



Irish Match Racing National Championship Invitation Selection Criteria

This Irish Match Racing National Championship is an invitational regatta. The Selection Committee will likely invite eight skippers and two alternates (who will be invited in order of ranking if an invited skipper cannot attend) from among all skippers submitting a Request for Invitation. The Irish Match Racing National Championship is only open to individuals holding an Irish Passport or who's primary residence is in Ireland.

The following is additional information on Selection Committee Procedure and Criteria:

1. The top skipper from the 2024 Student Match Racing Invitational shall receive an invitation if he or she has indicated an intent to participate in the event by filling in an RFI by the date specified in the NOR. If the top skipper in that event cannot attend the event or receives an automatic invitation pursuant to paragraphs 2- 3 hereof, no further automatic invitations will be extended to the second place finisher. However, the Selection Committee may, in its sole discretion choose to invite the second or lower placed skipper or make such skipper an alternate selection.
2. The top skipper from the 2023 Dun Laoghaire Cup Invitational shall receive an invitation if he or she has indicated an intent to participate in the event by filling in an RFI by the date specified in the NOR. If the top skipper in that event cannot attend the event or receives an automatic invitation pursuant to paragraph 1 or 3, no further automatic invitations will be extended to the second place finisher. However, the Selection Committee may, in its sole discretion choose to invite the second or lower placed skipper or make such skipper an alternate selection.

3. An invitation will be extended to the highest-ranked female skipper, determined by the criteria outlined in Section 5 below, if they have indicated their intent to participate in the event by filling in an RFI by the date specified in the NOR.
4. The Selection Committee may invite skippers filing RFI's at any time after submission of an RFI whose World Sailing Open Match Race Ranking or racing record is of a level which would warrant selection.
5. The committee will select skippers not receiving invitations pursuant to one of the above methods based on the "score" each skipper receives using the following criteria based on a maximum total score of 100:
 - a. General race experience (15 points)
 - b. Best match racing finishes (35 points)
 - i. Size, nature of regatta and number of entrants
 - ii. International or National Championship finishes (if any)
 - iii. Finish position in events relative to other applicants (if applicable)
 - c. Best fleet racing finishes within the last two years. (20 points)
 - i. Size, nature of regatta and number of entrants
 - ii. International or National Championship finishes (if any)
 - iii. Finish position in events relative to other applicants (if applicable)
 - d. Experience on boats similar to the Elliott 6m and likelihood of being able to assemble a crew with experience in similar boats (20 points)
 - e. Encouragement of geographic diversity of entrants (10 Points)

All decisions of the Selection Committee will be final. The OA asks teams requesting an invitation to understand that such decisions are difficult. Comments and records used in the selection process will be kept confidential.