



# North East & Yorkshire Youth Sailing Association

## Guidance on Team Membership For National Events

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North East & Yorkshire Youth Sailing Association (NEYYSA) attends several national events as an organisation and sailors are invited to join their teams to participate, make friends, enjoy the opportunity and attend a diverse range of sailing events and venues.

NEYYSA has the following guidelines for sailors who are invited to join the NEY YSA team at national events such as the National Schools Sailing Association (NSSA) events, Eric Twiname events and any other events NEY YSA elects to enter a team in.

NEY YSA is committed to creating a fully inclusive and supportive environment which allows young people to explore and enjoy the many different elements and aspects of sailing. In order to deliver this objective, we need to define our minimum behaviour and performance expectations for sailors participating at events as part of a NEY YSA team.

### General Eligibility

- Participation at NEY YSA events is open to any sailor based within the “north” region who is under the age of 19 on 1 September 2025 and is a full member of the association.

### General Behaviour

- Sailors and their parents/guardians are expected to follow our [Behaviour Policy](#) at all times.
- Sailors must have the maturity to behave appropriately at the event both on and off the water.
- Sailors who have been protested under rules 2,4 or 69 and penalised via a protest committee decision, within a rolling year of the national event are not eligible to participate at national events as a member of a NEY YSA team.
- NEY YSA may decline the sailor’s participation, if in their opinion, the sailor is not sufficiently mature to successfully complete the event without significant team manager input and guidance.

### Sailing Standard

- The sailor must meet the minimum competency standard as outlined by the event organisers and/or NEY YSA in the event information.
- NEY YSA may decline the sailor’s participation, if in their opinion, the sailor is not sufficiently competent to successfully complete the event safely without significant safety, coach or team manager input and support.

### Equipment Expectations

- Sailors attending a national event in their own boat must ensure it is adequately maintained prior to the event and arrives in full working order with a suitable and relevant set of spares. It is recognised equipment may fail at an event but known issues must be resolved prior to the boat arriving to minimise team manager time repairing and resolving existing issues.
- Sailors must supply their own sailing kit appropriate for the expected conditions, weather and season.
- For events where camping or overnight accommodation is required, sailors must supply appropriate kit and equipment to facilitate the overnight stay. Kit requirements will be outlined in the information issued prior to entry.
- For events where boats are supplied, sailors are expected to treat the boats as their own and not deliberately mis-use, abuse or damage equipment.
- NEY YSA may decline a sailor’s participation if, in their opinion, their boat is not adequately maintained, they do not have appropriate clothing or equipment or there is a record of prior mis-use of provided competition boats.