



## HKSF Olympic Games Selection Criteria

49er / 49er FX / ILCA 7 / ILCA 6

### 1. Selection System

For the 2021 Olympic Regatta (Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games), HKSF will send one boat per event of 49er, 49er FX, ILCA7 (Laser Men) and ILCA 6 (Laser Radial Women), pending country qualification, and subject to the following eligibility requirements for an athlete to be considered for selection to the team:

#### 1.1.1 Passport Requirements

Athlete must be a National of Hong Kong (China) at the time of selection. Athlete must hold a valid Hong Kong Passport that will not expire for six months after the conclusion of the Olympic Games.

#### 1.1.2 Minimum International Olympic Committee (IOC) standards for participation:

Any competitor in the Olympic Games must be a national of the country of the National Olympic Committee (NOC) which is entering such competitor. For additional information regarding an athlete who is a national of two or more countries, has changed his or her nationality or acquired a new nationality, refer to the Olympic Charter (rule 41).

#### 1.1.3 International Federation (IF) standards for participation (if any):

World Sailing (WS) requires that all Member Authorities (MNA) qualify for entry slots in each of the ten events chosen for the Olympic Games. (Please refer to the WS website at [www.sailing.org](http://www.sailing.org)).

In addition, all athletes must have appeared on the official WS World Ranking List at any time between 1 January 2018 and 1 June 2021 and have competed in at least one of the Olympic Qualification events.

#### 1.1.4 Other Requirements (If any):

Athletes must be a member in good standing of the Hong Kong Sailing Federation at the time of selection.

Athletes must have successfully completed all Games Registration requirements by the stated deadline.

Athletes selected to take part in the 2021 Olympic Regatta must join the HKSF Olympic Team (Team), join the HKSI Elite Sailing Program (Elite Program) and continue to train under HKSI Head Coach and the Elite Program until the 2021 Olympic Regatta.

### 2. Selection Procedure

#### 2.1.1 Selection Event



Athletes in 49er, 49er FX, ILCA7 (Laser Men) and ILCA 6 (Laser Radial Women) will be considered for selection based on their results at the Asian Sailing Championships, Abu Dhabi 14-20 February 2021\*. This event is a Continental Qualification Event for Asia, as stated by World Sailing ([www.sailing.org](http://www.sailing.org)).

If only one boat in a class achieves the country qualification criteria in the Asian Sailing Championships, such boat will be selected to take part in the 2021 Olympic Regatta in that class.

Should multiple boats in a class achieve the country qualification criteria in the Asian Sailing Championships, then selection of that class would then be based on results at a 2<sup>nd</sup> Selection Event to be decided but before the 1st June 2021. If a suitable regatta is not possible then selection will be based using the discretionary process in section 3.

\* The Continental Qualification Event for Asia was subsequently changed to Mussanah Open Championships 2021 held on 1 to 8 April 2021.

#### 2.1.2 Rules of Selection Event

The Selection Event will be governed by the *WS Racing Rules of Sailing*, and will be administered by the Organizing Authorities specific to each regatta. Athletes are expected to follow all instructions for registration, measurement, competition, protests, etc. and follow all protocols established by the various Organizing Authorities for each Selection Event. If there is a 2<sup>nd</sup> Selection Event, athletes will be scored as set out in Section 2.1.3 to determine the 2021 Olympic Games nominee(s) by HKSF.

#### 2.1.3 Selection Event Scoring

Scores will be kept by boat. Boat as defined as the athlete(s) sailing the boat at the time of the selection event. In double-handed classes, a pair of athletes will qualify to compete as a boat, unless a replacement is necessary for any reason listed in Section 3.

For the selection purpose, scores of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Selection Event will be awarded only to those boats who have achieved the country qualification criteria in the Asian Sailing Championship and sailed in the same class in both the Asian Sailing Championships and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Selection Event. Scores will be based on the boat's overall finishing position in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Selection Event. The highest placed boat at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Selection Event will be selected to take part in the 2021 Olympic Regatta.

### 3.0 Discretionary Selection (if applicable)

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Should a 2<sup>nd</sup> Selection Event not be possible under circumstances in 2.1.1 then the Selection Committee will after considering the Head Coach recommendation nominate an athlete based on the criteria in 3.3 to HKSF Council for approval.

### 3.2 Rationale for utilizing discretionary selection (if any) for replacement of nominee

The sport of Sailing is not a measured or timed event. Sailing is a sport that requires proficiency in a wide range of individual skills including physical, technical and psychological elements. In double-handed classes, these skills must be combined to form an effective unit.

HKSF will use discretion to select replacement athletes. The decision to select a replacement athlete, either skipper or crew, in a doublehanded boat prior to confirmed nomination will be limited to extraordinary circumstances such as described in 4.1.1 to 4.1.4 and 4.2

The Selection Committee has determined it is in the best interest of Hong Kong Sailing for doublehanded teams to remain a team once the selection process has been completed.

### 3.3 List the discretionary criteria and explain how they will be used (if any):

The HKSF Selection Committee will use the following criteria (in no priority order):

- Highest probability for a successful performance as determined by the Selection Committee, based on performance in past national and international level regattas, as well as resume and interview.
- Factors will include physical, technical and psychological/social proficiency as follows:
  - ➔ Physical  
Possesses appropriate fitness and strength as evidenced by performance in past national and international regattas.  
Has the appropriate physical size to be at a competitive size and weight.
  - ➔ Technical  
Proficient in the boat handling and trim techniques for the class (tacking, gybing, use of the spinnaker, sail trim and balance), and the game situations and tactics, as evidenced by performance in past national and international regattas.
  - ➔ Psychological/Social  
Possesses appropriate attitude and demeanor to be a positive member of the team, including respect for the game, personal integrity, and a strong work ethic, as evidenced by performance in past national and international regattas.

All individuals/teams must meet the eligibility requirements outlined in Section 1.1, otherwise the individual/ team will be ineligible.

- 3.3 The list of members of the Selection Committee is available at HKSF website <https://sailing.org.hk/subpage/ZmszsQKFSND2GyS8a?lang=eng>

Any individual who is unable to serve on the Selection Committee for whatever reason will be replaced by a representative selected by HKSF Council, whose members are listed HKSF website <https://www.sailing.org.hk/subpage/gh4jTu2Xb9Ti9uZZN?lang=eng>

- 3.4 The process that will be used to identify and handle any potential conflicts of interest involving a member of the Selection Committee or HKSF Council.

Any member of the Selection Committee or HKSF Council that has a possible conflict of interest must disclose it. If such conflict exists, such member must recuse him/herself from committee or council discussions and voting. Further, the such member should not otherwise influence other members of the committee or council in the selection process. However, a committee or council member who recused him/herself, but who has relevant and necessary information with respect to athlete performance, for example a club coach, may, if requested by the Selection Committee or HKSF Council, provide such information to the committee or council so long as such information is provided in a fair and unbiased manner and the member who declared the conflict of interest does not vote toward the final decision.

#### 4.0 Removal of Athletes

Prior to submission of entry by name to the Olympic Regatta Organizing Committee by the Sports Federation and Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China, HKSF has jurisdiction over potential nominees.

An athlete who is to be nominated to the Team by HKSF may be removed for any of the following reasons, as determined by HKSF:

- 4.1.1 Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete must submit a written letter to the Selection Committee c/o HKSF.
- 4.1.2 Injury or illness as certified by a physician (or medical staff) approved by HKSF/HKSI. If an athlete refuses verification of his/her illness or injury by a physician (or medical staff) approved by HKSF/HKSI, his/her injury will be assumed to be disabling and he/she may be removed.
- 4.1.3 Refusal to join the Elite Program or train under the HKSI Head Coach
- 4.1.4 Violation of HKSF/HKSI Code of Conduct

4.2 An athlete may be removed as a nominee to the Team or from the Team for an adjudicated violation of IOC, IPC, WADA, IF, or other anti-doping protocol, policies and procedures, as applicable.

#### 5.0 Athlete Replacement Process

5.1 Any request for a team to split up should be made to the Selection Committee and it is at the discretion of HKSF Council to approve or refuse such request after considering the recommendation of the Selection Committee. In the event of the need to replace either the skipper or crew in a doublehanded boat, the Selection Committee will make recommendation to HKSF Council whether or not to approve a replacement athlete using the rationale and discretionary criteria in Section 3.

5.2 Single Handed athletes who withdraw under section 4, will be replaced by HKSF Council after considering the Selection Committee's recommendation made under the criteria and process set out in section 3.

#### 6.0 Date of Nomination

The Nomination of Athletes form, including and/or replacements will be announced to all athletes and submitted to The Sports Federation and Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China is the National, within 30 days of the end of the Asian Sailing Championships, and or any subsequent nominated selection regatta.

#### 7.0 Anti-Doping Requirements

Athletes must adhere to all IOC, IPC, WADA and Hong Kong Anti-Doping Committee requirements, protocols, policies and procedures as applicable. This includes participation in out of Competition testing as required by the authorities.

#### 8.0 International Disclaimer

These procedures are based on IOC, IPC, as applicable, and/or World Sailing rules and regulations as presently known and understood. Any change in the selection procedures caused by a change in IOC, IPC, as applicable, and/or World Sailing rules and regulations will be distributed to the affected athletes immediately. The selection criteria are based on the latest information available to HKSF/HKSI. However, the selections are always subject to unforeseen, intervening circumstances, and realistically may not have accounted for every possible contingency.

If any force of nature, or force majeure, should cause the alteration<sup>[1]</sup> or cancellation of any of the selection events listed in this document, these selection procedures will be revised, pursuant to their resubmission to the Sports Federation and Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China.