

Irish Sailing Association - 2020 Olympic Games Nomination Procedures

1. Preamble

- 1.1 The Olympic Federation of Ireland (“OFI”) is responsible for selecting the Irish team to compete at the Olympic Games in 2020 (“the Games”). The OFI will make its selection based on nominations from national sports authorities. In the case of sailing, the national authority is the Irish Sailing Association (“Irish Sailing”).
- 1.2 The Board of the ISA (“the Board”) has appointed a subcommittee, the Olympic Steering Group (“OSG”), to make recommendations to the Board as to those Candidates who should be nominated by Irish Sailing to the OFI.
- 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 OFI 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 and who comply with section 3.

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

“Qualifying Regattas” shall mean the regattas listed in section 4.1.

“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 OFI

“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. Eligibility and Notification

- 3.1 Each Candidate must be eligible to compete for Ireland.
- 3.2 Each Candidate shall notify the Performance Director of the Irish Sailing, in writing, of their intention to seek a Recommendation and participate in the Trial Series for an Event. Such notification shall constitute an acknowledgment by each Candidate that they accept the procedures set forth in this document.
- 3.3 In double-handed teams’ substitution of helm or crews shall be permitted with the approval of the performance director.

4. Procedures

- 4.1 The minimum standard required to justify a trial for an Event is two candidates finishing top 50% in 2019 in one of the Qualifying Regatta's listed below
- Palma 29 March - 6 April 2019
 - Genoa World Cup Round: 15-21 April 2019
 - Hyères Regatta, 27 April - 4 May 2019
 - Marseille World Cup Final: 2-9 June 2019
 - Enoshima Test Event: 15-22 August 2019
 - Enoshima World Cup Round: 25 August-1 September 2019
 - Event European Championships 2019
 - Event World Championships 2019
- 4.2 If the nation is qualified in 2019 for an Event a Trial Series will take place if more than one Candidate in an Event meets the minimum standard. If a Trial Series takes place the entry will be open to all Candidates.
- 4.3 If the nation is qualified in 2019 and only one Candidate has met the top 50% standard the OSG will recommend that Candidate to the Board.
- 4.4 If the nation is not qualified by December 31st 2019 the OSG will recommend the Candidate that qualifies the nation in the final nation qualifier.
- 4.5 If the nation receives a place through a reallocation of places by World Sailing after December 31st 2019. The OSG will recommend the Candidate who scores best counting the event World Championship 2019 and the final European Nation Qualifier, using the same scoring principles as outlined in section 6 below.
- 4.6 When a Trial Series is held the Recommendations made by the OSG shall be based solely on the results of the Trial Series as described in section 5 below.
- 4.7 The Board shall not be obliged to accept the OSG's Recommendation and shall not be obliged to nominate any Candidate to the OFI

5. Trials Series

- 5.1 If a Trial Series is required, the following Trial Regattas will be used:
- Palma: 28 March – 4 April 2020
 - Genoa WC Round and final European Nation Qualifier: 13-19 April 2020
 - Hyères Regatta, 25 April - 2 May 2020
- 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 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 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.

In a double handed team not continuing together in the Olympic Nomination Procedure the minimum standard to be included in the Trial Series or points accrued from the Trial Regattas can by mutual agreement within the team, be awarded to either the helm or the crew. If they cannot agree the Performance Director will decide which if any of them benefits from their past performances together.

- 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 section 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 Irish Sailing Tribunal and shall be submitted not later than 48hours after the nomination announcement.
- 7.3 All internal Irish Sailing appeals regarding selection/nomination must be concluded before nominations are made to the OFI.