



REGULATION 12 – YQ SAILBOARD DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2008-2013

(25 July 08)

Aim

1. The aim of the Yachting Queensland (YQ) Sailboarding Development Program (SDP) 2008-2013 is to deliver an effective pathway from youth to open age sailboarding.

Objectives

2. The objectives of SDP within the State Squad are to:
 - a. Provide a training program to develop the sport of sailboarding from Juniors to Youth, and Youth to Open Class;
 - b. Develop a State Development Squad and three level Squads (junior, youth and seniors) to represent Queensland for national competitions;
 - c. Develop two representatives (male and female) to compete in the Australian Youth Championships;
 - d. Appointment of a State Team Coach;
 - e. Establish an effective mentoring program between the older and younger members of the squad;
 - f. Maintain an athlete pathway to the Australian Youth and Australian Sailing Teams (AST);
 - g. Provide structured pathways for continued improvement of YQ athletes;
 - h. Improve the opportunity for dedicated Queensland athletes to gain selection into the Australian Olympic Team;
 - i. Provide Squad members with the opportunity to experience international competition.

Overview

3. The YQ State Squad Sailboard Development program will have four squads:
 - a. **Youth Development Squad (2008).** Participants under the age of 25.
 - b. **State Junior Squad (2008).** Participants under the age of 16.
 - c. **State Youth Squad (2008).** Participants under the age of 19 by 31st December of that year.

- d. **State Open Squad (2009).** Participants of open age and Olympic Class athletes.
4. The size of each squad will be flexible based on the natural talent (who meet criteria) and available finance. The Squad will cater for junior, youth and adult athletes.

Funding

5. The development program will basically be funded by the members of the Squad. Sponsorship will be sought in the form of clothing, equipment, travel, accommodation and commercial backing. Grants application will also be considered for additional sailboarding and related equipment for the program.

Coaching

6. YQ is committed to provide an education framework opportunity, content and access to resources to best prepare athletes for competition, through the appointment of a State Squad Coach. This coach is responsible for the conduct of the development plan. YQ will foster a variety of competitions suitable for all sailboard participants, in the areas of match racing, team racing, class national and State championships, State Youth, junior regattas and identified international competition.

Preferred Classes

7. A range of equipment from various suppliers provides choice for developing youth sailors. In order to develop competition skills and participate at international level sailors are encouraged to compete as a fleet in the following classes:
 - a. Preferred Youth and Open classes: Neil Pryde RSX 8.5; and
 - b. Preferred Junior classes: Bic Techno 293 One Design 6.8.

Training

8. The primary focus will be base on the Bic Techno One Design 293 sailboard, until we attain RSX equipment.
9. Training will predominantly be conducted either from YQ base at Manly or Wellington Point, or at Surf Connect Wind & Kitesurfing School at Shorncliffe or its surrounding area (Bramble Bay to Redcliffe).

Selection Process

10. The athletes will be selected annually by the Selection Committee (composed of the State's Head Sailboard Coach, Executive Officer (EO) of YQ and the President of YQ).
11. Athletes and coaches will be selected through an application system. Applications and selection will be conducted on an annual basis. Individuals will apply and a YQ Selection Committee will review the applications and select the individuals based on the stated criteria.

Selection Criteria

12. Applicants will be assessed by the Selection Committee on the following criteria:

- a. is within the stated age group;
 - b. is a current financial member of YQ through an affiliated club or Class Association;
 - c. is a QLD resident;
 - d. is fully committed to achieving the objectives as stated in this plan;
 - e. acknowledgment and agreement of the YA Sailor Code of Conduct; and
 - f. acknowledgment and agreement of the YA Anti-Doping Policy.
13. The Selection Committee may take into account results from the previous seasons from the following events:
- a. Australian Youth Championships; and
 - b. State and National and International Championships.
14. The Selection Committee will also take into consideration an athletes past compliance with the Athlete Code of Conduct and any disciplinary matters.

Measures of outcomes

15. The development plan strategies will be monitored for quality of delivery and for achievement of the success measures attributed to each strategy.

Application Process

16. The Athlete or Coach to complete the YQ Application Form on www.qld.yachting.org.au and forward to:

The Sailboard State Squad Selection Committee
Yachting Queensland
P.O. Box 5462
Manly QLD 4179

17. The application must be received at YQ by the 31st July each year. The application must contain all supporting evidence for the Selection Committee consideration. Applicants will be advised of State Squad selection/non-selection by mail by 31st August.