



**Notice of Selection  
For Teams to Represent  
GBR at  
The FISU World University Match Racing  
Championships 2014**

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# **FISU WORLD UNIVERSITY MATCH RACING CHAMPIONSHIPS**

## **NOTICE OF SELECTION FOR THE TEAMS TO REPRESENT GREAT BRITAIN**

### **1. SUMMARY**

- 1.1.** The RYA has been invited by BUCS to nominate up to four GBR Teams (2 Open/2 Female) into the forthcoming FISU World University Match Racing Championships (FISU14) starting on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June until Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2014 in Lago di Ledro (North Italy). It is our intention to select 2 teams (2 Open or 1 Open/1 Female), however additional teams may be selected at the discretion of the Selection Committee.
- 1.2.** The RYA has decided that the teams will be selected by a Selection Committee.
- 1.3.** FISU14 Open Teams will be sailing in J22. Teams consist of 4 sailors (including skipper) weighing no more than 350kgs.
- 1.4.** FISU14 Women's teams (all female) will be sailing UFO22. Teams consist of 4 to 5 sailors (including skipper) weighing no more than 272kgs.
- 1.5.** Each team selected will be determined primarily on performance in the races used for the selections.
- 1.6.** The provisions of this Notice of Selection set out below are intended, so far as is practical, to follow the rules for FISU14.
- 1.7.** The Selection Committee is happy to be contacted by prospective entrants to discuss any relevant details.

### **2. RYA and BUCS OBJECTIVES**

- 2.1.** The RYA's Objective is to select and develop teams with the potential to win the event this time and in the future.
- 2.2.** The BUCS objective is to engage with the RYA pathways and performance programmes.
- 2.3.** The Selectors reserve the right to make changes to this Notice of Selection to reflect changes to the NoR for the FISU14.

### **3. SELECTION COMMITTEE AND ORGANISATION**

- 3.1.** The RYA has appointed a Selection Committee to select up to 2 teams. Additional teams may be selected if they can source the additional funding required to attend.
- 3.2.** The Selection Committee will comprise: -
  - David Campbell-James (RYA Match Racing Group Chair)
  - Nigel King (RYA Racing Keelboat Manager)
  - Jess Beecher (BUSA Secretary, National Umpire)
- 3.3.** All communications connected with the running of the selection event should be addressed to:-
  - Jess Beecher, RYA Racing Department, RYA House, Ensign Way, Hamble, Southampton, SO31 4YA. E-mail: [jessica.beecher@rya.org.uk](mailto:jessica.beecher@rya.org.uk)

### **4. SELECTION CRITERIA**

- 4.1.** The Selection Committee has the authority to take whatever action it deems appropriate to nominate to BUCS the teams it believes will best achieve the RYA Objective (as set out in Clause 2.1). It will select teams in accordance with the process outlined in this Notice of Selection taking into account any other factor that they may believe to be relevant.
- 4.2.** In particular, should the Selection Committee decide that the Selection Event identified in Clauses 5.1 below was not a satisfactory test of the performance of some or all of the entrants, the Selection Committee may consider the performance of the entrants based on their sailing CVs and ISAF Match Racing Ranking.

- 4.3. The Selection Committee will first and foremost take note of the results and points gained in the Selection Event. In exceptional circumstances due consideration will be given to other factors.
- 4.4. This Notice of Selection may be amended at any time up to 24 hours before the start of the first race in the Selection Event, should the Selection Committee, at its absolute discretion, consider that circumstances require changes to be made. Such changes will be e-mailed to supplied contact addresses.

## 5. SELECTION EVENT

### 5.1. RYA Match Racing Selection Event

15/16th February 2014. Queen Mary SC, Staines. To be sailed in J80s.  
See Separate NOR.

## 6. RULES

The following rules will apply for all Selections:

- 6.1. RRS 2013-2016 with RYA Prescriptions.
- 6.2. The Notice of Race for FISU14 and the Selection Event.
- 6.3. The Sailing Instructions for the Selection Event.
- 6.4. This Notice of Selection. Where there is a conflict, succeeding items, as listed above, shall take precedence over preceding items.

## 7. ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- 7.1. Completed RYA Selection Event Entry Form shall be delivered to the RYA before 1200 hours on Monday 20th January 2014 together with the entry fee of £250 and a damage deposit of £500 for each team.
- 7.2. Late entries will only be accepted if there is space at the discretion of the Selection Committee and then only in exceptional circumstances.
- 7.3. For the Selection event Skippers must be personal members of the RYA. Once selected all crew must be personal members of the RYA.
- 7.4. If selected, the cost of participation for this event is in excess of £1,250 per athlete. Each selected athlete will be required to make a standard Athlete Personal Contribution directly to BUCS of £425 (or £490 for non-BUCS members) towards the cost of their entry/participation. **The balance of the costs of participation will be met in full by the RYA and BUCS.**  
Payment(s) will be required in full at the point of selection. Athletes submitting a nomination acknowledge this requirement by indicating their acceptance of the Team Members Agreement, and accept that any unrecoverable costs incurred by BUCS resulting from athlete withdrawal from the nomination process will be passed onto the athlete concerned.

## 8. ELIGIBILITY OF CREW

- 8.1. All sailors must be at least 17 years old and less than 28 years old on the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2014.
- 8.2. All sailors must be a national of the country they represent.
- 8.3. **BUCS/FISU Eligibility requirement:**

### FISU Criteria (General)

#### FISU Regulations 5.2.1

Only the following may participate as competitors in a FISU Sporting Event:

- i) Students who are currently officially registered as proceeding towards a degree or diploma at the university or similar institute whose status is recognised by the appropriate national academic authority of their country (e.g. the Department of Education in the UK).

- ii) Former students of the institutions mentioned in (i) who have obtained their academic degree/diploma in the year preceding the event. i.e. students graduating in 2012/13 are eligible to compete.

### FISU Regulations 5.2.3

All competitors must satisfy the following conditions.

- i) be a national of the country they represent (therefore hold a full 10 year UK passport)
- ii) be at least 17 and less than 28 years of age on January 1st in the year of the event (born between 1 January 1986 and 31 December 1996)

Students studying abroad are eligible for selection provided they satisfy FISU regulations 5.2.1 and 5.2.3

Students attending courses franchised out from an institution [complying with FISU Regulations 5.2.1 (i)] are eligible for selection providing they also satisfy FISU Regulation 5.2.3.

### **BUCS Criteria (Academic)**

The minimum level of study has been set at Level 4 of the Framework for Higher Education Qualifications in England, Wales and Northern Ireland, or equivalent. Level 4 is equivalent to Higher National Certificates (HNC) and Certificates of Higher Education (CertHE).

Exemptions to permit the selection of student athletes studying below Level 4 can be considered where :

1. The student still meets the FISU regulation 5.2.1.i) above
2. There is no direct financial implication to BUCS
3. It can be demonstrated that this inclusion encourages additional benefit to Level 4 students

The inclusion of students studying below Level 4 should not be at the expense of a student studying at Level 4 or above.

## **9. SELECTED TEAMS**

- 9.1.** The RYA Selections Committee will nominate to BUCS a Team Coach/Manager for the FISU14 and all crew members of selected teams are expected to abide by the Team Coach's decisions and requests.
- 9.2.** The selected teams will be expected to contribute to the cost of attending the event by making the stated Athlete Personal Contribution towards the event. Other costs such as training may also need to be funded by teams.
- 9.3.** Each sailor will be required to submit to BUCS registration information, accreditation details, travel, medical and media information as requested by BUCS and BUSA. Failure to submit the requested details by the stated deadline may result in de-selection.
- 9.4.** After selection, any crew changes may invalidate the team's selection, however a team may request a change in writing to the Selection Committee with the extenuating circumstances. The decision of the Selection Committee is final. A change of skipper will automatically invalidate a team's selection.

## **10. ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE TEAM**

Every effort will be made to announce the Teams to be nominated to BUCS at the conclusion of the Selection Event on the 16<sup>th</sup> February 2014. However the Selection Committee may delay the announcement up until the 28<sup>th</sup> March 2014. BUCS will formally confirm selections shortly thereafter.

## **11. APPEALS**

- 11.1.** Grounds for appeal against the decisions of the Selection Committee are limited to allegations of:
- Failure to follow due process
  - Bias/undue influence
  - Some other misconduct
- 11.2.** Any appeal on such grounds will be conducted in accordance with the RYA Racing Department Selection Appeals Policy and must be notified to the RYA Racing Manager, RYA Racing Department, RYA House, Ensign Way, Hamble, Hants, SO31 4YA, email:[john.derbyshire@rya.org.uk](mailto:john.derbyshire@rya.org.uk) within 5 days of the Teams being announced.
- 11.3.** There will be no appeals against the published selection criteria or the provisions of this Notice of Selection. There will be no appeals against the actions of the Selection Committee, provided they follow the Selection Criteria. For the avoidance of doubt, there shall be no right of appeal against any alleged error of judgement on the part of the Selection Committee. By entering the selection process, owners, charterers and crew agree to the provisions of this Notice of Selection.