

**HKSF SELECTION GUIDELINES
2024 ILCA 4 YOUTH WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

22-30 June 2024

Viana do Castelo, PORTUGAL

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1. The Championship

(a) The World sailing 2024 ILCA 4 Youth World Championships ('ILCA 4 Youth Worlds') will be held at Viana do Castelo, PORTUGAL on 22-30 June 2024.

(b) The Notice of Race can be seen at the following link - <https://2024ilca4youth.ilca-worlds.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/22/2024/02/NOR-2024-ILCA-4-POR-Amend-2.pdf>

(c) Up to three youth sailors will be selected by HKSF to be LCSD funding recipients for taking part in the 2024 ILCA 4 Youth Worlds, subject to funding availability.

2. Eligibility

To be eligible for selection each sailor must (at end of May 2023):

- (a) within the age limits of the event;
- (b) (i) be a holder of Hong Kong passport or (ii) a holder of Hong Kong Permanent Identity Card or (iii) having resided in Hong Kong for 7 years and eligible to apply for a Hong Kong Permanent ID card;
- (c) be a member of HKSF, and of Hong Kong Laser Class Association;
- (d) compete with a HKG sail number in local and overseas events after being selected by HKSF;
- (e) comply or receive exception from World Sailing Eligibility Code (World Sailing Regulation 19.2) and be registered as a World Sailing Sailor on the World Sailing website;
- (f) have registered to compete in ILCA 4 Youth Worlds, and to have been accepted as an entrant to the ILCA 4 Youth Worlds by the day before the first day of the selection regatta;
- (g) comply with HKLCA's qualification criteria for representing Hong Kong;
- (h) comply with all requirements of the Notice of Race.

3. Selection

3.1 These Selection Guidelines are HKSF's selection criteria only for any funding for this event if available, not eligibility to enter the event.

3.2 The objective is to select and support eligible sailors who have the best potential to win medals at the ILCA 4 Youth Worlds.

3.3 The selection by results will be based on the sailors' results in Hebe Haven Yacht Club Open Dinghy Regatta to be held on 11 & 12 May 2024.

3.4 Up to three ILCA 4 sailors (boys and/or girls) will be selected by results, as follows: 1st boy, 1st girl, then the sailor with the highest regatta score after the 1st boy and 1st girl.

3.5 The final selection will need to be voted on and approved by the HKSF Council.

3.6 HKSF reserves the right not to select a sailor to the 2024 ILCA 4 Youth Worlds if such sailor has not finished within the top 30% of ILCA 4 fleet in a local regatta in the last 12 months.

3.7 HKSF reserves the right to withdraw the selection of a sailor in the case of:

- (a) misconduct in a local or overseas event;
- (b) a criminal act;
- (c) a breach of the anti-doping rules;
- (d) failure to comply with the eligibility requirements;
- (e) failure to comply with any training camp requirement; or
- (f) failure to comply with the Guidelines on Handling the Playing of the National Anthem and Raising of the Regional Flag for Hong Kong Athletes and Teams Engaging in International Sports Events - https://sailing.org.hk/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/Appendix-I-Guidelines-on-Handling-National-Anthem-and-Regional-Flag_eng-May-2023.pdf

4. Replacement

If for any reason a selected sailor withdraws from the ILCA 4 Youth Worlds, HKSF may or may not replace the selected sailor with another sailor.

5. Training

Each selected sailor must fulfil the following training requirements, following selection:

- (a) 15 hours of training per week (at club level training); and
- (b) Attend any training camp organized by HKSF or subsidized by LCSD for ILCA 4.

6. Funding

The selected sailor/team must be prepared to pay all expenditure incurred in taking part in the ILCA 4 Youth Worlds if no funding becomes available. Depending on the availability of funding, HKSF may pay some or all competition related expenses and will announce the details if funding is available for the event.

It is noted that a sailor's direct entry into Championships is permitted by the NOR but if a sailor is not selected by HKSF such sailor shall not be eligible for such funding.

7. Appeal

Any appeals must be directed to the HKSF within 7 days after the announcement of selection results. HKSF may at its discretion appoint an Appeal Working Party to decide on the validity of the appeal and the outcome.