

Notice of Selection

Class National RS Feva XL UK Squad

1. Introduction

The UK RS Feva Class National Squad delivers a performance programme to help develop and retain racing sailors who can represent the sport at the highest levels.

The RYA Zone Squads are the entry point into the programme. Zone Squads are organised by the RYA and concentrate on regional area training. The RYA UK National Junior and the RS Class National Squad are the next level up from the Zone Squads. Organised by RS Feva class and RYA the training is set in venues across the country and so on on a national basis. The RS Feva is one of several RYA recognised classes of boat used by at junior level.

Normally a minimum of 10 boat places will be offered for the UK RS Feva Class National Squad, however, this number may vary according to the overall ability of competitors taking part in the indicator series and not simply the relative ability of such competitors. Places will normally be offered to boats where the helm and crew is under 17 in the year of application.

At senior level male and female sailors race in separate fleets. However at Junior Squad level sailors usually race in mixed fleets. Mixed crew compositions are also permitted. In order to prepare for the future the UK RS Feva Class aspires to select an equal proportion of boys and girls into the UK RS Feva Class National Squad and an equal proportion of boats with male helms and boats with female helms.

2. Support

Sailors selected to be part of the UK RS Feva Class National Squad will normally receive the following support:

- Up to 6 race training camps.
- A specific needs based training programme.
- Transitional advice regarding youth sailing

The UK RS Feva Class Squad is not subsidised by the RS Sailing, RYA or UK RS Feva Class. In order to keep fees to a minimum initial charges will cover training only. Head Coach and UK Class Secretary will work with the squad to come up with a package and cost for support at events including but not limited too RS Feva Nationals, RS Feva European Championships and RS Feva World Championships

3. Eligibility

In order to be eligible for the UK Feva Class National Squad, helms and crews shall normally be aged under 17 in the year of application.

In addition UK RS Feva Class National Squad sailors must be resident in the United Kingdom; hold or be eligible to hold a British passport; and, eligible to represent Great Britain in the Youth Sailing World Championships.

All applicants must be members of the UK RS Feva Class Association

4. Selection Criteria and Procedure

Normally up to eight boat places for the UK RS Feva Class National Squad will be allocated according to a ranking system generated using the results from the indicator events referred to below. Up to a further two boat places (known as “discretionary places”) may be allocated based on other factors (see below).

5. Indicator Events

The following events will be used as indicators for RS Feva XL UK Junior Squad places

- **RS Feva Grand Prix**
September - prior to the beginning of the training season in late **October**
– Full details in the event section on the website

- **Feva Grand Prix**
October – prior to the beginning of the training season in late **October**
– Full details in the event section on the website

The UK RS Feva Class reserve the right to add further indicator events if the Selection Committee deem it necessary.

6. Scoring

The ranking list will be compiled by adding together each individual race score (including all competitors) from the indicator events.

The total number of races sailed at the indicator events will determine whether any worst scores will be excluded from this calculation (i.e. discards), as follows:

- When fewer than 4 final races have been completed, a boat's final series score will be the total of her race scores.
- When 4 to 8 final races have been completed, a boat's final series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- When 9 or more final races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores

The net points will then be used to rank the competitors where the competitors are listed from first to last (lowest net points first).

If in the view of the selectors any of the race are deemed unsatisfactory, then the level of subjective/discretionary selection may be increased.

7. Discretionary Places

Discretionary places may be offered by the Selection Committee to boats where the sailors:

- In their opinion have demonstrated the best prospects of progressing to the RYA UK Youth Squads and the most potential to win medals for the British Youth Sailing Team at international competitions in the subsequent years.
- Fall outside the age criteria.
- Fail to achieve selection based on rankings in the indicator events, possibly (but not exclusively) because they are new to the class, injured, or could not attend all indicator events for legitimate reasons.

When allocating discretionary places the selection committee may take into consideration the following factors:

- Age and potential.
- Factors affecting results.
- Performance in the Indicator series.
- Attitude and behaviour throughout the series and during previous training.
- Class ranking list.
- Performance in other events.
- Goals and aspirations.
- Height and weight.
- Other factors the Selection Committee considers appropriate.

8. Exceptional Circumstances/failure to attend Indicator events:

The selectors expect sailors to make every endeavour to attend the indicator events in order that they can make objective decisions having seen sailors compete against each other at key events.

Where this is **impossible** sailors may take the opportunity to notify the selectors of the reasons why and seek dispensation which will only be granted (retrospectively) in exceptional circumstances. Some examples of exceptional circumstances are: illness or injury which precludes sailing (medical diagnosis should be provided), bereavement or non-transferable academic commitments which directly impact on the grade of a nationally recognised qualification that sailors will be awarded. Gear failure, breakage or the actions of another competitor are not considered exceptional, where appropriate, sailors should seek retribution via the normal processes of the racing rules of sailing.

Sailors wishing to notify the selectors of exceptional circumstances/failure to attend indicator events should do so in writing, together with any diagnosis or reasons via the RS Feva Class Secretary at: secretary@rsfeva.org.uk

9. Selection Practice

For all RS Feva Class XL Junior Squad places selectors have the discretion to determine:

- The size of the squad, taking into account the target size.
- Which of the criteria to take into account.
- Who to select.

In making their decisions and exercising their discretions Selectors are expected to:

- Use their own expertise and experience.
- Rely on their own observations of the competitors, together with the observations made by other individuals, such as class coaches and class representatives.

By entering an event or activity that is part of this selection series the competitors agree that the Selectors have such discretions.

10. Selection Committee

The Selection Committee will be made up of the RYA RS Feva XL Class Steering Team (or their appointed representatives), which currently consists of:

- RYA Senior HPM. (Selection Committee Chairman).
- RYA Double Handed Pathway Manager
- RS Feva XL Class Chair.
- RYA UKJS Head Coach
- UK RS Feva Class Coach

11. Registration, Entry Fees and Measurement

Sailors must be members of the RS Feva Class Association.

Applications for the RYA RS Feva XL UK Junior Squad should be submitted on-line at <http://www.rya.org.uk/racing/youthjunior/squads/junior/Pages/Selection.aspx>, which will be open from 1st August 2017, All applications must be submitted before the last indicator event.

All boats must conform to the Class Association rules and measurements.

12. Notification

Applicants will be notified in writing by mail as soon as is practically possible after the completion of the final indicator event, usually within 14 days.

Successful sailor's names will be published on the UK RS Feva web-site once all attendance confirmation forms/contracts have been returned to the office. It is not UK RS Feva Class policy to publish this information before this time.

13. 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 process sailors agree to this condition.

The grounds for appeal are limited to allegations of:

- I. Failure to follow due process.
- II. Bias/undue influence.
- III. Some other misconduct.

The criteria for appeal may not include any alleged error of judgement of the selectors. Should an appeal still arise then it should be submitted to the UK RS Feva Class Association Class Secretary within 5 days of the selection being announced.

14. Status

The UK RS Feva Class Association policies and procedures are subject to change from time to time, including variations required to comply with RYA directions on the investment in the UK RS Feva Class.

The UK RS Feva Class reserves the right to amend, supplement and/or discontinue at its absolute discretion, for whatever reason, any or all of its policies and procedures.