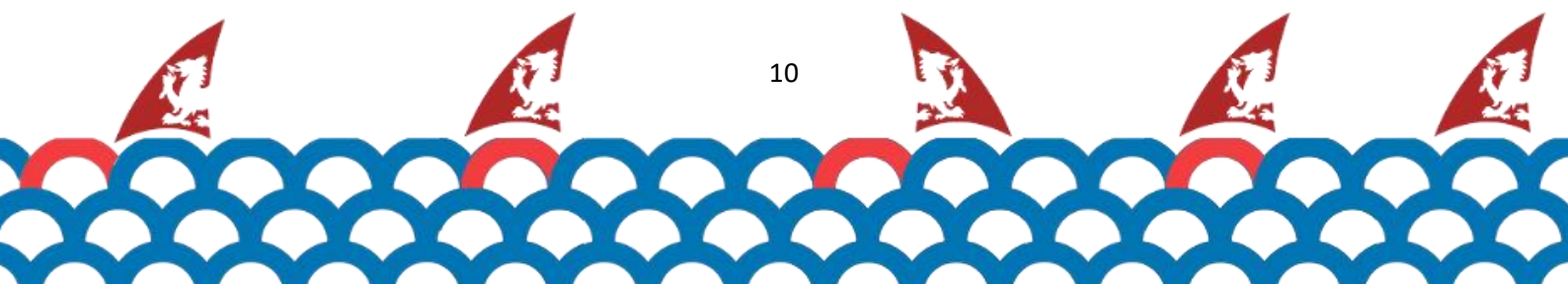
WELSH NATIONAL SAILING TEAM – TOPPER SQUAD

Places in the Welsh National Sailing Team – Topper Squad will be allocated based on sailor’s results from the following events:

<p>Primary Events Sailors must attend these primary events to gain a Welsh Ranking.</p> <p>Priority Squad places will be offered to those who attend all of the events.</p> <p>Nonattendance reasons on page 6 of this policy</p>	<p>Welsh Topper Championships – Llandegfedd Sailing Club 27-28th June 2026</p> <p>Welsh Club Championships, Cardiff Bay Yacht Club 20-21st June 2026</p> <p>ITCA National Championships – Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy 9-14th August 2026</p> <p>Welsh Youth & Junior Championships, Plas Heli Welsh National Sailing Academy 12-13th September 2026</p> <p>Past results and feedback from coaches will also be considered.</p>
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Welsh National Squad Profile 2026 – 2027	Age Profile (31 st Dec 2026)
6 sailors by Welsh Topper ranking (consisting of the above events)	Under 15
Any number of places on the discretion of the Selection Committee. Preference may be given to younger sailors	Under 14
Further places in exceptional circumstances maybe awarded outside these criteria. These places will normally but not exclusively be awarded to females	Under 16

Sailors can apply in the 5.3 and 4.2 rig. It is desired that the sailors will be in the 5.3 rig.

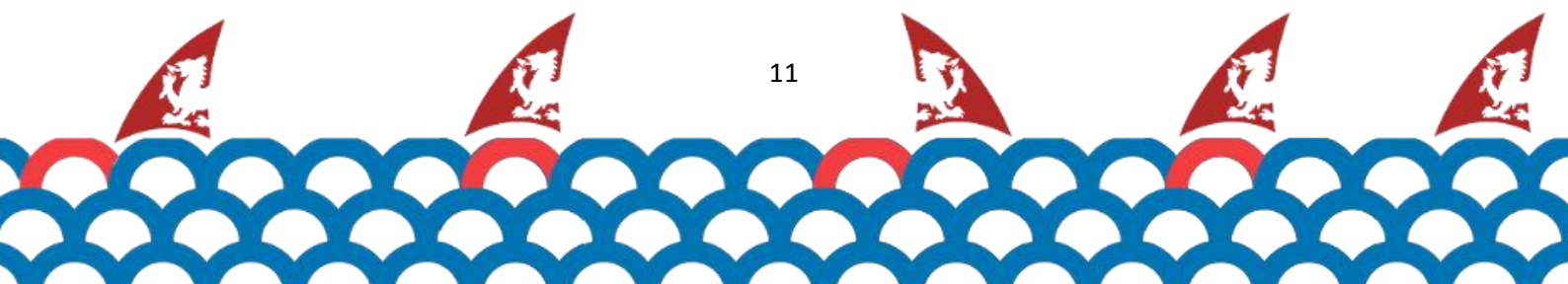


WELSH NATIONAL SAILING TEAM – RS FEVA SQUAD

Places in the Welsh National Sailing Team – RS Feva Squad will be allocated based on sailor’s results from the following events:

<p>Primary Events Sailors must attend these primary events to gain a Welsh Ranking.</p> <p>Priority Squad places will be offered to those who attend all of the events and to those not in a single handed Junior Squad</p> <p>Nonattendance reasons on page 6 of this policy</p>	<p>RS Feva National Championships, Plas Heli Welsh National Sailing Academy <i>23-26th May 2026</i></p> <p>Welsh Club Championships, Cardiff Bay Yacht Club <i>20-21st June 2026</i></p> <p>Welsh Youth & Junior Championships, Plas Heli Welsh National Sailing Academy <i>12-13th September 2026</i></p> <p>Past results and feedback from coaches will also be considered.</p>
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Welsh National Squad Profile 2026 – 2027	Age Profile (31 st Dec 2026)
6 boats by Welsh RS Feva ranking (consisting of the above events)	Under 15
Any number of places on the discretion of the Selection Committee. Preference may be given to younger sailors	Under 14
Further places in exceptional circumstances maybe awarded outside these criteria. These places will normally but not exclusively be awarded to females	Under 16



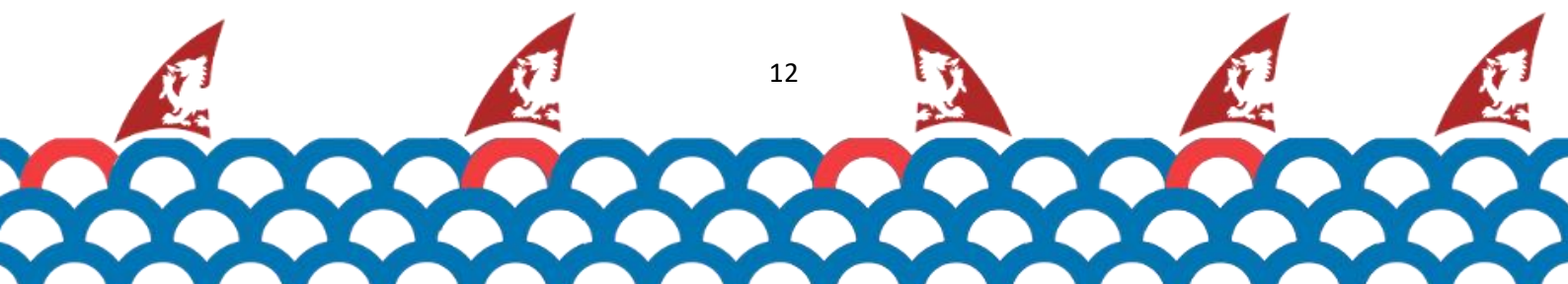
WELSH NATIONAL SAILING TEAM – RS TERA SQUAD

Places in the Welsh National Sailing Team – RS Tera Squad will be allocated based on sailor’s results from the following events:

<p>Primary Events</p> <p>Sailors must attend these primary events to gain a Welsh Ranking.</p> <p>Priority Squad places will be offered to those who attend all of the events.</p> <p>Nonattendance reasons on page 6 of this policy</p>	<p>RS Tera National Championships, Plas Heli Welsh National Sailing Academy <i>27-31st May 2026</i></p> <p>Welsh Club Championships, Cardiff Bay Yacht Club <i>20-21st June 2026</i></p> <p>Welsh Youth & Junior Championships, Plas Heli Welsh National Sailing Academy <i>12-13th September 2026</i></p> <p>Past results and feedback from coaches will also be considered.</p>
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Welsh National Squad Profile 2026 – 2027	Age Profile (31 st Dec 2026)
6 boats by Welsh RS Tera ranking (consisting of the above events)	Under 15
Any number of places on the discretion of the Selection Committee. Preference may be given to younger sailors	Under 14
Further places in exceptional circumstances maybe awarded outside these criteria. These places will normally but not exclusively be awarded to females	Under 16

Sailors can apply in the RS Tera Sport and RS Tera Pro



WELSH NATIONAL SAILING TEAM – ILCA SQUADS

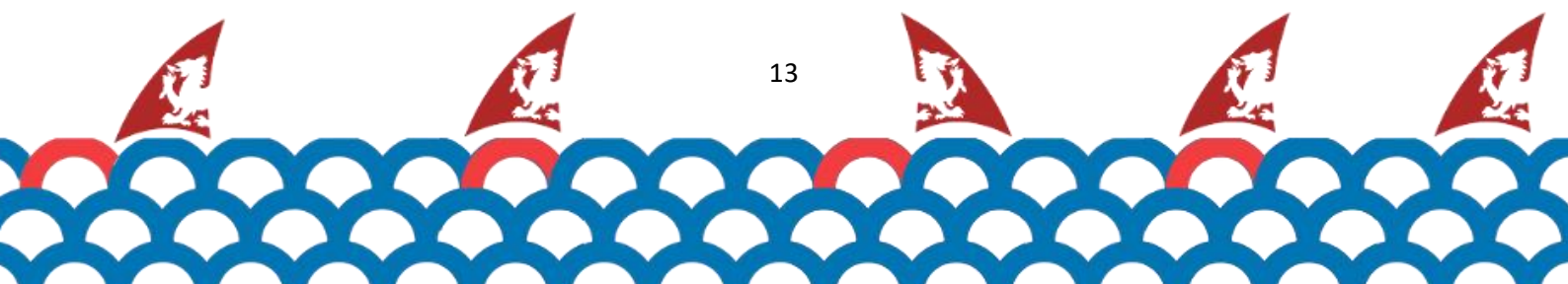
Sailors who have gained a place in an RYA Youth ILCA Squad (no matter what age) will automatically qualify for a place in the relevant Welsh National Youth Sailing Team – ILCA Squad.

Places in the Welsh National Sailing Team – ILCA Squads will be based on a sailor’s results from the following events relevant to their class/squad:

ILCA 4 :-

<p>Primary Events</p> <p>Sailors must attend these primary events to gain a Welsh Ranking.</p> <p>Priority Squad places will be offered to those who attend all of the events.</p> <p><i>Nonattendance reasons on page 6 of this policy</i></p>	<p>Welsh Club Championships, Cardiff Bay Yacht Club <i>20-21st June 2026</i></p> <p>Welsh ILCA Championships, Plas Heli Welsh National Sailing Academy <i>4-5th July 2026</i></p> <p>ILCA National Championships, Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy <i>23-29th July 2026</i></p> <p>Welsh Youth & Junior Championships, Plas Heli Welsh National Sailing Academy <i>12-13th September 2026</i></p>
<p>Secondary Events</p>	<p>RYA Eric Twiname Championships, Rutland Water Sailing Club <i>2-4th May</i></p> <p>Past results and feedback from coaches will also be considered.</p>

Potential applicants should make every effort to attend the Primary Events and Secondary Events listed above

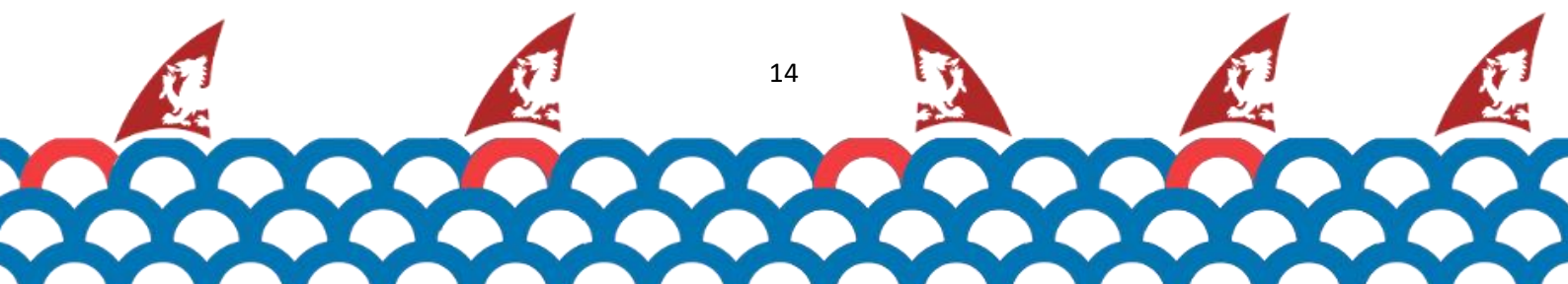


ILCA 4

Squad Profile 2026 – 2027	Age Profile (31 st Dec 2026)
6 places by Welsh Ranking (based on the Primary event above)	Under 15
Any number of places on the discretion of the Selection Committee. Preference maybe given to younger sailors	Under 14
Further places in exceptional circumstances maybe awarded outside these criteria. These places will normally but not exclusively be awarded to females.	Under 16

ILCA 6 & 7:-

<p>Primary Events</p> <p>Sailors must attend these primary events to gain a Welsh Ranking.</p> <p>Priority Squad places will be offered to those who attend all of the events.</p> <p>Nonattendance reasons on page 6 of this policy</p>	<p>RYA Youth National Championships, Hayling Island Sailing Club <i>7-10th April 2026</i></p> <p>Welsh ILCA Championships, Plas Heli Welsh National Sailing Academy <i>4-5th July 2026</i></p> <p>ILCA National Championships, Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy <i>23-29th July 2026</i></p> <p>Welsh Youth & Junior Championships, Plas Heli Welsh National Sailing Academy <i>12-13th September 2026</i></p>
<p>Secondary Events</p>	<p>Welsh Club Championships, Cardiff Bay Yacht Club <i>20-21st June 2026</i></p> <p>Past results and feedback from coaches will also be considered.</p>



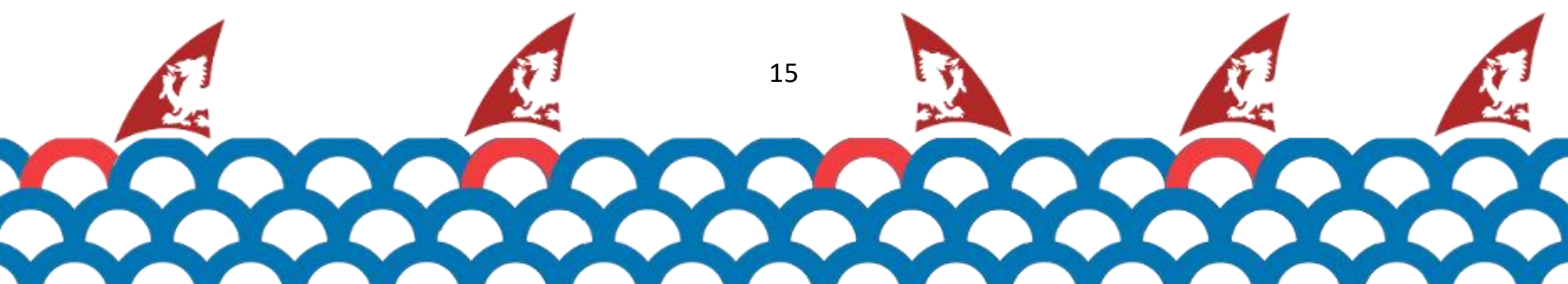
Potential applicants should make every effort to attend the Primary Events and Secondary Events

ILCA 6 & 7

Squad Profile 2026- 2027	Age Profile (31 st Dec 2026)
6 places by Welsh Ranking (based on the Primary event above)	Under 19
Any number of places on the discretion of the Selection Committee. Preference maybe given to younger sailors	Under 19
Further places in exceptional circumstances maybe awarded outside these criteria. These places will normally but not exclusively be awarded to females.	Under 21

Discretionary Places

For sailors in transition from a Junior class, the Selectors will also consider results from their previous class's international or national championships as a selection indicator.



WELSH NATIONAL SAILING TEAM – 420 SQUAD

Sailors who have gained a place in an RYA 420 Youth Squad (no matter what age) will automatically qualify for a place in the Welsh National Sailing Team – 420 Squad. RYA Cymru Wales are keen to support gender balance and as such will consider mixed pairings for the 420 class.

420

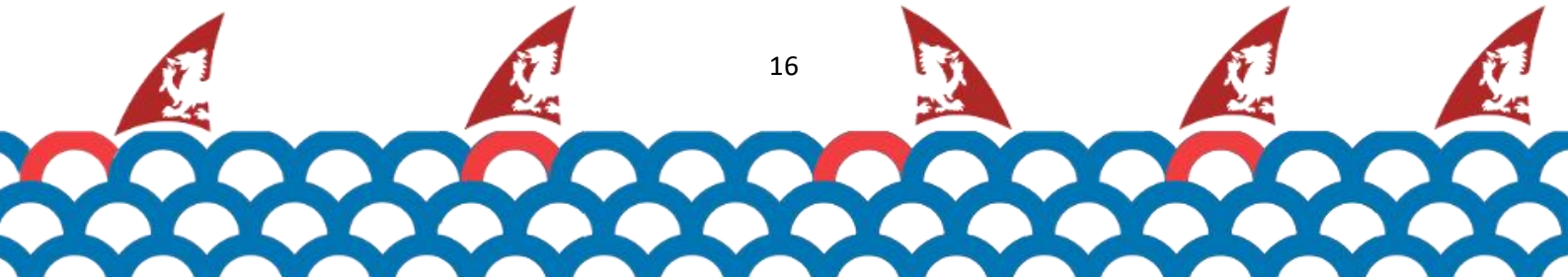
<p>Primary Events</p> <p>Sailors must attend these primary events to gain a Welsh Ranking.</p> <p>Priority Squad places will be offered to those who attend all of the events.</p> <p><i>Nonattendance reasons on page 6 of this policy</i></p>	<p>RYA Youth National Championships, Hayling Island Sailing Club 7-10th April 2026</p> <p>420 National Championships, Brixham Sailing Club 27-31st August 2026</p> <p>Welsh Youth & Junior Championships, Plas Heli Welsh National Sailing Academy 12-13th September 2026</p>
<p>Secondary Events</p>	<p>Welsh Club Championships, Cardiff Bay Yacht Club 20-21st June 2026</p> <p>Past results and feedback from coaches will also be considered.</p>

Potential applicants should make every effort to attend the Primary Events and Secondary Events

Squad Profile 2026- 2027	Age Profile (31 st Dec 2026)
6 places by Welsh Ranking (based on the Primary event above)	Under 19
Any number of places on the discretion of the Selection Committee. Preference maybe given to younger sailors and females	Under 19

Discretionary Places

For sailors in transition from a Junior class, the Selectors will also be able to consider results from their previous class's international or national championships as a selection indicator.



WELSH NATIONAL SAILING TEAM - 29er SQUAD

Sailors who have gained a place in RYA Youth 29er Squad (no matter what age) will automatically qualify for a place in the Welsh National Sailing Team – 29er Squad. RYA Cymru Wales are keen to support gender balance and as such will consider mixed pairings for the 29er class.

29er

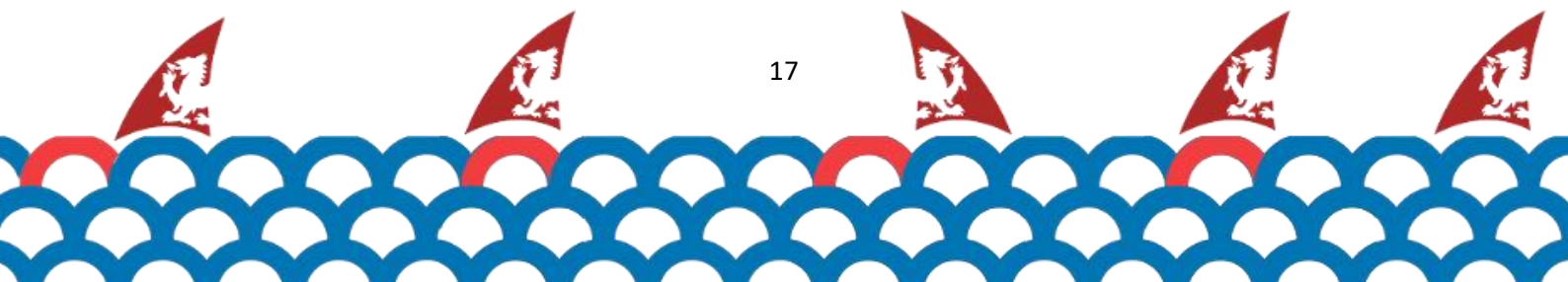
<p>Primary Events</p> <p>Sailors must attend these primary events to gain a Welsh Ranking.</p> <p>Priority Squad places will be offered to those who attend all of the events.</p> <p><i>Nonattendance reasons on page 6 of this policy</i></p>	<p>RYA Youth National Championships, Hayling Island Sailing Club 3-6th April 2026</p> <p>29er National Championships, Hayling Island Sailing Club 15-21st August 2026</p> <p>Welsh Youth & Junior Championships, Plas Heli Welsh National Sailing Academy 12-13th September 2026</p>
<p>Secondary Events</p>	<p>Welsh Club Championships, Cardiff Bay Yacht Club 20-21st June 2026</p> <p>Past results and feedback from coaches will also be considered.</p>

Potential applicants should make every effort to attend the Primary Events and Secondary Events

Squad Profile 2026 – 2027	Age Profile (31 st Dec 2026)
6 places by Welsh Ranking (based on the Primary event above)	Under 19
Any number of places on the discretion of the Selection Committee. Preference maybe given to younger sailors and females	Under 19

Discretionary Places

For sailors in transition from a Junior class the Selectors will also be able to consider results from their previous class's international or national championships as a selection indicator.



How to Apply for Welsh National Sailing Team

Sailors wishing to be considered for a place in the relevant squad of the Welsh National Sailing Team should complete an online application form at www.welshsailing.com It is expected that online entries will open in September 2026.

Notification

All applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application in writing by email as soon as is practically possible after the close of applications, usually within 21 days.

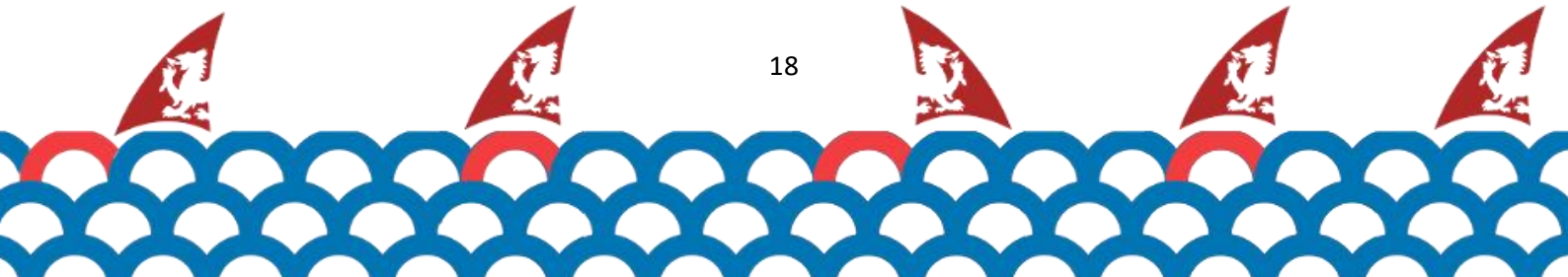
Welsh National Sailing Team Benefits and Sailors Commitments

Sailors selected to join the Welsh National Sailing Team will access a range of benefits:

- ❑ National squad training weekends run by a high-level class coaches
- ❑ Access to squad clothing
- ❑ Coach support at selected national events
- ❑ Possibility of application to further grants
- ❑ Possible selection to Welsh teams such as the RYA Eric Twiname Championships, Celtic Cup
- ❑ Support to gain coaching qualifications
- ❑ Access to sports science support
- ❑ Opportunity to make friends for life

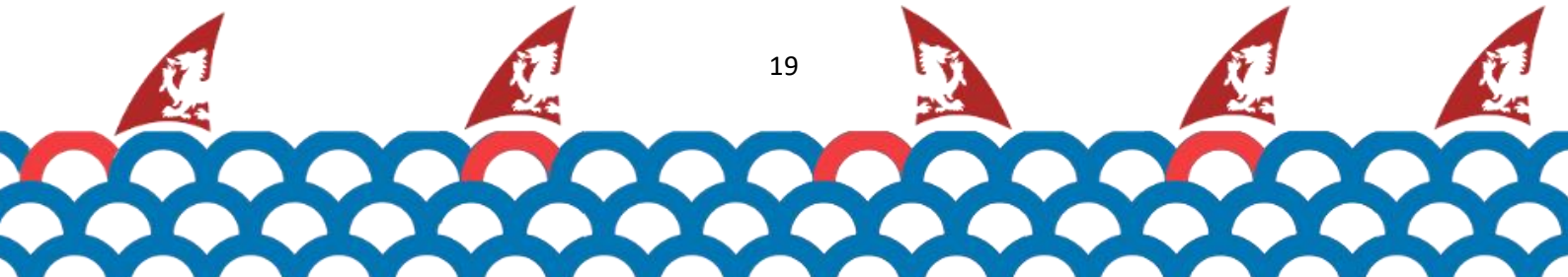
In return sailors must:

- ❑ Attend all the Welsh National Sailing Team training weekends relevant to their squad (normally spread over weekends between October and June). There will be no refunds for non-attendance unless agreed with Performance Manager in advance.
- ❑ Pay all squad fees and any other fees within the programme timeframe*
- ❑ Become a member of the RYA.
- ❑ Commit to the agreed training programme.
- ❑ Commit to the competition programme agreed by the Performance Manager and Squad Head Coach.
- ❑ Abide by the Welsh National Sailing Team relevant squad rules.



- ❑ Agree to be bound by the National Governing Bodies Anti-Doping Rules which can be found [here](#)
- ❑ Cooperate with Code-compliant Anti-doping investigations and proceedings.

****Although the Welsh National Sailing Team Programme is supported and subsidised by Sports Wales, some costs need to be met and there will be a charge for the programme. Fees can be paid in instalments by arrangement.***



WELSH YOUTH AND JUNIOR ACADEMY AND POST YOUTH SUPPORT

Exceptional sailors may be invited by the Selectors to join the Welsh Youth and Junior Academy. The Welsh Sailing Youth and Junior Academy is for sailors who have the potential to win medals at National and International Junior, Youth & Senior competition in time. The Academy is open for selection at various times, but the main entry point will be in the autumn of 2026.

As guidance the Academy will typically be made up of sailors who have several of the following characteristics:

- Been in a Junior or Youth class for more than a year.
- Showing significant potential to medal at National and International events.
- Been selected for the GBR Youth Squad for winter 2026/2027 or showing significant potential to be selected in 2027.
- Finished the previous year within the top 10% or top 10 whichever is smaller in the UK gender rankings for that class.
- Can demonstrate high levels of talent, work ethic and desire for improvement.
- Represented GBR at World or European Championships.

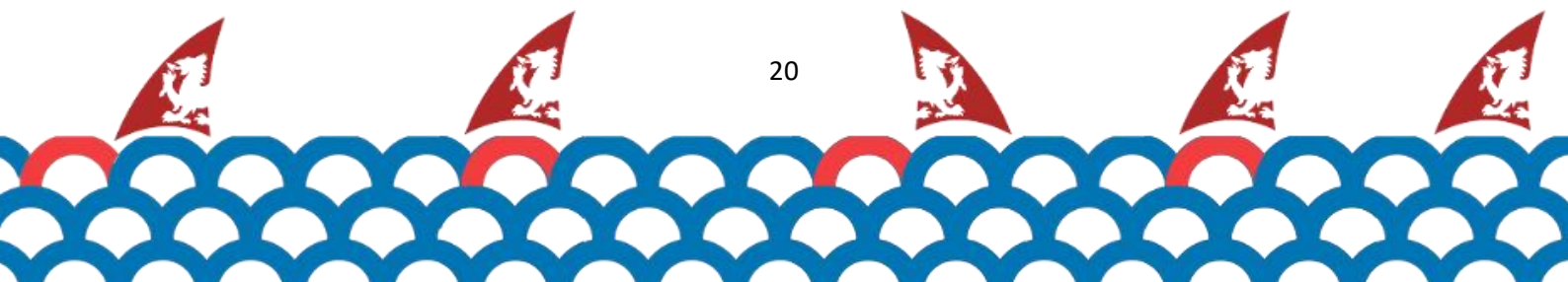
The Academy will support those sailors with;

- Additional Training camps
- Tailored small group training time in their local area with Academy Coaches.
- Training in wider factions of the sport such as rules and match racing.
- Agreed training plans to address training and lifestyle needs.
- Event support at major championships and where suitable international competition.
- Equipment Support.
- Gym access, clothing etc.
- Additional fitness support over the winter

The exact structure of each Academy package will vary to maximise the effectiveness of the support to allow each sailor to make maximum progress.

Post Youth – Pursuing Podium/ RYA Transitional Squads,

Consideration will also be given to applications for support from sailors who have shown an exceptional track record as a youth sailor (e.g. Podium finish at World or European



events) who are not selected into the British Sailing Olympic Pathway at the end of their youth sailing careers. Sailors must be actively pursuing selection within one of the Olympic classes. Support will be for a maximum of two years. The exact structure of each sailor's package will vary to maximise the effectiveness of any support to allow each sailor to make maximum progress.

Selection Committee

The Selection Committee shall comprise of the Performance Manager, the Head Coach of the class and Regional Head Coaches (if applicable). Selections will be subject to the approval of the PSC.

Appeals

There will be no appeals against the published selection criteria or the actions of the Selectors, Selection Committee and/or PSC provided they all follow the relevant selection criteria set out in this policy. By submitting a Welsh National sailing Team application form the applicants agree to this condition. By entering the selection process sailors agree to this condition.

The grounds for appeal are limited to allegations of:

- Failure to follow the applicable selection policy
- Failure to take into account relevant considerations or taking into account irrelevant considerations
- Bias
- Decisions made in bad faith, dishonestly and/or in a perverse manner

The criteria for appeal may not include any alleged error of judgement of the Selectors. Should an appeal still arise then it should initially be submitted in writing to the Performance Manager through the RYA Cymru Wales Office within 7 Calendar days of the selection being announced.

E: admin@ryacymruwales.org.uk

The full RYA Cymru Wales Appeals Policy is available on request from the RYA Cymru Wales Office

Status

RYA Cymru Wales policies and procedures are subject to change from time to time, including variations required to comply with Sports Wales directions on the investment of Exchequer and Lottery funding.

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

