



## REGULATION 3 : STATE SQUAD POLICY

(November 2008)

### General

1. Yachting Queensland (YQ) has established a State Squad as an underpinning program to the National High Performance Program.

### Program Objectives

2. The YQ program has been developed to provide high performance training and coaching to selected athletes and coaches with the aim of achieving the following objectives:

- a. Provide two of the Australian Youth Team sailors by 2010;
- b. All State Squad members to achieve a top ten placing at their respective class National Championship in an International Sailing Federation (ISAF) recognised class;
- c. Maintain a pool of squad coaches;
- d. Establish an effective mentoring program between the older and younger members of the squad;
- e. Maintain an athlete pathway to the Australian Youth and Australian Sailing Teams (AST).
- f. Provide structured pathways for continued improvement of Yachting Queensland athletes (see paragraph 4 of this document).
- g. Improve the opportunity for dedicated Queensland athletes to gain selection into the Australian Sailing Team.

### State Squad Organisation

3. The State Squad has four groups:
  - a. Junior Squad. Athletes in recognised junior pathway classes;
  - b. Youth Squad. Athletes in preferred Youth World Classes;
  - c. Adult Squad. Open age, Olympic Class; and
  - d. State Squad Coaches.

## Athlete Pathway

## Classes

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|-------------------------|--|
| Olympic Team            | All Olympic Classes  |
| Australian Sailing Team |  |
| State Sailing Team      |  |
| State Squad             |  |
| Junior Youth Adult      |  |
| State Train On Squad    |  |
| Club / Class            | 420, 29er, Laser 4.7,<br>Hobie 16, Bic Techno<br>Sailboard, Laser Radial |
|                         | Optimist, Sabot  |

### Selection and Composition State Squad

5. The State Squad will be selected annually by the State Youth Committee (SYC). The SYC will forward its recommendations to the Board for concurrence.

6. The size of the squad will be flexible based on the natural talent (who meet the criteria) and available finance. The Squad will cater for junior, youth and adult athletes.

### State Squad Selection Criteria - Athletes

8. Athletes will be assessed by the SYC on the following criteria:

- a. be within the stated age group to be eligible to participate in the next available youth worlds;
- b. be a current financial member of YQ through an affiliated club or Class Association;
- c. place top ten (10) nationally in a ISAF recognised youth class for the previous season (determined by results) or a YQ recognized pathway class;
- d. be a QLD resident;
- e. be fully committed to achieving the objectives in paragraph 2 above;
- f. Acknowledgment and agreement of the YA Sailor Code of Conduct; and
- g. Acknowledgment and agreement of the YA Anti-Doping Policy.

9. The SYC may take into account results from the previous seasons from the following events:

- a. Australian Youth Championships;
- b. State and National and International Championships; and
- c. The Sail Down Under Series (Sail Brisbane, Sail Sydney and Sail Melbourne).

10. The SYC will also take into consideration an athlete's past compliance with the Athlete Code of Conduct and any disciplinary matters.

#### **State Squad Selection Criteria – Coaches**

11. Coaches will be assessed by the SYC based on the following criteria:

- a. YA Instructor (or equivalent);
- b. Acknowledgement and agreement of the Yachting Australia (YA) Coaches Code of Conduct;
- c. Acknowledgment and agreement of the YA Child Protection Requirements and the Child Protection Policy;
- d. Acknowledgment and agreement of the YA Anti-Discrimination and Harassment Policy; and
- e. Acknowledgment and agreement of the YA Sexual Relationships Policy.

12. The SYC will also take into consideration a coach's past compliance with the Coach Code of Conduct and any disciplinary matters.

#### **Composition State Squad Selection Committee**

13. Selection of the state Squad will be conducted by the SYC (See Regulation 14). The SYC will provide recommendations to the YQ Board regarding selections of State Squad and State teams.

#### **State Squad Management**

14. The EO YQ in liaison with the YA HP Coach (QLD) will be responsible for the overall management of the State Squad.

#### **Selection Appeal Process**

15. There is no process for appeal.

#### **State Squad Training**

16. Athletes selected to the State Squad will be given an initial training program by the YA HP Coach (QLD). Attendance at State Squad training is required for an athlete to maintain his/her position in the Squad.

#### **State Squad Coordinator**

17. The YA HP Coach (QLD) will coordinate the QLD State Squad program in liaison with the EO YQ.

18. The Coordinator is to submit an annual report to the SYC (including a budget) covering the activities and progress of the State Squad.

## **Program Costs**

19. The State Squad program will basically be funded by YQ. Sponsorship will be sought in the form of clothing, equipment, travel, accommodation and commercial backing. Athletes in the Train on Squad will be required to fund part of their training.

## **Yachting Queensland File**

20. Details of the State Squad can be found in the following YQ files which are held and maintained by the YQ Technical Officer:

- a. State Squad Camps (for particular year);
- b. State Squad Selection;
- c. State Squad Athletes;
- d. State Squad Coordinator Reports; and
- e. SYC Minutes.