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Bermuda Optimist Dinghy Association (BODA)

“National Class Association” Member of the International Optimist Dinghy Association (IODA)

2024 IODA NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS - TEAM SELECTION

This document lists the selection criteria and requirements by sailors wishing to represent Bermuda at the 2024 IODA North American Championships. The Notice of Race (NoR) for the regatta is currently unpublished. Selection is subject to IODA’s prescribed policy which may be subject to change and to which BODA shall adhere.

REGATTA [2024 IODA North American Championship, Club Nautico de San Juan, Puerto Rico July 13 -July 20, 2024, 10 spots \(3 of the opposite gender\)](#)

[Anticipated team departure from Bermuda: July 9, 2024.](#)

[Anticipated team arrival in Bermuda: July 20, 2024](#)

SELECTION CRITERIA

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Sailors in qualifying positions will be offered a place on the Bermuda team for the 2024 North American Championship, presuming and based on the following:

- Number of entries granted to Bermuda by IODA
- IODA gender and nationality restrictions of entries
- Any other IODA entry restrictions stated in the event NoR
- BODA membership status (i.e member in good standing)
- Acceptance of Team Selection Policy (as specified below)
- Timely acceptance of Invitation and payment of deposit (as specified below)
- BODA will facilitate and manage the entry and payment process, all payments must come to BODA from the sailors before payments to IODA are made.

QUALIFICATION SERIES

The BODA Executive has approved the Bermuda National and Open Championship to form the Qualification Series: November 11, 12, 13, 12 races scheduled (minimum of 6 will constitute a series). **Should the minimum not be reached the spare day of December 9, 2023, will be used to reach the minimum.**

QUALIFICATION SERIES SCORING

Scoring a sailor’s position in the qualification series will be calculated by cumulatively adding together **all** the races of the series factoring in the number of drops earned. There will be 1 drop race after 6 races.

Recognizing that races used for the qualification series may have overseas participants, qualification series scoring will exclude any overseas participants.

For those sailors attending school overseas, qualification series scoring will accommodate their situation by applying average points for races they do not sail due to their school being in session. The calculation of average points for overseas students will be governed as follows:

- At the end of the qualifying series, average points will be awarded by calculating a finish place average by the following

formula, before discarded races:

$$\text{Finish Place Average} = (F1 + F2 + F3 + F4 + F5 + F6 + \dots + Fn) / n$$

F = score of each race, excluding those races awaiting average points
n = total number races, excluding those races awaiting average points

- The number of races awarded average points will not exceed 20% of the races of the qualifying series.
- Missed races more than the 20% rule above will be scored DNC. DNC shall be total number of starters in each race + 1.

TEAM SELECTION POLICY

The following policy shall be agreed by parents/guardians on behalf of their sailor(s) as part of the selection process:

Any sailor wanting to attend the 2024 IODA North American Championships must accept their place within 48 hours after receiving an invitation to the team. A non-refundable deposit of \$500 is due 7 (seven) days after being offered a place on the team. Lack of payment may forfeit your sailor's place on a team.

Payment(s) made to BODA will not be refunded should a sailor subsequently decide not to attend the event, unless another sailor is invited to take their place and accepts, or BODA is able to recover the initial payment(s) from IODA (unlikely).

All selection, entry, participation, and organization for the event is coordinated by BODA, which including the appointment of "Team Leader" and "National Country Representative", if deemed necessary, based on venue, team size and gender. The National Coach will attend with the team.

Any sailor accepting an invitation to the team must:

- agree to attend National Squad practices, as offered, prior to the event. **All team sailors** shall be expected to attend a minimum of five (5) days of the practice days offered prior to the event.
- be at a maturity level where they can travel to and attend the event without their own parent in an official capacity.
- be prepared to travel with the team on the anticipated departure travel dates and stay with the team for the duration of the regatta.
- agree to pay all costs on the event budget and pay BODA within 10 (ten) days after receiving invoices, as well as agree to payment of their equal share of group expenses. Sailors accounts must be in good standing before departure.

Please note it is BODA's intention to raise additional funds, however, these funds are not guaranteed and in order to receive funding all team members must attend and actively support fundraising activities that go towards reducing regatta costs.

Failure to adhere to this policy may result in your sailor being removed from the team without refund or may result in your sailor not being chosen for a team in the future. I agree to the Team Selection Policy and commit to conditions and dates of travel as specified above.

Signature Parent/Guardian

Date: _____