

## 2018 UKLA QUALIFICATION for the Laser 4.7 YOUTH WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

The Youth World Championship will be held in Poland, Gdynia, 9<sup>th</sup> July 2018 till 17<sup>th</sup> July 2018

### ELIGIBILITY

In order to be eligible for the 4.7 World Championship, sailors must

- Be a member of the UKLA before entering the Qualifying events.
- Have applied for a place on the ILCA website using the ILCA application procedure. The deadline will be published on their website.

<https://sailing.laserinternational.org/public/site/event-list>

- Be at least 12 years old but not 18 years or older in the year of the championship.
- Be a competent sailor and able to sail in 25 knots of winds.

### ENTRY:

The World Championship is a restricted entry allocated Championship. Sailors wishing to qualify will need to enter their intention to compete on the ILCA website. <https://sailing.laserinternational.org/site/event-list>

Applications are expected to open on early January 2018. It is the sailors responsibility to enter on the ILCA website. The website is currently under construction. More information including entry forms, list of all entrants, all documents including Notice of Race, late application and entry fee's will be available early January 2018.

There are no UKLA grants available.

Sailors must have a valid ISAF number which can be obtained free of charge from ISAF:

[https://members.sailing.org/profiles/profile.php?unique=1446077226.851&no\\_cache=1&view=default](https://members.sailing.org/profiles/profile.php?unique=1446077226.851&no_cache=1&view=default)

Any sailor who is a member of two, or more, Laser Class Associations must inform UKLA and the other Association(s), which country they intend to qualify in before the start of the UKLA Qualification series.

Before any application can be accepted, sailors need to qualify for a place by following the Qualifying Procedure via the UKLA website:

<http://www.laser.org.uk/>

## QUALIFYING PROCEDURE

All sailors who would like to qualify for the Championship will need to compete in, and obtain race results at, at least one of the two qualifying events, which are:

- Q1 UKLA Laser 4.7 **Ladder 5** (27/01/18 & 28/01/18) at WPNSA
- Q2 UKLA Laser 4.7 **Ladder 6** (10/2/18 & 11/02/18) at Rutland Water SC

In the case of a “no sail” in either Ladder 5 and/or Ladder 6 Qualifying events, the reserve Ladder 7 may be used:

Worlds Qualifier reserve date :

- UKLA Laser 4.7 **Ladder 7**, 17/3/18 & 18/3/16 at WPNSA

After the last qualifying event, the UKLA will rank the sailors according to their combined results in the up to two Worlds Qualifier Ladder events.

The top boys and girls sailors who have qualified will be offered a place by ILCA around Easter 2018, which needs to be accepted before the deadline published on the ILCA website. Other sailors who entered, qualified and comply with this Qualification document will be considered for the second round, the late application.

## CLOSING DATE:

You must enter on the ILCA website for Youth World Championships by the closing date set by ILCA. All documents will be available on the ILCA website early in 2018.

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## NUMBER OF PLACES AVAILABLE

The UKLA have not yet been given the initial entry allocations for the 2018 World Championship.

## EXTRA PLACES (late applications- second round)

The extra places noted above *may* be offered to UKLA by ILCA depending upon those not taken up by other countries. As with the initial places, these will be awarded in ranking order of the qualifying events to sailors who have applied for a late application place at the ILCA website and have competed in at least one of the qualifier events.

Please note that it is probable that, in order to prevent UKLA being financially liable for places which are applied for, awarded, but not taken up, a ‘commitment procedure’ will be introduced.

Failure to comply with such procedure will result in no place being awarded even though qualification may have been achieved. Places not taken up by sailors will be returned to ILCA. Extra places will not be offered to sailors who did not comply with the Qualifying procedure.

## **SCORING**

In case of a "no sail" in either Ladder 5 and/or 6 Qualifier events, the reserve Ladder 7 may be used as the Qualifier event.

## **SCORES FOR NON-ATTENDANCE:**

Scores for non-attendance will be given as the number of competitors on the ranking ladder plus one. This provision will only be available provided one qualifier has been sailed. No discretionary place will be available for any sailor who has failed to sail at least one qualifier, for any reason.

## **MEASUREMENT**

All boats must conform with the Class Association rules and measurements. In particular, all parts must be genuine Laser parts. There may be on-the-spot, random, measurement during any of the Qualifying events.

## **PRE EVENT TRAINING & ON WATER SUPPORT.**

The RYA may be supporting sailors in the 2018 RYA Laser 4.7 National Junior Summer Squad at the World Championship. There is no UKLA pre-event training or on-the-water support. If required, then it is the responsibility of each individual UKLA sailor to organise this. There are no UKLA grants available.

## **CHARTER BOATS**

A limited number of Laser sailboats will be made available through the ILCA entry system.

## **APPEALS**

There will be no appeals against the published qualifying criteria. Any queries should be addressed to Ken Falcon, UKLA: [chairman@laser.org.uk](mailto:chairman@laser.org.uk)

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