

## Sail Manitoba Athlete Selection Criteria Policy

### Introduction

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 stage of their sailing development.

### 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. The purpose of this policy is to establish provincial athlete selection standards.

### Selection Criteria Mandate:

Following are the minimum criteria that race team candidates must satisfy:

#### Development Athletes Minimum Criteria:

1. 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
2. Team athletes must have a Sail Canada CANSail 3 level or higher
3. Team athlete(s) must have competed in two (2) or more sanctioned sailing events the year prior to joining the team.
4. Team athletes are from nine (9) years of age up to 21 years of age.
5. Team athlete(s) must have thoroughly read and submitted the Team Application Document according to the application deadline.
6. If one or more of these criteria are not met it may result in not being accepted for the Provincial Race Team that season.

#### High-Performance Athletes Minimum Criteria:

1. Team athlete(s) will have previously participated as a Development and/or High Performance and/or Participation Athlete in the season prior.
2. 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
1. Team athlete(s) are expected to have significant experience at club level racing.
2. Team athletes must have a Sail Canada CANSail 3 level or higher.
3. Team athlete(s) must have competed in two (2) or more sanctioned sailing events the year prior to joining the team.
4. Team athletes are from fourteen years of age up to 21 years of age.
5. Team athlete(s) must have thoroughly read and submitted the Team Application Document according to the application deadline.
6. If an athlete does not meet all the listed criteria above, a letter of support from a Coach/Instructor may be considered when submitted to the Head Coach by the application deadline.



7. If one or more of these criteria are not met it may result in not being accepted for the High-Performance Team that season.

#### Participation Athletes Minimum Criteria:

1. Participation Athlete are High Performance Alumni welcomed to train and participate with the team training and competitions.
2. 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

## Applicant 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.

#### Possible Outcomes of Team Athlete Selection Criteria:

- a) All applications will be considered.
- b) Athletes who do not satisfy all criteria are not guaranteed a spot on the team.
- c) 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.
- d) Decisions will be sent by email within 14 days of the applications being received by the Head Coach.

## Conclusion

Sail Manitoba has ensured that through their affiliated clubs and provincial programming, all these criteria are achievable for each sailor in the province who is committed to progressing in the sport.

## Review and Approval

The administration and review of this policy is the responsibility of the Executive Director. This policy was first introduced and approved by the Board of Directors of Sail Manitoba on February 9, 2022. The next re-approval date is February 2025.