St Vincent and the Grenadines Sailing Association

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Selection Criteria to represent St Vincent and the Grenadines at Regional and International sailing events.

Aim

Maximise the medal-winning potential of the St Vincent and the Grenadines Sailing Teams in international events.

Develop and manage sailing talent for participation in international regattas and the Olympic Games, whilst making the best use of the resources available.

Eligibility

To be eligible for selection to represent St Vincent and The Grenadines at an international event the Sailor must fulfil and provide proof of the following:

- Be a St Vincent and the Grenadines citizen at the time that the nomination is made.
- Have a valid St Vincent and the Grenadines passport at the time of entering the event and have a valid St Vincent and the Grenadines ID document to be presented at the beginning of the selection process.
- Be a current member of a yacht/sailing club affiliated to, and in good standing with St Vincent and the Grenadines Sailing Association, SVGSA.
- Comply with the age requirement for the event.
- Be registered as a “World Sailing Sailor” on the World Sailing website.
- Comply with World Sailing regulation 19 – eligibility code.
- Comply with World Sailing regulation 21 – World Sailing Anti-Doping policy.
- Comply with the gender requirement of the event and class for which they are nominated.
- Must not have represented another country in any Class Championships (or higher level of competition) within 3 years prior to this event.

Selection Process

Sailors who have shown talent in the pathway classes (currently Optimist, ILCA 4, ILCA 6, ILCA 7) will be selected to represent St Vincent and The Grenadines with consideration of the following:

- International event results.
- Regional event results.
- National Championships results.
- Local regatta results.
- Commitment to on water training, nutrition management and mental and physical fitness.
- Proof of results of monthly fitness assessment.
- Attitude towards training and management.
- Proof of 'pay back' to their clubs.
- Comply with the Sailors Code of Conduct, Parents Code of Conduct and Anti-bullying Policy.

Even though the event results will be the main factor considered in the selection, the SVGSA Performance Team may exercise its discretion in the case of extraordinary circumstances.

SVGSA reserves the right to select or not select a sailor or boat team in an event for whatever reason outside of the above criteria. Any decision on the selection or non-selection of sailors or boat teams will be made at the sole discretion of the SVGSA Performance Team.

All SVGSA selections will align to the SVG NOC requirements and strive to achieve a 50/50 gender representation.

Funding

St Vincent and the Grenadines Sailing Association will help secure funds for athletes who qualify for multi-sport events, such as the CAC Games, PanAm Games, and the Olympics, but it must be accepted by the sailor that they will need to raise any shortfall in funds if necessary. The SVGSA will work with the SVG National Olympic Committee, towards gaining attendance at these events via the Universality scheme.

The SVGSA is not in a position to support individual sailors attend qualifying events but will support eligible sailors in their fund raising efforts.

The competitors will be responsible for all expenses not covered by SVGSA and will be required to contribute to team expenses including, but not limited to, travel expenses, entry and meals for the coach and / or team manager.

The SVGSA is currently part of the World Sailing Emerging Nations Program and will support applications of eligible sailors wishing to be considered for this program.

The SVGSA selects a team to attend the Caribbean Dinghy Championships, but funding for this championship needs to be raised by the sailors who are selected. We encourage their clubs to help raise these funds.

Medical Agreement

All sailors selected to represent SVGSA must adhere to the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) www.wada-ama.org anti-doping regulations. If any sailor is on medication that includes, or may include, any banned substances, it is his/her responsibility to acquire a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) certificate from a registered medical doctor. (Kindly note that TUE applications need to be done at least 30 days prior to the event.)

If any selected sailor is in contravention of the anti-doping regulations, he/she will be excluded from the competition with immediate effect and a replacement may be selected. For any questions regarding medical requirements contact the Association on SVGSailingAssociation@gmail.com

All selected sailors are required to complete a medical form and submit it to SVGSA Performance Team prior to departure for an event.

Replacements

In the event of a replacement helm, crew or both being required for any reason, the replacement(s) will be selected at the discretion of the SVGSA Performance Team.

Deviations

SVGSA Performance Team reserves the right to amend these selection criteria as it continues to work towards strengthening the SVGSA Performance system and will as much as possible provide adequate notice of any such changes should the necessity arise to apply any changes.

Disputes

Where there is a conflict or dispute in respect of this selection criterion, SVGSA reserves the right to interpret this document and to use its sole discretion in resolving the matter in conflict or dispute.

No appeal or legal action may be taken arising from a decision made by the SVGSA Executive or Performance Team.

Channel of Communication

All correspondence should be directed to SVGSailingAssociation@gmail.com - Att: SVGSA Performance Team.

Expression of Interest

To be considered for selection for an event, eligible athletes are required to submit their application by a date set by the SVGSA (email SVGSailingAssociation@gmail.com for more information). The application must include the following information:

a) A signed and submitted 'Athlete Eligibility Condition Form' including the specific event criteria, and the intended equipment.

b) Sailing resume of results including, at a minimum, all events from 1st January of the previous year to the date of the application.

c) Completed training plan for the period of a year before the application date.

d) Future training and competition plan for a year after the application date.

d) Personal coach(es) and other expert staff supporting the training and competition plan

The applications must be submitted via email to SVGSailingAssociation@gmail.com "For the attention of the SVGSA Performance Team".

This in no way binds either the SVGSA or the sailor to an event.