

Provincial Athlete Selection Policy

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1 Purpose

Sail Manitoba supports all stages of development through our programming and provides a pathway to the National and International level of competition for identified athletes. This policy establishes provincial athlete selection standards.

2 Definitions

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3 Policy

3.1 Provincial Athlete Categories

Sail Manitoba is committed to the pursuit of excellence in sport. We support Learn-to-Race programming with our Developmental Team, and our High-Performance Program is intended for youth sailors in the train-to-compete and train-to-win stages of their sailing development. Within the provincial program, there are three categories of athletes identified:

- a. High-Performance Athletes
- b. Development Athletes
- c. Provincial Participant Athletes

3.2 Selection Criteria

The following section outlines the minimum criteria that candidates must meet to be considered for inclusion with Sail Manitoba as a “Provincial Athlete”.

High-Performance Athletes Criteria:

- a. Team athlete(s) will have previously participated as a Development and/or High Performance and/or Participation Athlete in the season prior.
- b. Athletes are required to be a Sail Manitoba Member either through membership in a Club or directly through Sail Manitoba as a non-club member, per the Sail Manitoba Membership Policy
- c. Team athlete(s) are expected to have significant experience at club-level racing.
- d. Team athletes must have a Sail Canada CANSail 3 level or higher.

- e. Team athlete(s) must have competed in two (2) or more sanctioned sailing events the year prior to joining the team.
- f. Team athletes are from fourteen years of age up to 21 years of age.
- g. Team athlete(s) must have thoroughly read and submitted the Team Application Document according to the application deadline.
- h. If an athlete does not meet all the criteria listed above, a letter of support from a Coach or instructor may be considered when submitted to the Head Coach by the application deadline.
- i. If one or more of these criteria are not met, it may result in not being accepted for the High-Performance Team that season.

Development Athletes Criteria:

- a. Athletes are required to be a Sail Manitoba Member either through membership in a Club or directly through Sail Manitoba as a non-club member, per the Sail Manitoba Membership Policy
- b. Team athletes must have a Sail Canada CANSail 3 level or higher
- c. Team athlete(s) must have competed in two (2) or more sanctioned sailing events the year prior to joining the team.
- d. Team athletes are from nine (9) years of age up to 21 years of age.
- e. Team athlete(s) must have thoroughly read and submitted the Team Application Document according to the application deadline.
- f. If one or more of these criteria are not met, it may result in not being accepted for the Provincial Race Team that season.

Provincial Participation Athletes Criteria:

- a. Participation Athletes are High-Performance Alumni welcomed to train and participate in team training and competitions.
- b. Athletes are required to be a Sail Manitoba Member either through membership in a Club or directly through Sail Manitoba as a non-club member, per the Sail Manitoba Membership Policy

3.3 Application Results

Each application will be reviewed carefully by the Sail Manitoba Head Coach and Coaching Staff. If an applicant is not satisfied with the result, the applicant will be encouraged to submit a formal Appeal in writing to the Executive Director of Sail Manitoba.

- a. Possible Outcomes of Team Athlete Selection Criteria:
- b. All applications will be considered.
- c. Athletes who do not satisfy all criteria are not guaranteed a spot on the team.

- d. Athletes who satisfy criteria but, due to factors of comparative experience to other applicants and available coaches that given year, could be denied a spot on the team.

Decisions will be sent by email within 14 days of the applications being received by the Head Coach.

4 Procedure

Athletes are to complete a Provincial Athlete Application Form and submit it to the Head Coach or the Executive Director.

5 Governance, Review, & Approval

The roles and responsibilities for the oversight, review, and delivery of this policy are identified as follows:

- **Executive Director:** Administration and regular review of this policy
- **Sail Manitoba Board of Directors:** Responsible to review and approve