



RS Tera Class Association

NATIONAL TRAINING SQUAD SELECTION POLICY 2016 / 2017

1. INTRODUCTION

This document sets out the selection policy, the squad composition, the selection process, the responsibilities of individuals involved in the selection process and the appeals process.

2. PURPOSE OF THE SELECTION PROCESS

The purpose is to select the sailors who will be invited to train in one of the RS Tera Class Association Squads, in order to develop their skills and knowledge to enable them to excel.

3. RS Tera Class Association Squads

The RS Tera Class Association has 4 squads, PRO National, PRO, SPORT National, and SPORT.

4. ELIGIBILITY

All sailors must be members of the RS Tera Class Association UK to be considered for any squad.

5. QUALIFICATION

In order to be selected for one of these squads the sailor should aim to compete in the three RS Tera Class Association UK major events in 2016.

These are:

- Start of Season Championships 23rd & 24th April 2016 – Northampton Sailing Club
- Inland Championships 18th & 19th June 2016 – Grafham Sailing Club Sailing Club
- National Championships 26th to 29th August 2016 – Plas Heli Welsh National Sailing Academy

The individual race results for each of the championships will be rescored removing any non RS Tera Class (UK) i.e. foreign, competitors.

The scheduled number of races at each championship at the time of publication of this document is:

Start of Season Championships 8
Inland Championships 8
National Championships 10

Total: 26 races

The ranking list will be compiled by adding together each individual race score from the championship events.

The total number of races sailed in over all Championship events determine the number of discards to be applied, as follows;

22 -26 races 5 discards
17-21 races 4 discards
13-16 races 3 discards
9-12 races 2 discards
5-8 races 1 discard
4 races or less 0 discards

Discards will only apply to events competed in, therefore all non entered event races will count towards overall scores, at a rate of entry +1.

The net points will then be used to rank the competitors where the competitors are listed from first to last (lowest net points first).

The provisional interim National Ranking list will be published on the RS Tera Class Association website as soon as possible after each ranking event to allow sailors to check their positions and then again after the last ranking event to show the ranking list positions on which squad selections will be based.

6. SQUAD COMPOSITION

The National Squad will normally consist of 40 sailors, which will be allocated on the following basis:

National Squad –

- PRO National Squad - The top 4 ranking sailors in the PRO fleet, with 4 discretionary places **(8)**
- PRO Squad - The top 4 ranking sailors in the SPORT fleet who are moving up to the PRO fleet, with 8 discretionary places **(12)**
- SPORT National Squad - The top 4 ranking sailors in the SPORT fleet, excluding those sailors that are moving up to the PRO fleet, with 4 discretionary places **(8)**
- SPORT Squad - The next 4 ranking sailors in the SPORT fleet, excluding those sailors that are moving up to the PRO fleet, with 8 discretionary places **(12)**

7. APPLICATION

All Sailors wishing to be considered for the RS Tera Class Association UK training squads should contact the RS Tera Class Association UK secretary to register their interest and request an application form.

secretary@rstera.org

Applications should be registered and forms returned to the RS Tera Class Association UK secretary by midnight on Friday 19th August 2016.

8. THE ROLE OF THE SELECTION COMMITTEE

The role of the Selection Committee is to ensure that the RS Tera Class Association selection process is followed and to consider requests for discretionary places. The Selection Committee will comprise of the following:

- Secretary of the RS Tera Class Association UK, who will also be Chair of Selectors
- The RS Tera Class Association PRO Squad Coach
- The RS Tera Class Association SPORT Squad Coach

Where it is deemed that a conflict of interest exists where discretionary places are to be awarded, this must be declared at the beginning of the selection meeting and an additional member of the RS Tera Class Association UK committee with no conflict of interest may be drafted in to ensure fairness.

9. EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES / FAILURE TO ATTEND RANKING EVENTS

Where sailors are either:

- Unable to attend any of the RS Tera Class Association ranking events, or
- Would like to make the selectors aware of any exceptional circumstances which could be considered during selection, they should notify the RS Tera Class Association UK Secretary in writing including any relevant reasons at secretary@rstera.org as soon as is possible, and at the latest by midnight before the last day of the last qualifying Championship.

10. DISCRETIONARY PLACES

Discretionary places will be determined by the Selection Committee and may be offered to sailors who fail to achieve automatic selection, possibly (but not exclusively) because they were injured, suffered bereavement, or were for another significant exceptional reason unable to attend all of the ranking events.

Gear failure or breakage is considered a reason for a discretionary place, damage to a boat by another competitor would be dealt with under the normal rules of sailing.

When allocating discretionary places the selection committee will take into consideration the following factors:

- Age and potential
- Factors affecting results
- Performance in the Indicator series
- Attitude and behaviour throughout the series
- Class ranking list
- Performance in other significant domestic or international events
- Goals and aspirations
- Other factors the selection committee considers appropriate

11. 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 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.

12. APPEAL PROCESS

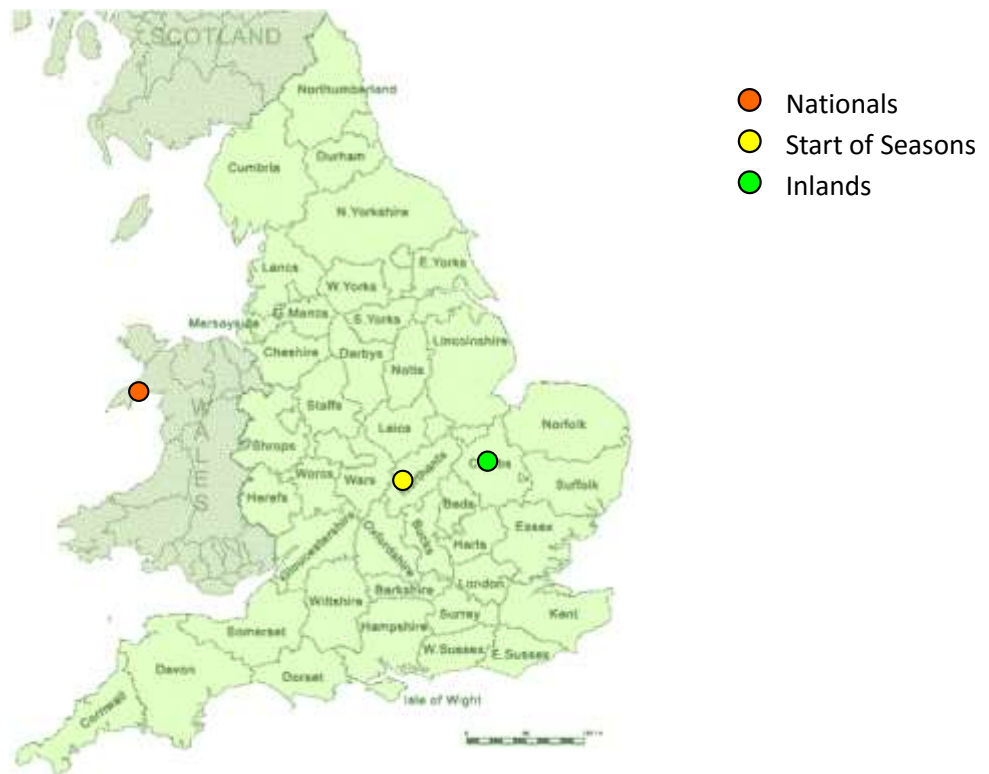
There will be no appeals against the selection criteria and the decision of the Selectors. By entering one of the ranking events the applicants agree to this condition.

13. STATUS

The RS Tera Class Association policies and procedures are subject to change from time to time.

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

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Squad Dates and Venues - Updated on 16th May 2016

5th and 6th November 2016 – Oxford Sailing Club

3rd and 4th December Hayling Island Sailing Club

18th and 19th February – Northampton Sailing Club

18th and 19th March – Draycote Sailing Club

8th and 9th April – Burton Sailing Club