



BRITISH INTERNATIONAL 420 CLASS ASSOCIATION

2017 TEAM SELECTION NOTICE

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1. Introduction and Background

1.1. This notice describes the process for the selection of British teams to compete at the following International 420 Class Championships ("Major Events"):

1.1.1 The International 420 class Open European Championship ("Open Euros");
22nd to 30th July, Kallithea, Greece.

Three teams will be selected:

- **Open Euros Team** 7 boats comprising of male/mixed Pairs
- **Ladies Open Euros Team** 7 boats comprising of female Pairs.
- **U17 Open Euros Team** 6 boats comprising 3 male or mixed pairs and 3 female pairs. All pairs must be aged U17 on 31st December 2017.

1.1.2 The International 420 class Junior European Championship ("Junior Euros");
6th to 13th August, Garda, Italy.

- **Junior Euros Team** 7 boats comprising 3 male/mixed pairs, 3 female pairs, and a seventh boat comprising of a pair irrespective of gender. All pairs must be aged under 19 on 31st December 2017.
- **U17 Junior Euros Team** 3 boats comprising one male/mixed pair, one female pair and a third boat comprising of a pair irrespective of gender. All pairs must be aged U17 on 31st December 2017.

1.1.3 The International 420 Class World Championships ("Worlds"),
26th Dec 2017 to 3rd Jan 2018, Freemantle, Australia.

- **Open Worlds Team** Team composition as Open Euros (above)
- **Ladies Worlds Team** Team composition as Ladies Open Euros (above)
- **U17 Worlds Team** Team composition as U17 Open Euros (above)

1.2. It is the intention of the British International 420 Class Association to select full teams for all events.



1.3. The British International 420 Class Association (“the class”) collaborates with the Royal Yachting Association (“RYA”) in order to fulfil the aim of the RYA’s World Class Youth Programme which is:

“To develop the best young racing sailors in the world.”

1.4. The RYA invests in the 420 International teams in the form of direct and indirect subsidies, provision of coaching, coach boats, equipment and logistical support.

1.5. Accordingly, the Selection Process is designed to achieve the aim(s) outlined in section 2.1 below.

1.6. The “Selection Process” is defined as everything included in this document that relates to the selection of sailors by the British International 420 Class Association to represent Great Britain (“GBR”) at the 2017 International 420 Class Association Major Events.

1.7. The Selection Process for the 3 Open Euros teams and the 2 Junior Euros teams will be based upon the Ranking List from the Spring Selection Events.

1.8. The Selection Process for the 3 Worlds teams will initially be based upon the Ranking List from the Spring Selection Events. Further pairs may be selected to the 3 Worlds teams based on the Ranking Lists from the Autumn Selection Event(s).

2. Aim

2.1. The aim of the Selection Process is to maximize the medal-winning potential of the British Team at the Major Events whilst also providing effective development opportunities, international regatta exposure and coaching to promising 420 youth sailors in order to develop sailing talent for future major international regattas and the Olympic Games.

2.2. The Selection Process will assist the British International 420 Class Association in determining who it wishes to invite to be part of the GBR 420 International teams, with the intent that, save for exceptional circumstances, the highest ranked Pairs from the nominated Selection Events, meeting the team composition criteria, are selected.

3. Independent Selection Committee

3.1. The British International 420 Class Association appoints an independent group of selectors (the “Independent Selection Committee”) to oversee the process and deal with any requests for discretionary places, or decisions arising due to, for example, sailors being ill or injured. The Independent Selection Committee is:

David Campbell-James (Chairman); Willis Fuller (Secretary); Roy McCubbin (RYA Double-Handed Pathway Manager)

3.2. Should you wish to correspond with the selectors you can do so in writing via the secretary, at willis.fuller@btinternet.com, preferably copied to the British International 420 Class Association Sailing Secretary (420sailingsecretary@gmail.com).



3.3. The Independent Selection Committee has authority delegated by the British International 420 Class Association National Management Committee to take decisions on all matters concerning the Selection Process.

4. Selection Principles

4.1. For the purposes of this Selection Process the following definitions apply:

A Male/Mixed Pair is a boat crewed by two males, or a male and a female.

A Female Pair is a boat crewed by two females.

5. Eligibility

5.1. In order to be eligible for selection (and a ranking), sailors must:

5.1.1. Be eligible to compete for Great Britain at the relevant Major Event. For the Junior Euros each member of a Pair must be aged under 19 on 31 December 2017. For the U17 Worlds, U17 Open Euros and U17 Junior Euros, each member of a Pair must be aged under 17 on 31 December 2017.

5.1.2. Be ordinarily resident in Great Britain at the time of the Selection Events and at the time of the Major Event being selected for.

5.1.3. Be members of the British International 420 Class Association and the RYA.

5.1.4. Be compliant with World Sailing (WS) (formerly ISAF) eligibility according to **WS Regulation 19** at the time of entry for the Major Event.

5.1.5. Enter all the events indicated in section 8.1 (the “Spring Selection Events”) or in section 8.2 (the “Autumn Selection Event(s)”) together as a Pair and remain in the same configuration of helm and crew as the entered Pair for that Selection series. Entrants for the Autumn Selection event(s) need not have entered the Spring events, nor, if they did enter the Spring events, remain in the same pair for the Autumn event(s).

5.1.6. If changing the Pair, comply with 12.2 below regarding Substitution of Sailors.

5.2. It is the policy of the British International 420 Class Association that pairs who qualify for an U17 team at an event compete in the U17 category at that event. An U17 pair who does **not** qualify for the U17 team at an event, but whose ranking is such that they would qualify for the open or U19 team is eligible for the senior team. The intention is that we send the best U17 team available to each event.

6. Selection Procedure

6.1. Selections for the Teams will be made by the Independent Selection Committee.

6.2. The Independent Selection Committee will select Teams from Pairs who meet the eligibility criteria outlined in Section 5 on the basis set out in Section 7. Save in exceptional circumstances, the Independent Selection Committee will select the highest ranked eligible Pairs, based upon the Ranking Lists scored in accordance with Section 9.



6.3. For the avoidance of doubt and notwithstanding any other provision in the Selection Process, the Independent Selection Committee reserves the right to revoke a nomination once made or to choose to nominate fewer than the target number of Pairs or indeed none.

7. Team Composition

Teams will be selected on the basis set out in this Section 7, subject to the discretions and principles set out in Section 6.

7.1. The U17 Open Euros Team will be selected on the following basis, using the Ranking List from the Spring Selection Events (scored in accordance with Section 9.1), with the Team offers made to eligible Pairs in the following order until either 6 boats have accepted a place in the team, or the selectors deem that the team is complete:

7.1.1. The three highest ranked eligible Male/ Mixed Pairs;

7.1.2. The three highest ranked eligible Female Pairs.

7.2 The Open Euros Team will be selected using the Ranking List from the Spring Selection Events with the team offers made to eligible Male/ Mixed Pairs in the ranking order until either 7 boats have accepted a place in the team, or the selectors deem that the team is complete.

7.3 The Ladies Open Euros Team will be selected using the Ranking List from the Spring Selection Events with the team offers made to eligible Female Pairs in the ranking order until either 7 boats have accepted a place in the team, or the selectors deem that the team is complete.

7.4 The U17 Junior Euros Team will be selected on the following basis, using the Ranking List from the Spring Selection Events, with the Team offers made to eligible Pairs in the following order until either 3 boats have accepted a place in the team, or the selectors deem that the team is complete:

7.4.1. The highest ranked eligible Male/ Mixed Pair

7.4.2. The highest ranked eligible Female Pair

7.4.3 The next highest ranked eligible Pair irrespective of gender

7.5 The Junior Euros Team will be selected on the following basis using the Ranking List from the Spring Selection Events with the team offers made to eligible Pairs in the following order, until either 7 boats have accepted a place in the team, or the selectors deem that the team is complete:

7.5.1 The 3 highest ranked eligible Male/ Mixed Pairs

7.5.2 The 3 highest ranked eligible Female Pairs

7.5.3. The next highest ranked eligible Pair irrespective of gender



7.6. The U17 Worlds Team will initially be selected on the following basis, using the Ranking List from the Spring Selection Events, with the Team offers made to eligible Pairs in the following order:

7.6.1. The three highest ranked eligible Male/ Mixed Pairs;

7.6.2. The three highest ranked eligible Female Pairs.

7.7 The Open Worlds Team will initially be selected using the Ranking List from the Spring Selection Events with the team offers made to the top 7 eligible Male/ Mixed Pairs in the ranking order.

7.8 The Ladies Worlds Team will initially be selected using the Ranking List from the Spring Selection Events with the team offers made to the top 7 eligible Female Pairs in the ranking order

For all teams, the following apply:

7.9 An U17 pair that declines a place in an U17 team (Secns. 7.1, 7.4, 7.6 or 7.12.1) is not eligible for the same event Open, Ladies or U19 team.

7.10 An U17 pair that accepts a non-U17 team place for an event does so with the explicit understanding that, if an U17 team place becomes available for any reason, the highest ranked eligible U17 pair in the non-U17 teams will be moved to the U17 team.

7.11. In the event that one or more Pairs decline their places in the Open Euros or Junior Euros teams then the selectors may nominate replacement eligible Pairs in the context of the principles outlined in Section 6.

7.12 In the event that one or more Pairs decline their places in one of the Worlds teams, when offered on the basis of ranking in the Spring Selection events, further offers will **not** be made from further down the ranking list. Instead, the teams will be completed as follows:

7.12.1 To complete the U17 Worlds team: the next highest ranked eligible U17 Pair(s) using the Ranking List from the Autumn Selection Event(s) (scored in accordance with Section 9.2), until the team comprises 3 male/mixed pairs, and 3 female pairs, or the selectors deem that the team is complete.

7.12.2 To complete the Open Worlds teams: the next highest ranked male/mixed pair(s) using the Ranking List from the Autumn Selection Event(s) until there are 7 in the team, or the selectors deem that the team is complete.

7.12.3 To complete the Ladies Worlds Team: the next highest ranked female pair(s) using the Ranking List from the Autumn Selection Event(s) until there are 7 in the team, or the selectors deem that the team is complete.



8. Selection Events

8.1. The 2017 nominated Spring Selection Events will be:

8.1.1. **420 Inland Championships 2017:** 18th-19th March, Rutland Sailing Club.

8.1.2. **420 Spring Championships 2017:** 1st-2nd April, Hayling Island Sailing Club

8.1.3. **RYA UK Youth National Championships 2017:** 8th-14th April, Hayling Island Sailing Club

8.2 The 2017 nominated Autumn Selection Event(s) will be:

8.2.1 **420 Autumn Championships 2017:** 30th Sept-1st Oct, WPNSA

8.2.2 Up to one further event in September/October 2017 that may be nominated by the selectors and communicated to class members by 30th June 2017.

9. Rankings to inform selection decisions

9.1. A single Ranking List, which will include all eligible Male/Mixed and Female Pairs, will be compiled using the total number of race results from the Spring Selection Events for each Pair and applied on the following basis:

9.1.1. For the purposes of calculating ranking results, the results of non-eligible Pairs i.e. those not eligible for selection as set out in Section 5, will be removed and race scores recalculated accordingly.

9.1.2. A Pair's ranking score will be calculated using the low points scoring system detailed in Appendix A4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing, whereby their ranking score will be the total of all their recalculated race scores from each individual event with recalculated race scores discarded as follows:

6 races completed -- 1 discard, 12 races completed -- 2 discards, 18 races completed -- 3 discards, 24 races completed -- 4 discards, 28 races completed -- 5 discards

9.2 A similar but completely separate Ranking List will be compiled using the total number of race results from the Autumn Selection Event(s) on exactly the same basis as 9.1, except that race scores will be discarded as follows:

4 races completed -- 1 discard, 12 races completed -- 2 discards

9.3. For the avoidance of doubt, for the purpose of recalculated race scores, any references to the number of boats entered in the series in Appendix A Scoring, of the Racing Rules of Sailing is amended to mean the number of eligible boats entered in each individual Selection Event.

9.4. Any non-excludable race score incurred at a Selection Event will be treated as non-excludable within the Ranking List.



10. Entry

10.1. Entry to each of the selection events shall be made via the respective event website.

10.2. For the Inland, Spring and Autumn Championships entry will be via the event website managed by the British International 420 Class Association.

10.3. For the RYA UK Youth National Championships entry will be via the RYA managed website.

11. Terms of membership of Teams

11.1. It is a condition of participation that sailors:

11.1.1. agree to be bound by the Terms and Conditions of the Team (which will include details of any team logistics and financial contributions), any published code of ethics and conduct, and the rules and regulations of the British International 420 Class Association and the RYA.

11.1.2. remain free of any physical impediment to performance, i.e. all sailors remaining free from any illness and injury which may be perceived by the selectors to be detrimental to performance throughout the preparation for the event.

11.1.3. agree to the extent reasonably practicable to participate in the package of training, racing and physical preparation sessions that the Class and the RYA, have proposed for the preparation of competitors for each event

11.2. In the event of a sailor not complying with these conditions, then the selectors reserve the right to withdraw the nomination of that Pair.

12. Substitution of Sailors and Equipment

12.1. Substitution of equipment is subject to the usual restrictions per 420 class rules, Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions for each Selection Event.

12.2. Substitution of Sailors: The intent is that Pairs enter and sail all the Spring Selection events and Autumn Selection event(s) and are selected as a consistent Pair (i.e. same helm and crew throughout). Sailors who have not accepted a place on a Worlds team after the Spring Selection events, may freely change pair for the Autumn selection event(s).

12.2.1. Prior to the closure of entry to the first Selection Event in either the Spring or Autumn group of events, sailors may be substituted as long as the entry for each selection event is amended to reflect the change.

12.2.2. After the closure of entry to the first Selection Event in either the Spring or Autumn group of events, the following will apply:

12.2.2.1. Any substitutions of sailors in a Pair must be approved by the Independent Selection Committee



12.2.2.2. Any substitution of sailors during a Selection Event will be *additionally* subject to the Sailing Instructions governing that event

12.2.2.3. When compiling a Ranking List, Selectors will only count results where both sailors competed together. Where a substitution has taken place after the first race of the first Selection Event, for the purpose of compiling the Ranking List, a Pair will be scored DNC for races where only one member of that Pair participated in that race. For the avoidance of doubt a new approved Pair would constitute a new entry on the Ranking List.

12.2.3. An individual sailor cannot combine the scores achieved within two different Pairs.

13. Announcements and place acceptance

13.1. Where possible the names of those sailors nominated for the teams will be announced at the end of the 2017 RYA Youth National Championships at Hayling Island Sailing Club. Any later selection decisions will be announced upon completion and will be posted on the British International 420 Class Association Website.

13.2. It is the intention to publish a briefing document as well as holding meetings outlining all known details of the World Championship and European Championship events at the **Selection events** and during the **RYA UK Youth National Championships 2017**. All entered teams and their parents are invited to attend these meetings.

13.3. Sailors nominated for the Open Euros or Junior Euros will be required to either accept or decline their place(s) by **6pm on Wednesday 19th April 2017**. Initial payment via cheque or bank transfer for **£250 per sailor per event** should be made to the account listed below at 13.5 by the same time.

In the absence of receiving this payment for both sailors in a Pair, it shall be deemed that the places are not accepted and the places may be offered to another boat in the ranking list.

The 420 Class will organize (at least) entry, team kit, accommodation and coaching for the teams. Flights, transportation and pastoral care will be the responsibility of the parents as a group or individually to organize. The 420 class may take on some of these responsibilities. Details will be in the briefing documents.

Further estimated costs for each event will be communicated via the event briefing documents.

Final payment of the balance of the costs for the European events will be required to be paid to the same bank account on or before **Friday 16th June 2017**.



13.4 Those sailors nominated for the Worlds team after the Spring Selection events, will be required to either accept or decline their place(s) by 6pm on Friday **June 16th 2017**. A strictly non-refundable deposit paid via cheque or bank transfer for £1000 per sailor should be made to the account listed below at 13.5 by the same time.

Details of the final estimated costs per sailor will be issued to qualifying sailors prior to the final date on which the deposit should be made. All costs incurred by the class on behalf of team members must be met by those team members.

Sailors nominated after the Autumn Selection series will be required to either accept or decline their place by 6pm on the Wednesday following the last selection event. Initial payment via cheque or bank transfer for £1000.00 per sailor should be made to the account listed below at 13.5 by the same time.

Final payment of the balance of the costs for the Worlds will be required to be paid to the same bank account on or before Friday 3rd November 2017 (This date to be confirmed).

In the absence of receiving any of these payments for both sailors in a Pair, it shall be deemed that the place is not accepted and the place will become available to those competing in the Autumn Selection event(s).

13.5. The Bank Account for 420 International Teams is:

Sort Code 60-20-40

Account Number 79101518

BACS transfers are preferred, please. Cheques should be sent to;

British 420 Class Association,
Briarstead
Lewes Road, Ashurstwood
East Grinstead
West Sussex
RH19 3TD

14. Appeals

14.1. Any appeal relating to the Selection Process will be conducted in accordance with the GBR 420 Class Association Selection Appeals Policy.