

ISC Decision – request no2_2026 Neil Marsden / Merle Nieuwland

Request

Neil Marsden is ineligible to compete at Q3 as he does not meet the RYA age limitation. He has requested that he and Merle be allowed to count their results from Q1 and Q2 for their Ranking Score as per selection policy 7.2.

7.2. For pairings that are eligible to compete in the RYA Youth National Championships (Q3), a pairing's Ranking score will be created by adding the overall finishing position at Q3 to their best overall finishing position at either Q1 or Q2. For clarity this means that only two Qualifier results will count towards the Ranking, but you must count the result of Q3. A pairing will only need to count one overall finishing position from either Q1 or Q2. Any competitors that do not meet the RYA age limitation and are therefore ineligible to compete in Q3 will need to count their overall finishing positions at Q1 and Q2. If either of these events do not meet the minimum number of races required by 7.3 or they are unable to compete at these events for any reason, the pairing will need to make a request to the ISC under 2.4.

Decision

Permission granted – Neil and Merle to count the results of Q1 and Q2 for their ranking score.

If Q2 does not meet the minimum number of races required by 7.3 then they will be awarded discretionary places for the Open Worlds based on their result in Q1 (1st) and their history of strong results in the class.

Ian Walker

Chair of Selectors

12th March 2026