



# IRISH INTERNATIONAL 420 CLASS ASSOCIATION

## 2024 TEAM SELECTION GUIDELINES ISSUED February 10 March 2024

(Please note that this replaces any earlier selection notice)

### **1. Introduction**

This notice describes the process for the selection of Irish 420 teams to compete at the following International 420 Class Championships in 2024

- 420 Open European Championships - Slovenia - *1st to 9th July*
- Junior European Championship (U19, U17 and U15) - Greece 21st -28th July

### **2. Selection**

Selection of teams will be carried out by the Irish 420 Class Association (Selectors) and will be based upon -

- Eligibility for selection (Section 2.1), **and**
- Selection Event results (Section 2.2), **and**
- Participation in at least two of the Irish Class Association Regional or National events between 2022 and 2024.

A team is made up of helm and crew. Mixed pairings are allowable, where • 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.

#### ***2.1 Eligibility for selection***

In order to be eligible for selection, sailors must -

- Normally be resident in Ireland or Northern Ireland (this would include sailors who are temporarily studying outside of the country)
- Be paid up members of the Irish 420 Class Association
- Be eligible from an age and gender perspective to compete for Ireland at one or all of the championships described in the Introduction (See also Section 2.3 and Section 6)

#### ***2.2 Selection Event***

The selection Event will be the Irish Sailing Youth Pathway Nationals, 4th through 7th April 2024. The venue will be hosted by Royal Cork Yacht Club. Irish sailing is the Organising Authority for this event. The minimum number of races required to constitute the event shall be determined by the Organising Authority. Should the minimum number of races not be reached, the 420 Association may decide to run a second selector event on a reserve weekend at a venue and date to be advised. This may or may not coincide with the plans of Sailing Ireland. Should a second selector event be required, any race results from the Youth Pathway Nationals will be disregarded. All race results from the event (or second/reserve event) are final. The Association has no power to retrospectively change any results.

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All teams (Men's, Mixed and Ladies) will be ranked after the event is complete. The team with the lowest total points will be ranked 1st, the second lowest 2nd, etc. As well as an overall ranking, the Ladies team with the lowest points will be ranked 1st Ladies, the second lowest 2nd Ladies etc. This ranking will be communicated by the Association within one business day after the event results are finalised by the Organising Authority.

Substitution of competitors during the course of the event will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Irish 420 Association. Substitution of the helm during the event will not be permitted.

## **2.3 Eligibility to participate at the Selection event**

The selector event permits entry by sailors who have not attained their 21st birthday by 31st December 2024.

The only teams that may participate in the team selection process for the Junior European Championships are those that will not have reached their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024. This applies to both helm and crew.

## **2.4 Team Offers**

Within three days of the completion of the selection event, offers of places will be emailed to the successful/eligible teams. If an offer is not accepted, the Association may offer a place to the next ranked eligible team.

The Irish 420 committee will decide, in conjunction with the sailors and parents, which event will be supported by the class association at a meeting to be held with teams who have accepted their place.

Qualifying teams may not change their crew except in exceptional circumstances. Any such request must be sent to the Association for approval beforehand. A team may not change its helm in any circumstances.

Those selected will have a further 3 days to email back confirmation of their acceptance of a place and to pay a deposit of €500 per sailor by electronic transfer to the Association. If both (email and evidence of the transfer) are not received by the deadline, the offer of a place will be withdrawn.

## **2.5 Minimum & Maximum Team Size**

The team selection will consist of four teams maximum. One place is reserved for an under 17 team.

## **3. Appeals & Discretionary Process**

The Selectors will consider Appeals relating to team selection. A written submission should be submitted to the Selectors (by sending it for the attention of the Class Association Secretary) no later than three days after the first round of offers have been extended.

The Selectors will also consider offering discretionary places. For example, this may apply in an

instance where sailors are unable to compete at the selector event due to illness, injury or other valid conflicting commitments. It is expected that any such offer would be made only to a team that has otherwise demonstrated their commitment to the class. It is likely that they would have participated in at least one of the international events noted in section 5.

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### **4. Terms of Membership of Teams**

- Agree to be bound by Irish 420 Association Code of Conduct.
- Agree to participate in any recommended pre-event training, events and physical preparation sessions that the Association and their coaches have recommended, either individually or collectively for the Event.
- Agree to be bound by the Associations guidelines and decisions, and the rules and regulations of the Irish 420 Association.
- Agree to pay the required event participation fees when required to do so.
- Agree that sponsorship raised by any individual member of the team will be deemed for the benefit of all sailors on the team. Any approaches for sponsorship must be approved by the Irish 420 Association and advertising be in accordance with the event rules.
- Sailors must sign and comply with the code of behavior and be under control of a responsible guardian throughout the event.

In the event of a team not complying with these conditions, the Selectors reserve the right to withdraw the nomination of that team.

### **5. International Events**

While not mandatory for teams intending to participate at the Junior and U17 European Championships, the association strongly recommends that any team hoping to participate in the Championships should have / compete at one or more international events such as

UK Inland Championships: Rutland 16th -17th March 2024

### **6. Age categories at Junior and U17 European Championships**

- 6.1 Junior European Championship – each crew member shall NOT have attained his or her 19<sup>th</sup> birthday on or before 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024 (i.e. born 2006 or later)
- 6.2 U17 European Championship – each crew member shall NOT have attained his or her 17<sup>th</sup> birthday on or before 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024 (i.e. born 2008 or later)

## **7. Entries for non-supported teams**

The Class Association will not enter any team in the Open Championship or Junior or U17 European Championships that have not been offered a place through the process outlined in this document.

8 The Irish 420 committee will decide, in conjunction with the sailors and parents, which event will be supported by the class association. However, should a team which is a member of the association wish to attend another (or both) events, and that team has been the recipient of an offer pursuant to this selection process, the Association may agree to enter that team for the event and provide advice in relation to support and logistics. The class association can offer no further support.