



## OPTIMIST SAILING SOUTH AFRICA

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### CRITERIA FOR THE SELECTION OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN OPTIMIST TEAM

#### **Objectives**

Continued participation in international events assists in keeping Optimist Sailing South Africa and its members/skippers abreast of developments in the class, gives input on where South Africa stands in the Optimist world and serves as a motivational goal to Optimist Sailors.

Optimist Sailing South Africa shall endeavor to send a team to both the IODA World and African Championships each year.

#### **Selection Process of the National Optimist Squad**

To be eligible for selection the sailor must,

- Be a paid-up member of the National Optimist Class a.k.a. Optimist Sailing SA.
- Must be a paid-up member of the National Federation – South African Sailing.
- Attend one Provincial Championship within the preceding calendar year of the Selections Regatta.
- Attend the South African Optimist National Championships within the preceding calendar year of the Selections Regatta.
- Complies with the current International Optimist Dinghy Association (IODA) eligibility codes.  
[http://www.optiworld.org/uploaded\\_files/IODA%20Handbook%20Final%20For%20Posting%20on%20Website.pdf](http://www.optiworld.org/uploaded_files/IODA%20Handbook%20Final%20For%20Posting%20on%20Website.pdf) 2588\_en.pdf
- Complies with the current World Sailing Regulations eligibility codes – Appendix 3 Section 19. [http://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/2018RegulationsClean-\[23578\].pdf](http://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/2018RegulationsClean-[23578].pdf)

Regarding the required Provincial and National Championship, candidates must physically sail the event and render a result.

#### **Optimist Selections Regatta**

The Selections Regatta should be timed as far as possible around Worlds and Africans Championships to afford the selected team a suitable training period prior to the events. The EXCO will meet upon the announcement of both Worlds and Africans venues to decide the location of the selection regatta venue(s), which shall as far as possible, reflect the expected conditions of the World Championships.

The Selections Regatta shall consist of a minimum of 5 races incorporating one discard. If the Selections Regatta is incorporated into another regatta (e.g. a Provincials), then the entire regatta's results shall be taken into account – including applicable discards. If for any reason as Selections Regatta cannot be held, or the required minimum of 5 races cannot be conducted, then the sailors' performances at the Optimist National Championships shall be the sole criteria for selection.

A separate NOR (Notice of Race) will be published and included into the provincial regatta as an appendix. The regional Reps in whose jurisdiction the selection regatta will be held must engage with their SAS counterparts and request the course to be used to be the 'Optimist trapezoid' course as is used in IODA Championships. They must stress that it is an Optimist Selections Regatta. The RRS low point scoring system will be used to score all the events included in the selection process.

### **South African Optimist Worlds and Africans Team Selection**

The South African Optimist Team will be selected from the SA Optimist Ranking Ladder. The ranking ladder will be built with 50% of the South African National Championships result excluding non-eligible sailors and 50% of the Optimist Selection Regatta results. The World Championships team will be the first 4 sailors. Should a sailor decline their right to attend the Worlds or African Championships, the next sailor in line will be allowed to enter provided that in the case of the African Championships the gender equation as determined by IODA is met.

The EXCO of Optimist Sailing SA reserves the 5th place of the Worlds Team and the 10th place of the Africans Team for a WILD CARD candidate. The EXCO may or may not choose to exercise this policy, but if it does, and decided by majority vote of a margin of 2. If this majority is not attained or if the EXCO does not choose to exercise this policy, the reserved place(s) shall be determined by the results as per the normal selections procedure.

### **Optimist African Championship Gender Requirements.**

Unless otherwise specified in the Notice of Race, qualifying sailors will be selected in accordance with the gender qualifying requirements of the Optimist African Championship.

Gender Quota:

Members entering teams of 6 or more competitors shall register a minimum number of competitors of the opposite gender, as follows:

Total Number of Competitors	Minimum Number of Opposite Gender
Less than 5	No restriction
5-6	1
7 - 9	2
10	3
Host Nation Only	The above ratio as follows



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10	3
11-16	4
17-19	5
20	6

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