



IRL29er Junior Helmsman Selection Policy

At the end of every sailing season, Irish Sailing run a Junior Helmsman Championship where class associations are asked to nominate sailors to take part in the event, with the final determination of places being made by Irish Sailing. Although the selection criteria are well documented by Irish Sailing, class associations are given a little flexibility regarding the process so long as it remains within their guidelines.

- Up to 3 helms* may be selected along with one wildcard.
- An indicator event will be used to determine the ranking of a sailors for the selection process.
- The class objective is to select (if possible) one helm from each of the three gender pairings in the top 5 places.

*The class has deemed that unlike many other double hander craft, the role of the crew is as significant as the helm and therefore it is the helm-crew pairing that will be selected.

The ranking indicator for the selection process will be the 29er Irish Nationals. However, if there are no results for this event (i.e. event did not occur or occurred after the entry submission date) then the Irish Sailing Youth National Championships will be deemed to be the ranked indicator event.

In the unlikely event that there are no valid results from either the 29er Irish Nationals or the Irish Sailing Youth National Championships, then the Irish 29er class association selection sub-committee will decide on an appropriate event from which to make the selection.

Important notes:

- Because of the crew-helm pairing, both sailors selected must be eligible to compete in the helmsman event.
- The on-line submission form only allows for the helm name to be entered. However, unless personal circumstances prevent the crew from competing, the helm should sail with the crew that they qualified with.
- If the helm is unable to sail, the position will be given to the next helm in the list.

Overall, the selection process draws on sailor pairings from the top 5 places:

- The first nominee will be the top ranked pairing.
- The second nominee will be the top ranked helm of the opposite gender.
- The third nominee will be the highest unselected gender mix that does not appear in the first 2 selections.

Note 1 - The criteria for a wildcard is specifically outlined in the IS selection criteria but is essentially is given to a sailor who could not attend our qualifying event but excelled at an International competition. There are no other criteria for wildcard selection and the class cannot create their own. A maximum of 3 wildcards are allocated overall.

Note 2- Although each class is permitted to enter up to 3 helms, the number of helms chosen will be dependant on the size of the fleet at the qualifying event. A small class may only be offered one slot or none at all. Three helms will always be submitted to Irish Sailing and the number of available slots will be determined after the submission.

* Both Notes (1) and (2) are subject to change based on the Irish Sailing selection criteria so please refer to their policy for exact wording.

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