



2022 Team Selection Policy

BRITISH INTERNATIONAL 420 CLASS ASSOCIATION 2022 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”) 19-26 July 2022**
 - 1.1.1. Junior Euros Team: 10 boats comprising three male/mixed pairs, three female pairs and four boats comprising a pair irrespective of gender. All pairs must be aged under 19 on 31st December 2022
 - 1.1.2. U17 Junior Euros Team: 5 boats comprising two male/mixed Pair, two female pair and a fifth boat comprising a pair irrespective of gender. All pairs must be aged U17 on 31st December 2022.
- 1.2. **The 420 World Championships (“Worlds”) 5-13 August 2022**
 - 1.2.1. Open Worlds and Ladies Teams: 17 boats comprising five boats of male/mixed Pairs; five boats of female Pairs and seven boats comprising a Pair irrespective of gender.
 - 1.2.2. U17 Worlds Team: 8 boats comprising two male or mixed boats and two female Pairs and four boats comprising a Pair irrespective of gender. All Pairs must be aged U17 on 31st December 2022.
- 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 by providing 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 2022 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 none of the Team Selector Events can take place on the planned dates or be rearranged to take place on new dates, the team selection will be undertaken by the Independent Selection Committee (as outlined in section 3). The Selectors will take into account a number of factors that will include: past 420 event performance and discussions/feedback from the 420 Class Coach and the RYA Youth Squad Coach.

2. Aim

- 2.1. The aim of the Selection Process is to maximise 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. The long term goal being to develop sailing talent for future major international regattas and the Olympic Games.

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; and school exam commitments (to be notified before the event).

The Independent Selection Committee is:

David Campbell-James (Chairman)

Willis Fuller (Secretary)

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



- 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.
 - 5.1.1. For the Junior Euros each member of a pair must be aged under 19 on 31 December 2022.
 - 5.1.2. For the U17 Worlds and U17 Junior Euros, each member of a pair must be aged under 17 on 31 December 2022.
- 5.2. Be ordinarily resident in Great Britain at the time of the Selection Events and at the time of the Major Event for which they are being selected.
- 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. Sailors over 19 years old will be exempt from entering the RYA Youth Nationals refer to 6.3.
- 5.6. Comply with section 12 (Substitution of Sailors) if their boat paring changes.
- 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 less than 5 races being sailed in the Selection Series, the Independent Selection Committee will select pairs at their discretion, based on the Ranking List in accordance with Section 9.
- 6.3. If any team is unable to attend Selector 3 (Youth Nationals) as they do not meet the eligibility criteria for that event then they may apply to the Selection Committee for discretion to attend the Worlds.
- 6.4. 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. 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 5 boats have accepted a place in the team, or the Selectors deem that the team is complete:
 - 7.1.1. The 2 highest ranked eligible Male/ Mixed Pair
 - 7.1.2. The 2 highest ranked eligible Female Pair
 - 7.1.3. The next 1 highest ranked eligible Pair irrespective of gender
- 7.2. 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 (of a balanced mix of gender) in the following order, until either 10 boats have accepted a place in the team, or the selectors deem that the team is complete:
 - 7.2.1. The 3 highest ranked eligible Male/ Mixed Pairs
 - 7.2.2. The 3 highest ranked eligible Female Pairs
 - 7.2.3. The next 4 highest ranked eligible Pair irrespective of gender



- 7.3. 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:
- 7.3.1. The two highest ranked eligible Male/ Mixed Pairs;
 - 7.3.2. The two highest ranked eligible Female Pairs.
 - 7.3.3. The next four highest ranked eligible Pair irrespective of gender.
- 7.4. The Open and Ladies 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 five highest ranked eligible Male/ Mixed Pairs;
 - 7.4.2. The five highest ranked eligible Female Pairs.
 - 7.4.3. The next seven highest ranked eligible Pair irrespective of gender.

For all teams, the following apply:

- 7.5. An U17 pair that declines a place in an U17 team (Sections. 7.1, 7.3) is not eligible for the same event in the Open, or Ladies team.
- 7.6. 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.
- 7.7. In the event that one or more Pairs decline their places in the Junior Europeans Team then the Selectors may nominate replacement eligible Pairs in the context of the principles outlined in Section 6.
- 7.8. 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 2022 nominated Selection Events will be:

- 8.1. 420 Selector 1 Event (Rutland Sailing Club) - 12th & 13th March
- 8.2. 420 Selector 2 Event (Hayling Island Sailing Club) - 26th & 27th March
- 8.3. 420 Selector 3 Event (RYA Youth Nationals, Plas Heli) - 9th -15th April

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. 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. Discards depend on the number of races sailed as follows:

1-3 races sailed	No discards
4-6 races sailed	1 discard
7- 12 races sailed	2 discards
13-16 races sailed	3 discards
17-18 races sailed	4 discards

- 9.2. 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 Selector Events 1 and 2 events shall be made via the Class website managed by the British International 420 Class Association. Entry to Selector Event 3 shall be made via the RYA website managed by the RYA.

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. 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. 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).
- 12.2. After the closure of entry to the first 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.
- 12.3. 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.
- 12.4. An individual sailor cannot combine the scores achieved within two different Pairs.
- 12.5. In the event of pairs not being able to sail together due to one sailor being restricted from taking part due to injury or a positive COVID-19 test result (to be notified before the event) the Pair may apply for discretion from 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. 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 18th April 2022](#) . An initial payment via bank transfer of £250 per sailor per event should be made to the account listed in 13.7 below 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. For the Junior Europeans the 420 Class and RYA will organise entry to the event, team kit, accomodation and coaching for the teams. Transportation of boats and pastoral care will be the responsibility of the parents as a group. Travel will be organised by the individual or as a group. The 420 Class and RYA will assist with the organisation. Details will be in the briefing documents.
- For the World Championships the 420 Class will organise event entry, team kit and coaching for the teams. Travel, accommodation, transportation of boats and pastoral care will be the responsibility of the parents as a group. The 420 Class will assist with the organisation. 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 Junior Euros will be required to be paid to the same Class bank account on or before 1st June 2022.
- 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 1st June 2022.
- 13.6. The deposit is strictly non-refundable, 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 Selection 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 judgement 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