



QUALIFICATION GUIDELINES

Irish Schools Sailing Team Racing National Championship qualifications guidelines

Abstract

This document from Irish Schools Sailing outlines the qualification process for the Irish Schools Team Racing National Championships. Each province is allocated eight places for its top-finishing teams, who have 72 hours to accept their invitation and one week thereafter to complete payment.

Unaccepted or unpaid places are offered sequentially to the next eligible team. If a province cannot fill its allocation, remaining places are redistributed between Leinster and Munster, with any additional place awarded to the province with the larger regional entry.

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The National Association for the Organisation and Promotion of Sailing in Schools in Ireland

Qualification Guidelines – Irish Schools Team Racing National Championships

Dear Colleagues,

Following the completion of all four Provincial Championships, Irish Schools Sailing is pleased to outline the official qualification procedure for the upcoming Irish Schools Team Racing National Championships.

The following process applies in full and will be administered strictly to ensure fairness, transparency, and timely event preparation.

1. Provincial Allocation of Places

Each of the four provinces will receive:

- Eight (8) invitations
- Issued to the top eight finishing teams from their respective Provincial Championship

Invitations will be distributed in accordance with the official final results of each regional event.

2. Invitation & Acceptance Procedure

2.1 Issuing of Invitations

All invitations will be circulated once the results of all four Provincial Championships have been formally confirmed.

2.2 72-Hour Acceptance Window

Teams will have 72 hours from the time of receiving their official invitation to confirm acceptance in writing (email confirmation required).

Failure to respond within the 72-hour period will be deemed a decline of the invitation.

3. Entry Fee Payment Deadline

Following the conclusion of the 72-hour acceptance window:

- Teams who have accepted their place will have one (1) week from the end of the 72-hour period to complete payment of the full team entry fee.
- Failure to submit payment within this timeframe will result in automatic forfeiture of the place.

4. Reallocation Within Provinces

Where a team:

- Declines their invitation,
- Fails to respond within 72 hours, or
- Fails to complete payment within the required one-week period,

the invitation will be offered to the next highest-finishing team in that province.

The same 72-hour acceptance and one-week payment rules will apply to each subsequent team. This process will continue sequentially until:

- All eight provincial places are filled, or

There are no further eligible teams remaining in that province.

5. Redistribution of Unfilled Places

If a province is unable to fill its full allocation of eight places due to insufficient eligible teams, any remaining places will be redistributed as follows:

5.1 Equal Division

Remaining places will be divided equally between provinces who have filled their 8 places.

5.2 Uneven Number of Available Places

In the event that an odd number of places is available for redistribution (e.g., nine places), the province with the greater number of entries at its Provincial Championship will receive the additional place.

Example:

Leinster Regional Entries: 18

Munster Regional Entries: 15

Nine redistribution places available

Allocation:

Leinster: 5 places

Munster: 4 places

The province with the larger regional entry receives the additional place.

6. Authority & Administration

Irish Schools Sailing reserves the right to administer, interpret, and enforce the above procedures in full. All timelines will be applied strictly in the interest of fairness and efficient event organisation.

Schools and team managers are strongly encouraged to monitor communications carefully and respond promptly to avoid forfeiture of qualification places.

We thank all schools and organisers for their continued support of schools team racing nationwide and congratulate all teams who have competed at provincial level this season.

Yours sincerely,

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