



# 2021 Team Selection Policy

## BRITISH INTERNATIONAL 420 CLASS ASSOCIATION 2021 TEAM SELECTION NOTICE

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### 1. Introduction and Background

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

- 1.1. **The 420 Junior European Championships ("Junior Euros")** 24th-31st July, Circolo Nautico Caposele, Formia, Italy
  - 1.1.1. Junior Euros Team: 7 boats comprising 3 male/mixed pairs, 3 female pairs, and a seventh boat comprising a pair irrespective of gender. All pairs must be aged under 19 on 31st December 2021
  - 1.1.2. U17 Junior Euros Team: 3 boats comprising one male/mixed pair, one female pair and a third boat comprising a pair irrespective of gender. All pairs must be aged U17 on 31st December 2021.
- 1.2. **The 420 World Championships ("Worlds")**, 2nd-10th July, Marina Degli Aregai, Yacht Club San Remo, Italy
  - 1.2.1. Open Worlds Team: 7 boats comprising of male/mixed Pairs
  - 1.2.2. Ladies Worlds Team: 7 boats comprising of female Pairs
  - 1.2.3. U17 Worlds Team: 6 boats comprising 3 male or mixed boats and 3 female Pairs. All Pairs must be aged U17 on 31st December 2021.
- 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 and retain the best young racing sailors in the world."
- 1.4. The RYA may invest in the 420 International teams in the form of direct and indirect subsidies, provision of coaching, coach boats 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 2021 420 Class Association Major Events.



- 1.7. The Selection Process for the Junior Euros teams will be based upon the Ranking List from the Spring Selection Events.
- 1.8. The Selection Process for the Worlds teams will be based upon the Ranking List from the Spring Selection Events.
- 1.9. If any of the Team Selector Events are not able to take place or re-arranged to take place, team selection will be undertaken by the Independent Selection Committee (as outlined in section 3) taking into account a number of factors that will include: completed Selector Events (refer also to 6.2), past 420 event performance and discussions/feedback from the 420 Class Coach and RYA Youth Squad Coach.

## **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, as explained in Section 6.

## **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, a positive COVID-19 test result, school exam commitments (to be notified before the event). The Independent Selection Committee is: David Campbell-James (Chairman); Willis Fuller (Secretary); and RYA British Youth Scheme representative Duncan West or his alternative.
- 3.2. Should you wish to correspond with the selectors you can do so in writing via the group email - [gbr420selectors@gmail.com](mailto:gbr420selectors@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 Process**

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



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

## **5. Eligibility**

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

- 5.1. 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 2021. For the U17 Worlds and U17 Junior Euros, each member of a Pair must be aged under 17 on 31 December 2021.
- 5.2. Be ordinarily resident in Great Britain at the time of the Selection Events and at the time of the Major Event being selected for.
- 5.3. Be members of the British International 420 Class Association and the RYA.
- 5.4. Be compliant with World Sailing (WS) eligibility according to WS Regulation 19 at the time of entry for the Major Event.
- 5.5. Enter all the events indicated in section 8.1 (the "Spring Selection Events") together as a Pair and remain in the same configuration of helm and crew as the entered Pair for that Selection series.
- 5.6. If changing the Pair, comply with 11.9 below regarding Substitution of Sailors.
- 5.7. It is the policy of the British International 420 Class Association (and the RYA) 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 to compete for the senior team. The intention is that we send the best U17 team available to each event.

## **6. Selection Procedure**

- 6.1. 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.
- 6.2. In the event of only two Team Selection Events being sailed, the Independent Selection Committee will select pairs at their discretion, based on the rankings of the other events as well as section 1.9.



- 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 no one.

## **7. Team Composition**

- 7.1. Teams will be selected on the basis set out in this Section 7, subject to the discretions and principles set out in Section 6. The allocation of boats and their composition can be subject to change at the discretion of the Independent Selection Committee.
- 7.2. The U17 Junior Euros Team will be selected on the following basis, using the Ranking List from the 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:
- 7.2.1. The highest ranked eligible Male/ Mixed Pair
  - 7.2.2. The highest ranked eligible Female Pair
  - 7.2.3. The next highest ranked eligible Pair irrespective of gender
- 7.3. The Junior Euros Team will be selected on the following basis using the Ranking List from the 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:
- 7.3.1. The 3 highest ranked eligible Male/ Mixed Pairs
  - 7.3.2. The 3 highest ranked eligible Female Pairs
  - 7.3.3. The next highest ranked eligible Pair irrespective of gender
- 7.4. The U17 Worlds Team will be selected on the following basis, using the Ranking List from the Selection Events, with the Team offers made to eligible Pairs in the following order:
- 7.4.1. The three highest ranked eligible Male/ Mixed Pairs;
  - 7.4.2. The three highest ranked eligible Female Pairs.
- 7.5. The Open Worlds Team will 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.
- 7.6. The Ladies Worlds Team will 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:



- 7.7. An U17 pair that declines a place in an U17 team (Sections. 7.1, 7.3) is not eligible for the same event Open, or Ladies team.
- 7.8. 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 next highest ranked eligible U17 pair will be moved to the U17 team.
- 7.9. In the event that one or more Pairs decline their places in the Junior Euros teams then the selectors may nominate replacement eligible Pairs in the context of the principles outlined in Section 6.
- 7.10. In the event that one or more Pairs decline their places in the Worlds teams then the selectors may nominate replacement eligible Pairs in the context of the principles outlined in Section 6.

## 8. Selection Events

The 2021 nominated Selection Events will be:

- 8.1. 420 Spring Selector 1 event, 24th-25th April 2021 held at WPNSA
- 8.2. 420 Spring Selector 2 event, 8th-9th May 2021 held at Warsash SC
- 8.3. 420 Spring Selector 3 event, 22nd-23rd May 2021 held at Brixham YC

Dates and venues are subject to change and will be communicated to sailors via the British International 420 Class Association website.

## 9. Rankings to inform selection decisions

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. 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.
- 9.2. A Pair's ranking score will be calculated using the low points scoring system detailed in Appendix A, including A5.2, of the Racing Rules of Sailing, counting the total of their recalculated scores for the whole selector series. The number of discards for the selector series can be taken anywhere over the whole series and not restricted to the discards of the individual events. However 9.3 applies. Discards depend on the number of races sailed as follows:

1-3 races sailed	No discards
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4-5 races sailed	1 discard
6-8 races sailed	2 discards
9-11 races sailed	3 discards
12-13 races sailed	4 discards
14-15 races sailed	5 discards
16-17 races sailed	6 discards
18 races sailed	7 discards

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

## 10. Entry

10.1. Entry to each of the selection and indicator events shall be made via the class website managed by the British International 420 Class Association.

## 11. Terms of membership of Teams

It is a condition of participation that sailors:

- 11.1. 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.
- 11.2. 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.
- 11.3. Agree to the extent reasonably practicable to participate in the package of training, racing and physical preparation sessions that the Class and the RYA will propose for the preparation of competitors for each event.
- 11.4. In the event of a sailor not complying with these conditions, then the selectors reserve the right to withdraw the nomination of that Pair.
- 11.5. Substitution of Sailors: The intent is that Pairs enter and sail all the Spring Selection events and are selected as a consistent Pair (i.e. same helm and crew throughout).



- 11.6. Prior to the closure of entry to the Spring Selection Events, sailors may be substituted as long as the entry for each selection event is amended to reflect the change.

## **12. Sailor pairing substitution**

- 12.1. After the closure of entry to the first Spring Selection Event, any substitutions of sailors in a Pair must be approved by the Independent Selection Committee. Any substitution of sailors during a Selection Event will be additionally subject to the Sailing Instructions governing that event.
- 12.2. 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.
- 12.3. An individual sailor cannot combine the scores achieved within two different Pairs.
- 12.4. In the event of pairs not being able to sail together due to one sailor restricted from taking part due to injury, illness, a positive COVID-19 test result or school exam commitments (to be notified before the event), an exemption to the terms of sections 11, 12.1, 2 and 3 may be applied at the discretion of the Independent Selection Committee.

## **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 final Selector event at Brixham. 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 Junior Euros and Worlds events at the Selection events. All entered teams and their parents are invited to attend these meetings.
- 13.3. Sailors nominated for any team will be required to either accept or decline their place(s) by 6pm on Monday 31st May 2021. Initial payment via cheque or bank transfer for £250 per sailor per event should be made to the account listed below at 12.7 by the same time.
- 13.4. 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.



- 13.5. The 420 Class will organize entry, team kit and coaching for the teams. Transportation of boats and pastoral care will be the responsibility of the parents as a group. Travel and accommodation will be organized by the individual or as a group. The 420 Class will assist with the organization. Details will be in the briefing documents. Accommodation has been booked for the Junior Euros but not the Worlds team. Further estimated costs for each event will be communicated via the event briefing documents.  
Final payment of the balance of the costs for the Euros will be required to be paid to the same bank account on or before Friday 25th June 2021.  
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 11th June 2021.
- 13.6. The deposit is strictly non-refundable deposit, in addition, any costs (e.g. accommodation or travel) incurred by the class, on behalf of team members who have accepted places after the Spring Selections must be met by those team members.
- 13.7. The Bank Account for 420 International Teams is:  
  
Sort Code: 60-20-40  
Account Number: 79101518  
Other methods of payment to be agreed with the Treasurer.

#### **14. Appeals**

There will be no appeals against the published selection criteria or the actions of the Selectors, provided they follow the selection criteria. By entering the Selection Trials sailors agree to this condition. The grounds for appeal may not include any alleged error of judgment of the Selectors and are limited to allegations of:

- Failure to follow due process
- Bias/undue influence
- Some other misconduct

Should an appeal still arise then the RYA Appeals Process will be used. In this case the appeal should be submitted to the RYA Racing Operations Manager directly and within 5 days of the selection being announced. The full Appeals document is available on request from the RYA Racing Operations Manager