

HKSF SELECTION GUIDELINES
2023 ILCA 4 YOUTH WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS
22-30 July 2023
Volos, GREECE
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1. The Championship

The 2023 ILCA 4 Youth World Championships will be held at Volos Greece on 22-30 July 2023.

Notice of Race can be seen at the following link - <https://2023ilca4youth.ilca-worlds.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/17/2023/03/5.W23-ILCA4-NOR-GRE-Final.pdf>

Up to three youth sailors will be supported for the 2023 ILCA 4 Youth World Championships.

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 an ordinary resident in Hong Kong and have resided in Hong Kong for a period of 7 years;
- (d) be at least 12 years old but not 18 years or older in the year of the event i.e., born in 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 or 2011. Proof of age will be required at registration, and be supervised;
- (e) comply or receive exception from World Sailing Eligibility Code (World Sailing Regulation 19.2) and be registered as a World Sailing Sailor on the World Sailing website;
- (f) agree to attend overseas training and competition programs designated by HKSI coach in preparation for the ILCA 4 Youth Worlds;
- (g) 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 sailors with local ILCA district - HK Laser Class Association membership.
- 3.2 The objective is to select and support eligible sailors who have the best potential to win medals at the ILCA 4 Youth Worlds.
- 3.3 Up to three ILCA 4 sailors (boys and/or girls) will be selected by results.
- 3.4 The selection by results will be based on the sailors' results in Hebe Haven Yacht Club Open Dinghy Regatta to be held on 20 & 21 May 2023.

- 3.5 The final selection will need to be voted on and approved by the HKSF Council.
- 3.6 HKSF reserves the right not to select and support a sailor/team to the 2023 ILCA4 Youth Worlds if such sailor/team has not finished within the top 30% of ILCA 4 fleet in a local regatta in the last 12 months.
- 3.7 HKSF reserves the right to withdraw the selection of a sailor/team in the case of:
- (a) gross misconduct in a local or overseas event;
 - (b) a criminal act;
 - (c) a breach of the anti-doping rules;
 - (d) failure to comply with the eligibility requirements;
 - (e) failure to comply with the training camp requirement; or
 - (f) 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 Youth 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 Youth 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 sailor's direct entry into Championships is permitted by the NOR but if a sailor not selected by HKSF such sailor shall not be eligible for funding.

6. Appeal

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