



# **SAIL·VOILE CANADA**

Sail Canada

Athlete Selection System and Requirements

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## **General**

### *Responsibilities*

- The High-Performance Director (HPD) is responsible for developing and approving the selection process and procedures for the team that will be nominated to the Canadian Olympic Committee (COC) for the Asuncion 2025 Junior Pan American Games.
- The national team coaches, in consultation with the High-Performance Director, are responsible for the implementation of these procedures. All team nominations, including alternates and staff, will be ratified by the High-Performance Director in consultation with the Olympic Development Coordinator.
- The High-Performance Director is responsible for ensuring that the process outlined in this document is properly followed and that the selection process is fair and equitable for all candidates.

### **Unforeseen Circumstances**

- This INP is intended to apply as drafted and, specifically, where no athletes are prevented from competing because of an unforeseen injury or other unanticipated or unforeseen circumstances. Situations may arise where unforeseen circumstances or circumstances beyond Sail Canada's control do not allow competition or nomination to take place in a fair manner or in the best interests of the priorities and general principles for selection as indicated in these criteria, or do not allow the procedure for nomination as described in this document to be applied. In the event of such unforeseen circumstances the Sail Canada High Performance Director will, where possible, determine if the circumstances justify competition or nomination should take place in an alternative manner. In such circumstances, the HPD shall communicate the alternative selection or nomination process to all impacted individuals as soon as possible.

## **Introduction**

### *Purpose*

- The purpose of this document is to set out the process and criteria that will be used by Sail Canada to select athletes to the Asuncion 2025 Junior Pan American Games team.

### *Performance objectives*

- The primary objective of the selection policy and procedures is to select the maximum number of medal potential athletes for the Jr. Pan Am Games. The secondary objective is to provide international competition opportunities for national and national development teams/athletes as part of Sail Canada's high-performance program.

### *Team Size*

- Sail Canada may nominate to the COC up to a maximum of four (4) athletes as permitted by COC for entry in the Asuncion 2025 Junior Pan American Games.
- Sail Canada is under no obligation to use all slots awarded.

### **Decision Making Authority (DMA)**

- The Asuncion 2025 Junior Pan American Games Canadian Team will be selected by the Sail Canada High Performance Director.
- All Sail Canada nominations are also subject to the approval of the COC.

- After the selection process is completed, if any events remain unfilled, the High-Performance Director has the authority to fill those events. If unanticipated circumstances arise that are not covered in the selection criteria, a final and binding decision will be made by the High-Performance Director.

#### *On-site Decision-Making Authority*

- During the actual competition period onsite at the Asuncion 2025 Junior Pan American Games, all final decision-making authority will reside with the team leader.

#### **International Federation (IF) Criteria**

- The Pan American Sports Organization Qualification System Manual can be found at: <https://www.panamsports.org/en/documents/> and, in the event of a discrepancy, the original Pan American Sports Organization version will prevail. In the event of changes by the Pan American Sports Organization to the selection and eligibility criteria, Sail Canada is bound by these changes and will inform impacted individuals as soon as possible.

#### **Athlete Eligibility**

- In order to be eligible for nomination to the Canadian Olympic Committee for Olympic or Pan American Team selection, an athlete must:
  1. Be a Canadian citizen.
  2. Be able to represent Canada in accordance with the eligibility requirements set out by World Sailing.
  3. Have a valid Canadian passport that does not expire on or before February 23, 2026.
  4. Be in compliance with all relevant IF, COC, and PASO requirements for eligibility.
  5. Sign, submit, and comply with the COC Athlete Agreement and PASO Eligibility Conditions Form (EC) no later than June 26, 2025. Where the athlete is under the age of 19 years, the parent or guardian must also sign these agreements.
  6. Be a member in good standing of Sail Canada.
  7. Be at least 17 years old and not more than 22 years old in the year of the Pan American Junior Games (year of birth 2003 - 2008, inclusive).
  8. Compliance with vaccination requirements and policies of the of Sail Canada, COC, IF, PASO and the host country of the event (if applicable)
  9. Comply with all Sail Canada financial requirements prior to being named to the team.
  10. Comply in all respects with the Anti-Doping Rules of the International Federation, the Canadian Anti-Doping Program ("CADP") and the Anti-Doping Rules of any other Anti-Doping Organization that has authority over them, and must not be serving a period of ineligibility or provisional suspension for an anti-doping rule violation at the time of nomination or during the Games; and
  11. Be available for sample collection and have provided accurate and up-to date whereabouts information on a regular basis as directed by IF Name, and/or CCES.

12. Athletes named to compete in the Asuncion 2025 Junior Pan American Games will be required to comply with dress code regulations of Sail Canada and the Canadian Olympic Committee. This may include Official Team Competition Clothing Policy and the Official Team Podium/Parade Clothing Policy.

### **Athlete Selection Criteria & Process**

Selection to the Asuncion 2025 Junior Pan American Games Team is a two-part process, which comprises of:

- 1) Canada Qualifying for a spot at the Asuncion 2025 Junior Pan American Games.
- 2) An individual being nominated to the Canadian Asuncion 2025 Junior Pan American Games Team.

#### *1) Qualifying*

Qualifying is defined in the Panam Qualification System Manual Asuncion 2025 which can be found here: <https://www.panamsports.org/en/documents/>.

#### *2) Nomination*

The top eligible athlete at the trials event will be nominated to the Asuncion 2025 Junior Pan American Games Canadian Team.

#### *Trial Events*

<b>Class</b>	<b>Trials Event</b>
One-person Dinghy - Men - ILCA 7	ILCA Mid-Winter's East, St. Petersburg, FL, USA, February 20-23, 2025
One-person Dinghy - Women - ILCA 6	ILCA Mid-Winter's East, St. Petersburg, FL, USA, February 20-23, 2025
Windsurfing - Men - iQFOiL	Mayan Windfest, Cancun, MEX, January 16-19, 2025
Windsurfing - Women - iQFOiL	Mayan Windfest, Cancun, MEX, January 16-19, 2025
Kite - Men - Formula Kite	Mayan Windfest, Cancun, MEX, January 16-19, 2025
Kite - Women - Formula Kite	Mayan Windfest, Cancun, MEX, January 16-19, 2025

Sailing has been allocated 4 athlete quota accreditations (2 male and 2 female) by the Canadian Olympic Committee. The decision of which classes will receive quota spots will be made by the High-Performance Director. If required, prioritization of classes will be based on athletes' finish position as a percentage of fleet at the trials event. In the case of a tie the top Canadian finish position as a percentage of fleet from the most current junior age group World Championship will be used.

Only athletes having competed in the trials events will be eligible for nomination to the COC.

#### *Date of Quota Allocation*

- Athletes will be notified by July 1, 2025, and will have 72h to accept their quota sport and meet all criteria in the Athlete Eligibility section of this document.

#### *Re-Allocated Quota Places*

- Should a spot become available it will be offered to the next eligible athlete at the trials event. Athletes will have 72h to accept the spot.

#### *Voluntary Withdrawal*

- The Athlete must submit a letter to the High-Performance Director indicating their desire to withdraw from the Asuncion 2025 Junior Pan American Games Team or withdraw their nomination from the Asuncion 2025 Junior Pan American Games Team.

#### *Date of Nomination*

- Sail Canada will nominate athletes to the Asuncion 2025 Junior Pan American Games Canadian Team on July 15, 2025.

#### *In the Case of a Non-Event*

- In the event that the selected trials event is classified as a non-event as defined in the event Notice of Race/Sailing Instructions the Sail Canada High Performance Director will designate a new trials event. This information will be provided following the procedure laid out in the INP Publication section of this document.

#### **Staff Selection**

The High-Performance Director has the sole discretion in selecting the support staff, including team leader, coach(s) for the 2025 Games. The support staff will be selected based on the principle of sending a team of specialists that is best capable of assisting athletes in achieving podium performances at the Games. All staff must:

1. Be a registered or chartered professional coach with the CAC by June 26, 2025.
2. Have a valid passport that does not expire on or before February 23, 2026.
3. Be in compliance with all relevant COC, IF, and Panam Sports requirements for eligibility.
4. Sign, submit, and comply with the COC Support Staff Agreement and Local Organizing Committee (LOC) Eligibility form no later than June 26, 2025.
5. Be 18 years of Age or older.
6. Be a member in good standing of Sailing Canada.

All selections are subject to COC approval.

#### **Qualification for Lima 2027 Pan American Games**

In Sailing, the gold medalists in individual events will qualify directly to the Lima 2027 Pan American Games. Three (3) spots per gender (6 in total) will be allocated in these competitions.

These places will be allocated to the athletes, not the country. If the athlete who earned the place cannot participate in the Lima 2027 Games, said place will be lost and may not be transferred to the country or to any other athlete in the corresponding event of the Asuncion 2025 Junior Pan American Games.

### **Appeals**

- Appeals of selection/nomination decisions made by the High-Performance Director must be brought forward according to the Sail Canada Appeals Policy in force at the time of the appeal. The Sail Canada Appeal Process and Dispute Resolution Policy can be found on the Sail Canada Website at <https://www.sailing.ca/international-events/>
- If both parties are in agreement, the Sail Canada Appeals Policy can be bypassed and the matter brought immediately before the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada (SDRCC), who will then manage the process

### **Funding**

Sail Canada and the COC in conjunction with the organizing authority for the 2025 Junior Pan American Games will subsidize costs associated with participation in this event. This subsidy does not cover the complete cost associated with the event. Each athlete will be responsible to pay Sail Canada a \$1,250 entry fee before they will be nominated to the COC for inclusion on the 2025 Junior Pan American Games Canadian Team. This fee will cover costs pertaining to participation in the event (ex. travel, food, accommodation, entry, team clothing, coaching, etc...). In addition to this \$1,250 fee athletes are responsible for all costs associated with equipment transportation and/or charter fees.

### **INP Publication**

- The Internal Nomination Procedures for the Asuncion 2025 Junior Pan American Games will be posted on the Sail Canada website.
- The Sail Canada High Performance Director reserves the right to review and modify any selection criteria or decision related to the selection process in the case of rule or policy changes from World Sailing, the IF or PASO that affect the selection criteria set out in this document.
- In the event that the selection criteria is modified, Sail Canada will promptly post an announcement on its website announcing the changes.

### **Contact**

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