

HKSF SELECTION GUIDELINES
2023 29er World Championships Weymouth Great Britain,
(Issued 30 March 2023)
FINAL

1. The Championship

The 2023 29er World Championships will be held on 27th July to 4th August 2023 at Weymouth Great Britain.

Notice of Race can be seen at the following link - <https://int29erclass.ourclubadmin.com/notice-board.php?event=297> .

Up to three 29er teams will be supported in the event.

2. Eligibility

To be eligible for selection each sailor must (at end of May 2023):

- (a) be a member of HKSF (if you are not a member yet, please apply for and be accepted for membership to HKSF prior to the event);
- (b) be a member of HKSF National Youth Squad for 2023 (if you are not, you must join the squad after being selected);
- (c) be a fully paid-up member of the International 29er Class Association;
- (d) have a Parent/Guardian Declaration as required in the NOR 4.5;
- (e) be an ordinary resident in Hong Kong and have resided in Hong Kong for a period of 7 years;
- (f) be at least 13 years old before 31st December 2023 and under 22 years old on 31st December 2023;
- (g) agree to attend the training and competition programs designated by HKSI Coach in preparation for the 29er World Championships;
- (h) comply with all requirements of the Notice of Race.

3. Selection

3.1 These Selection Guidelines are HKSF's selection criteria only for funding for this event, not eligibility to actually enter the event, which is open to members of International 29er Class Association.

3.2 The objective is to select and support eligible sailors who have the best potential to win medals at the 29er World Championships.

3.3 The following number of 29er teams will be selected by the results in Kiel Week (17 to 25 June 2023, Germany):

- a) One boys/mixed team
- b) One girls team

3.4 One additional 29er team may be selected by a Special Panel appointed by HKSF which may include representatives from HKSI.

3.5 The selections by the Special Panel will be based on the following criteria taking account of evidence from training and in relevant competition in the following areas:

- (a) potential to win medals at the event;
- (b) attendance, punctuality, and training record;
- (c) behavior in terms of good sportsmanship;
- (d) record of injuries, illness, and damage where and when found applicable;
- (e) recommendations from the HKSI coach in charge of HKSF national 29er youth team.

3.6 The final selection will need to be voted on and approved by the HKSF Council.

3.7 HKSF reserves the right not to select and support a sailor/team for the 29er World Championships if such sailor/team has not finished within the top 30% of 29er fleet in a local regatta in the last 12 months.

3.8 HKSF reserves the right to withdraw the selection of a sailor/team if such sailor/team commits:

- (f) gross misconduct in a local or overseas event;
- (g) a criminal act;
- (h) a breach of the anti-doping rules;
- (i) failure to comply with the eligibility requirements; or
- (j) failure to comply with the training hours requirement.
- (k) failure to comply with the Guidelines on Handling the Playing of the National Anthem and Raising of the Regional Flag for Hong Kong Athletes and Teams Engaging in International Sports Events - https://sailing.org.hk/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Guidelines-on-Handling-National-Anthem-and-Regional-Flag-2022_eng.pdf

4. Replacement

If for any reason a selected sailor/team withdraws from the 29er Worlds, HKSF may or may not replace the selected sailor/team with another sailor/team.

5. Funding

The selected sailor/team must be prepared to pay all expenditure incurred in taking part in the 29er Worlds. Depending on the available funding, HKSF may pay some or all competition related expenses and will announce the details if funding is available for the event.

It is noted that a team's direct entry into Championships is permitted by the NOR but if the team is not selected by HKSF, they shall not be eligible for funding.

6. Expression of Interest

Those sailors who would like to be considered by the Special Panel in the selection should fill in and return the designated form of expression of interest to HKSF **not later than 19 May 2023**.

7. Appeal

Any appeals must be directed to HKSF within 7 days after the announcement of the selection results. HKSF may at its discretion appoint an Appeal Working Party to decide on the validity of the appeal and the outcome.