

**Queensland Laser Association (QLA) Selection Policy
for the
ILCA Oceania Youth Solidarity Program for the
2024 Oceania & Australian Open and Youth ILCA Championships**

1. Introduction

1.1 ILCA Oceania has launched the Youth Solidarity Program in Australia, New Zealand and some Pacific Island countries, with the objective to actively promote the ILCA 4 class to clubs as the logical transition class for junior and youth sailors. ILCA Oceania aims to grow participation in the ILCA 4 class at the Oceania & Australian Open and Youth ILCA Championships and in ILCA sponsored youth regattas.

1.2 In relation to Australia, the ILCA Oceania Youth Solidarity Program requires each Australian State (excluding the Northern Territory) affiliated class association to select one youth female sailor, who will receive the benefit of the following support at the 2024 Oceania & Australian Open and Youth ILCA Championships to be held from 1-8 January 2024 at Adelaide Sailing Club, South Australia:

- (a) free entry to race;
- (b) free ILCA 4 charter boat in race condition;
- (c) free squad coaching during the regatta;
- (d) free Youth Solidarity program merchandise; and
- (e) such other additional benefits that the ILCA Oceania may be in a position to organise before the regatta such as mentoring from members of the Australian Sailing Team.

This support is provided by ILCA Oceania and each Australian State affiliated ILCA association.

1.3 It is the objective of QLA in determining and applying this selection policy to select a Queensland-based sailor who best meets the objective of the ILCA Oceania Youth Solidarity Program which is primarily ILCA Oceania's desire to increase participation of female youth sailors in the ILCA 4 class rather than any particular individual results of youth female sailors in the ILCA 4 class.

2. Eligibility Requirements

2.1 To be eligible for consideration for selection by the QLA, a sailor must:

- (a) be an Australian citizen;
- (b) be a financial member of and be in good standing with a sailing club located in Queensland;
- (c) be a female sailor aged between 13-16 years as at 1 January 2024 with a minimum body weight of 50kg;
- (d) submit the ILCA Oceania Youth Solidarity Program Application Form on or before 1 October 2024.

3. Selection Criteria

- 3.1 It is the sole responsibility of the QLA to make the selection decisions regarding QLA's nominated sailor for the ILCA Oceania Youth Solidarity Program.
- 3.2 Subject to meeting the Eligibility Requirements set out in clause 2.1 (which are mandated by ILCA Oceania), the QLA, retains absolute discretion in the selection of the sailor in accordance with this selection policy.
- 3.3 Without limiting clause 3.2, in exercising its discretion, the QLA will consider several factors, including (without limitation and in no particular order):
- (a) that the sailor has had regatta experience at least at a State level in a minimum of 2 regattas over the past 12 months (or if not, the reason or reasons why);
 - (b) the potential of the sailor to contribute to the overall growth of their club's ILCA 4 fleet;
 - (c) a sailor's stage of development and future potential to continue to sail in the ILCA 4 fleet;
 - (d) whether the sailor would otherwise have been unable to participate in the 2024 Oceania & Australian Open and Youth ILCA Championships unless they were selected for the ILCA Oceania Youth Solidarity Program.
- 3.4 The appointed members of the committee of QLA will select the sailor by way of majority vote of the committee members entitled to vote. In the event of an equal vote, the Chairperson will have the deciding vote.
- 3.5 Upon the selection being made, all sailors who applied for selection will be notified of the selection by the QLA and the QLA will notify the ILCA Oceania as to the selection made.

4. Injury/Illness of eligible sailor

- 4.1 All eligible sailors who nominate for selection are required to report all performance limiting injuries or illness that occur before or after their selection for the ILCA Oceania Youth Solidarity Program.
- 4.2 A selected sailor who is unable to participate in the ILCA Oceania Youth Solidarity Program for any reason, may be withdrawn and replaced with another eligible sailor as determined by the QLA who will be selected in accordance with clause 3.2.

5. Key Dates

Dates	Activity
1 October 2023	Closing date for submission of ILCA Oceania Application Form
On or before 26 October 2023	ILCA Oceania notifies QLA of Eligible sailors
27 October to 31 October 2022	QLA considers selection criteria for all eligible sailors and notifies ILCA Oceania of its selection
1 November 2023	Announcement by ILCA Oceania of the selected sailors
1-8 January 2024	Oceania & Australian Open and Youth ILCA Championships, Adelaide Sailing Club, South Australia