

YACHTING ASSOCIATION OF INDIA ATHLETE RANKING POLICY
(Ref- National Sports Development Code of India 2011, Para 15.1 (a) (i))

Title	Amended YAI Ranking Policy
Key Result Area	High Performance
Responsibility	Selection Committee and SPDC
Approved By	The YAI Council
Valid From	01 September 2022
Valid Upto	31 December 2024

Introduction

1. The objective of the Ranking Policy is to allow the sailors to compare their progress and performance against others. Yachting Association of India will use the ranking as the criteria to select deserving sailors to the National Squad. The rankings will also provide an automatic and transparent system of selection of top sailors to represent the country at international competitions.
2. The Ranking Policy, as enumerated in succeeding paragraphs, will be applied to all Classes.

Aim

3. To encourage best quality, fair and just competition to establish a clear hierarchy of sailors in the fleet nationwide.
4. To provide fair and transparent selection criteria for all National Squad sailors.

Ranking

5. Ranking points from any YAI approved regatta will be calculated using the following equation:

$$\text{Ranking Points for an Event} = E * (N + 1 - P) * T / N$$

Where

E – Event Rank (YAI Nationals – 200, Ranking Event –200)

N – Number of Entries

P – Position in the Regatta

T – Time Adjustment Factor (Factor of 100% upto 26 Weeks from the last date of the regatta, 50% factor from 27 to 52 weeks, 25% factor from 53 to 78 weeks and 0% from 79 week onward)

Total to be rounded off to the next whole number

6. YAI National Ranking will be generated by adding the ranking points obtained in the latest YAI Nationals and best two ranking scores from other YAI regattas (ranking events) attended by a sailor. The method will provide us with a moving average reflecting the sailors' current performances at National level.

7. **Performance at International Events**. The record of the performance of selected National Squad sailors in various SAI/ YAI/ Approved and Self-funded International events will be maintained as per the similar formula with Event rank mentioned at para 5 carrying weightage of World Championship – 500, International (Princess Sofia, SOF, Allianz Regatta, Kieler Woche, European Championship) – 400, Asian Sailing Championship - 300 & Other continental and international regattas – 200 for the events. The method will provide us with a moving average reflecting the sailors' performances in various International events. The data will be utilized to ascertain the conflict, if any, between the domestic and international performance of sailors from the National Squad.

Awarding Points

8. The sailors will be awarded ranking points as per the formula mentioned at para 5 & 6. Sailors need to complete the regatta and have valid finish in that particular event to be eligible for consideration for award of ranking points for that particular event. Sailors who do not compete in a Ranking Regatta or don't complete requisite number of races specified in the NOR will be awarded zero points.

Overseas Commitment

9. For sailors on ACTC approved overseas regattas/ training commitment deputed by TOPS/ SAI/ YAI or participating with prior concurrence of YAI, during the ranking regatta, points for missed domestic ranking event will be awarded to the sailor based on the existing ranking only in the missed domestic ranking event conducted during the same period. All efforts will be made to deconflict the schedule of International and Domestic regattas, as far as feasible.

Injury/ Illness Withdrawal

10. In case a sailor gets injured/ is ill during a domestic event in India, no injury/ illness benefit will be allowed, the sailors will be awarded points as per actual position

in the said event. The injury/ illness clause will not be applicable for subsequent events.

Double-Handler Team Change

11. Ranking points for a particular regatta for a double handler teams will be deemed to have equal weightage for helm and crew (half points for helm and crew each).

12. Any changes in respect of double handler Team must be submitted by the sailors through respective Club to the YAI in writing for the approval of the YAI's Selection Committee. If the partnership of a double-handed boat splits up, the helm as well as crew will carry half the previous ranking points each.

13. However, the newly formed team will not be deputed for International events till they participate and prove themselves in the subsequent domestic ranking event and retain their ranking or if they participate at own cost at an international event where the top ranking India teams also participate and retain their ranking relative to the other Indian participants as if they were participating in a domestic event.

Resolution of 'TIES'

14. In the event that there is a tie then the numbers of 1st positions in latest YAI Ranking Regatta will be taken into consideration and then the 2nd positions and so on till the tie resolves. In case it still does not resolve, then the position in the second last ranking regatta will be considered and older events in sequence will be considered till the tie is resolved.

15. Ranking across all Classes and National Squads will be calculated by the YAI on 01 January, 01 March, 01 May, 01 July, 01 September, 01 November each year and published on the YAI website. In the event that International regatta participation or any benefit to a ranking sailor is to be finalized by a specific date then the current valid ranking effective on the day of departure of team for international competition as per the ACTC proposal approved by SAI will be considered as on that specific date and the actual dates of the said regatta or benefit will not be a consideration.

Annual Membership

16. All sailors who wish to race in YAI Nationals and other ranking regattas must be Annual members of YAI. The current Annual Membership fees is Rs. 1000/- and is valid from 01 January to 31 December each year.

YACHTING ASSOCIATION OF INDIA

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1. A National Squad will be selected from amongst identified athletes that will represent India at International events each year in Asian Games and Olympic Classes. The ranking list shall be promulgated as on **01 January, 01 March, 01 May, 01 July, 01 September** and **01 November** each year after updating the results of ranking events held during the period.

2. **Eligibility.** To be eligible for selection, an Athlete must: -

(a) Be an Indian Citizen.

(b) Be a member of the Yachting Association of India and in possession of "Annual Membership" card issued by the Yachting Association of India. Membership form is placed at **Annexure I**.

(c) In the Youth Classes, athletes should fulfill the requirements of the YAI, respective Class rules and Organising Authority.

(d) Comply with the WS Regulations – Eligibility code.

(e) Comply with the WS Regulations – Anti-Doping Policy.

(f) Comply with the gender requirements of an Event for which they are seeking selection.

(g) Comply with National Anti-Doping Agency and NCAAFS rules.

(h) In the Optimist Class, the selected athletes should not have completed 15 years of age as on 31 December of the year in which he/she is selected as part of National Squad.

(j) In the ILCA 4 Class, age restriction as specified in NOR of a particular event will also be considered for selection of team.

3. **Selection Process.**

(a) The selection of National Squad will be guided by the Government of India, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports letter F No 49-3/2008–SP-II dated 18 Sep 08 and any other policy that may be issued from time to time by Government of India.

(b) The selection of the National Squad will be based on the National Ranking System approved by the YAI Council.

(c) The selected athletes will be required to attend intensive sail training and physical training sessions organised by the Yachting Association of India. Subject to good performance and attendance of at least 90% of the training sessions or as promulgated prior to the coaching camps, athletes may be selected to participate in overseas events, subject to fulfilling the requirements of the Organising Authority.

(d) Each Athlete shall be required to complete and sign an Athlete Agreement of their selection to the National Squad. Copy attached at **Annexure II.**

(e) Each Athlete shall provide such information as required from time to time by the National Anti-Doping Agency prior to his/ her selection and after his/ her selection to the National Squad. (NADA letter 83/2009/NADA dated 10 Aug 09 refers). Further, information as per NCAAFS letter No.1-01/SAI/TD/NCAAFS/2015 -16 dated 31 Mar 2015 is also required to be provided.

(f) **Nomination of Athletes.** The YAI will nominate athletes to participate in all overseas events that are approved in Annual Calendar of Training and Competitions (ACTC) by MYAS/ SAI based on the following criteria: -

(i) **Olympic Games.** The Olympics qualifiers generally being an open event, sailors will be nominated to participate in the qualifiers based on the National ranking. No separate selection trials will be conducted in India. Maximum number of sailors permissible by Olympics Qualifier Organising Authority and approved by Gol/ SAI shall be nominated. The selection/ nomination of team to represent India at Olympics in a particular event shall be made based as per following criterion: -

(aa) If qualification is achieved in **2023 Sailing World Championships, 2024 World Championship** or **2023/ 2024**

Continental Qualification Event then the Ranking points earned in only international participations as per formula enumerated in YAI Ranking Policy, where the teams are sponsored by SAI/ YAI. International events conducted over the period from **01 March 2023 to 15 June 2024** shall be considered for ranking points.

(ab) If the qualification is achieved in the **2024 Last Chance Regatta OR Emerging Nations – 2024 Last Chance Regatta** then the Indian team which qualifies the country for Olympics in a particular class will be nominated. In the event of two Indian teams meeting the qualifying criterion, the highest placed Indian Team in the qualification event will be nominated for Olympics.

(ac) Cut-off date to announce Indian entry for Olympics shall be **15 June 2024**.

(ad) Deadline for entries for Paris 2024 is **08 July 2024**.

(ae) There will be no separate trials in India for any class for deciding selection/ nomination to Olympics.

(af) In case of inability of the nominated team to represent the country, due to injury/ illness/ other adverse circumstances beyond control, the next best performing athlete/ team in the ranking list as on **15 June 2024** will be nominated for the Olympics.

(ii) **Asian Games**. In Asian Games, only one athlete/ team can represent the country in a particular class. YAI will declare three ranking events as Selection Trials 1, 2 & 3 for the Asian Games to be completed by **end Feb 2023**. The team for Asian Games (Main & Reserve) will be finalized by adding the ranking scores obtained in the promulgated YAI Selection Trials. In the event that there is a tie then the numbers of 1st positions by the teams during all trials will be taken into consideration and then the 2nd positions and so on till the tie resolves. In case it still does not resolve, then the finishing position in the latest Selection trial regatta will be considered. In case of inability of the qualifying team to represent the country, due to injury/ illness/ other adverse circumstances beyond control, the next best performing athlete/ team as per YAI National Rankings will be nominated for the Asian Games.

(iii) **Other International Events**. Sailors will be nominated based on their YAI National Rankings.

(g) **Fitness Assessment of Sailors Selected for International Participation.** Fitness assessment of the sailors selected as part of Indian Team proceeding abroad for foreign training/ participation will be carried out, as per Govt Orders on the subject, so that their exact body status is analysed and necessary steps can be taken to avoid overtraining/ injury. All sailors are to be available for this fitness assessment and any athlete not taking fitness assessment will not form part of the Indian Team. The report is required to be submitted to SAI along with the proposal for foreign training/ participation.

(h) No individual will be permitted to represent India by YAI at “**No Cost to Govt Basis**” in WS organised Sailing World Championships/ Asian Games/ Olympics. Participation at “**No Cost to Govt Basis**” in other international events, where entry is restricted, will be decided on case to case basis by respective National Class Association in consultation with YAI considering the capability of applying sailor based on current YAI National Rankings. All Indian sailors are permitted to participate in all other Open International Events (events where there is no restriction on number of participants per MNA) under own funding arrangements.

4. **Replacements.**

(a) If a selected Athlete suffers injury or illness, he/ she may be required to undertake a medical assessment from SAI empanelled hospital. The Athlete’s membership of the Team may be terminated in the event of the Athlete found unfit during the medical assessment.

(b) Any changes in respect of Team must be submitted by the sailors through respective Club to the YAI in writing for the approval of the YAI’s Selection Committee. If the partnership of a double handed boat splits up, the helm as well as crew will carry half the previous ranking points each. However, the new teams will not be deputed for International events till they prove themselves in the subsequent domestic ranking event and retain their ranking or if they participate at own cost at an international event where the top ranking India teams also participate and retain their ranking relative to the other Indian participants as if they were participating in a domestic event.

5. **Coaching and Support Staff.** The Team Manager for Indian Teams will be appointed by the President, Yachting Association of India. The Support Staff will be nominated by the YAI Selection Committee.

6. **Disputes and Appeals.**

(a) Where there is a conflict or dispute in respect of these Guidelines for selection of the Indian Team for overseas events for training/ representing India, the athlete has the option of appealing to the YAI Selection Committee for reconsideration.

(b) The athlete also has the final option of grievance redressal from the President YAI. The decision of President YAI shall be binding in respect of all disputes/ conflicts/ grievances.