



New Zealand Laser Association (Inc)
**Selection Criteria
For the 2009 World Championships**

Background

1. This documents the process for the selection of sailors who will be selected to represent New Zealand at:
 - a. The 2009 Laser World Championship¹,
 - b. the 2009 Laser Radial Women's Championship²,
 - c. the 2009 Laser Radial Men's World Championship³,
 - d. the 2009 Laser Radial Youth World Championship(s)⁴ and
 - e. the 2009 Laser 4.7 World Championship⁵.
2. A separate document will be published to outline the selection for:
 - a. The Laser Masters World Championships⁶,
 - b. The Laser European Championship⁷,
 - c. The Laser European Youth Championship⁸,
 - d. The Laser Radial European Championships⁹.
3. There is a limit to the number of entries that are accepted to these World Championship regattas, accordingly the regatta organisers restrict the number of entries allocated to each country.
4. New Zealand is generally allocated two to four firm places. This varies for each regatta.
5. In the past New Zealand has asked for and been allocated additional places. New Zealand will continue to make these requests however there is no guarantee that additional place will be allocated.
6. New Zealand sailors may also qualify for World Championship berths outside of the country allocation because of their individual performance in other regattas such as the prior World Championship and the Asia Pacific Championship.

Selection

7. To be eligible for selection sailors shall:
 - a. Be a financial full member of the New Zealand Laser Association prior to entering any of the selection regattas and

¹ Being sailed in Nova Scotia, CAN in August 2009

² Being sailed in Japan during August 2009

³ Being sailed in Japan during August 2009

⁴ Being sailed in Japan during August 2009

⁵ Being sailed in Brazil in July 2009

⁶ Being sailed in Nova Scotia, CAN in August and September 2009

⁷ Being sailed in Sweden in August 2009

⁸ Being sailed in Sweden in August 2009

⁹ Being sailed in Denmark in July 2009

- b. Be a financial member of a yacht club affiliated to Yachting New Zealand prior to entering any of the selection regattas. and
 - c. Be a male for selection for either the Laser World Championship, the Laser Radial Men's World Championship or the Laser Radial Youth Male World Championship.
 - d. Be a female for selection for the Laser Radial Women's World Championship or the Laser Radial Youth Female World Championship.
 - e. Be aged within the age limits for selection for the Laser Radial Youth World Championships¹⁰.
 - f. Be aged within the age limits for selection for the Laser 4.7 World Championship¹¹.
 - g. Comply with ISAF Regulation 19
8. The selection of the New Zealand representatives to the Laser World Championship, the Laser Radial World Championships will be based on the sailors performance in the Laser at:
 - a. The 2009 NZL Laser National Championships¹²
 - b. The 2009 Sail Auckland Regatta¹³
 9. The selection of the New Zealand representatives to the Laser 4.7 World Championship will be based on the sailors performance in the Laser 4.7 at:
 - a. The 2009 Laser 4.7 National Championship¹⁴
 10. There is no provision for wild card or discretionary entries except as provided for in paragraph 22.
 11. The final results of the selection regattas will be used. The final results are those issued by the regatta race committee after the results of all protest and appeal decisions have been incorporated.
 12. The final placing of each regatta will be used after the removal of all sailors who are not eligible for selection. The non eligible sailors will be removed from the final results of the regattas; individual race results will not be rescored.
 13. Where an eligible sailor has been granted a berth to the World Championship by other than the selection criteria of the New Zealand Laser Class Association, the sailor shall not be excluded from the results of the selection regattas, however when determining the recipients of the allocated berths the next non-qualified person will be offered selection.
 14. The scoring provisions of RRS Appendix A will be used. With final result of each of the selection regattas being treated as a race. There shall be no excluded regattas. The low points system shall be used.

¹⁰ Will be at least 15 years old but not 19 years old in the year of the championship i.e. born in 1991, 1992, 1993 or 1994.

¹¹ Be 12 years old but not 18 years old in 2009

¹² Being sailed in New Plymouth from January 23rd to 27th 2009

¹³ Being sailed in Auckland February 5th to 8th 2009

¹⁴ Being sailed in New Plymouth from January 23rd to 27th 2009

15. If there is a tie break in the final points RRS Appendix A8.1 shall apply. If a tie remains between two or more boats, they shall be ranked in order of their scores in 2009 NZL Laser National Championships
16. If a tie remains the other regatta(s) shall be used from the latest sailed to the earliest sailed.
17. The New Zealand Class Association shall appoint an independent selector to arbitrate and decide on matters of selection.
18. If one of the selection regattas is not be sailed the New Zealand Laser Association may nominate that an alternative regatta be used in its place. This replacement regatta shall be sailed prior to March 30th and shall be scheduled over a minimum of two days. The venue for the replacement regatta shall be in Auckland. The independent selector shall consent to the replacement regatta being sailed after hearing from any interested parties who may make written presentations.
19. At the completion of all selection regattas the first eligible competitor(s) will have 24 hours in which to accept their berth at the Worlds. If this, or subsequent competitors declines the berth, the class secretary will continue to contact eligible competitors, but no later than April 10th. If a competitor who has accepted the berth within the original 24 hour subsequently decides not to use their berth that berth will be awarded to the next eligible sailor.
20. The New Zealand Laser Association will score and publish the results table for the selection series.
21. Unless otherwise advised all costs associated with sailing at the World Championship shall be borne by the sailor.
22. A sailor may apply for one of the available places if they have been unable to qualify through their regatta places if they meet the following criteria:
 - a. The sailor, because of illness, accident or other reason is unable to sail in one or both of the selection regattas.
 - b. For the Laser and Laser Radial Women's, at the time of the last selection regatta the sailor has an ISAF ranking of 100 or less in the Laser or Laser Radial.
 - c. For the Laser and Laser Radial the sailor must have campaigned in the Laser, Laser Radial class in 2008.
 - d. For the Laser 4.7 the sailor must have regularly sailed in the Laser 4.7 regattas in 2008 or 2009.
 - e. The application for consideration for selection shall be lodged with the Secretary of NZLA before the completion of the last selection regatta.