**Irish Sailing Association - 2016 Olympic Games Nomination Procedures**

**1. Preamble**

1.1 The Olympic Council of Ireland (“OCI”) is responsible for selecting the Irish team to compete at the Olympic Games in 2016 (“the Games”). The OCI will make its selection based on nominations from national sports authorities. In the case of sailing, the national authority is the Irish Sailing Association (“ISA”).

1.2 The Board of the ISA (“the Board”) has appointed a sub committee, the Olympic Steering Group (“OSG”), to make recommendations to the Board as to those Candidates who should be nominated by the ISA to the OCI.

1.3 This document sets out the procedures that will be used by the OSG to recommend Candidates to the Board for nomination to the OCI for selection of the Irish sailing team for the Games.

2. **Definitions**

“Candidate” shall mean, in the case of a single handed boat, the helm or, in the case of a double handed boat, each of the helm and crew, who are seeking nomination for a place on the Irish team for the Games.

“Event” shall mean a sailing event to be held at the Games.

“Reserve Regatta” shall mean the ISAF World Cup Qualification regatta to be held at Medemblik, Holland in 2016 for the Laser Radial, 49er and 49erfx and Kiel 2016 for the Laser Standard.

“Recommendation” shall mean the recommendation by the OSG to the Board of the Candidate in each Event as to who should be nominated by the ISA to the OCI

 “Trial Regatta” shall mean each of the separate regattas for each Event, as more specifically described in section 5 below, from which the OSG shall make its Recommendation to the Board in accordance with these procedures. The Reserve Regatta shall be a Trial Regatta in the circumstances set out at section 5.3 below.

 “Trials Series” shall mean, collectively, the Trial Regattas.

**3. Procedures**

3.1 Apart from the Laser standard Class a trial will only take place if more than one Candidate in each Event meets a minimum standard to create the need for a trial. If a trial is needed the entry will be opened to all Candidates.

3.2 The minimum standard required to be included in a trial is specific to each Event.

* Laser Standard there is no qualification needed and a trial will be held.
* Laser Radial either be ranked in the top 60% of the 2015 Laser Radial World Championships, or TOP 40 in ISAF Rankings 27 July 2015 or top three at one of the following regattas

 (a) Radial Youth Europeans-Portugal

 (b) Radial Youth Worlds-Canada

 (c) Under 19 or Under 21 Radial Women European Championship & Trophy 2015- Spain

* 49er be ranked TOP 40 in ISAF Rankings 27 July 2015 or in the top three at JUNIOR Worlds 2015 -Germany.
* 49er FX be ranked TOP 40 in ISAF Rankings 27 July 2015 or in the top three at JUNIOR Worlds 2015 -Germany.

3.3 If only one Candidate has met the minimum standard required to generate a trial and the nation is qualified the OSG will recommend that candidate to the board. When a Trial Series is held the Recommendations made by the OSG shall be based solely on the results of the Trials Series as described in section 5 below.

3.4 The Board shall not be obliged to accept the OSG’s Recommendation and shall not be obliged to nominate any Candidate to the OCI.

**4. Eligibility and Notification**

4.1 Each Candidate must be eligible to compete for Ireland.

4.2 Each Candidate shall notify the Performance Director of the ISA, in writing, of their intention to participate in the Trials Series before competing in any Trial Regatta event. Such notification shall constitute an acknowledgment by each Candidate that they accept the procedures set forth in this document.

4.3 Substitution of helms will not be permitted in any circumstances. Substitution of crews shall be permitted.

4.4 Should a helm and crew cease their joint participation in the Trials Series, points already accrued in the Trials Series shall accrue to the helm only.

**5. Trials Series**

5.1 The Trials Series for each Event shall comprise a maximum of three Trial Regattas.

The Trial Regattas for Laser and Laser Radial shall be, 2015 Copa Brasil de Vela, 2016 ISAF Sailing World Cup Miami, and the 2016 Laser Radial World Championships (Women) and the 2016 Laser World Championships (Men)

The Trial Regattas for 49er and 49erfx shall be, 2015 Copa Brasil de Vela, 2016 ISAF Sailing World Cup Miami, and the 2016 49er and 49erfx World Championships

5.2 Entry for Trial Regattas shall be the responsibility of each Candidate.

5.3 In the event that one or more of the Trial Regattas for any Event does not take place, or that no results are declared from a Trial Regatta by its organizers, then the Reserve Regatta may form part of the Trials Series for that Event. If the Reserve Regatta is to form part of the Trials Series for that Event and does not take place or if no results are declared from it by its organizers then the OSG’s Recommendation shall be based on the scores of the Trial Regattas actually held.

**6. Scoring**

6.1 Points shall be awarded to the Candidate helm in each Trial Regatta exactly corresponding to that Candidate’s final overall placing in that Trial Regatta as shown on the official final results sheet published by the regatta organizers. For example, an overall first place shall score one point, a second place shall score two points and so on.

6.2 In the event that a Candidate does not compete in a Trial Regatta, then that Candidate shall score points for that Trial Regatta equal to the overall placing given to the last entry on the official final results sheet published by the regatta organizers plus one point.

6.3 Scores for the Trials Series for each Event shall include the points from each Trial Regatta.

6.4 If there is a tied score between two or more Candidates in any Trials Series, each Candidate’s Trial Regatta scores shall be listed in order of best (lowest) to worst (highest) and at the first point where there is a difference the tie shall be broken in favour of the Candidate with the best score. If a tie still remains between two or more Candidates, the Candidate with the best final overall placing in the last Trial Regatta shall be recommended.

6.5 Subject to 6.4 above, the Candidate with the lowest number of points at the conclusion of the Trials Series shall be recommended by the OSG to the Board.

**7. Amendments and Appeals**

7.1 No amendment to these procedures shall be made in respect of any Event without the prior written consent of each Candidate for that Event

7.2 Any appeal in relation to these procedures shall be to the ISA Tribunal and shall be submitted not later than 48hours after the nomination announcement.

7.3 All internal ISA appeals regarding selection/nomination must be concluded before nominations are made to the OCI.