



PARA SAILING PROGRAM 2018

ATHLETE EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

March 2018

Australian Sailing is seeking expressions of Interest from eligible athletes to participate in the Para Sailing Program 2018 as members of the Australian Para Sailing Squad (APSS).

1. Background

The Australian Sports Commission has provided Australian Sailing with a small amount of project funding for the period January 2018 – June 2019.

The objective is to ensure Australia is represented at the 2018 Para Sailing World Championships and maintains momentum for development of Australian para sailors until the IPC announcement of the 2024 Sports Programme.

2. 2018 Para World Sailing Disciplines

The events and equipment for the 2018 Para World Sailing Championships are:

- Norlin 2.4 OD - Single Person, Open Gender, Minimum Disability Para Classification
- Hansa 303 - Single Person Male, Minimum Disability Para Classification
- Hansa 303 - Single Person Female, Minimum Disability Para Classification
- RS Venture Keel Connect - Two Person, Open Gender, Para Classification 8-10 pts

3. Proposed Para Sailing Program

The draft program for 2018 includes:

- May 2018 – Pre Europeans Norlin 2.4 OD Coaching Camp
- Jun 2018 – Coach Support for 2 x athletes in Norlin 2.4 OD at European Para Sailing Championships, Kiel GER
- Aug 2018 – Pre Worlds Norlin 2.4 OD & Hansa 303 Coaching Camp
- Sep 2018 – Coach Support for 2 x athletes in Norlin 2.4 OD and 2 x athletes in Hansa 303 at Para Sailing World Championships, Sheboygan USA
- Dec 2018 – Coach Support for identified athletes in Norlin 2.4 OD, Hansa 303 and SKUD 18 at Australian Para Sailing Championships / Sail Melbourne
- Jan-Feb 2019 – Preparation of 2019-2024 Para Sailing Program Plan following IPC announcement of 2024 Sports Programme

4. Australian Para Sailing Squad (APSS)

Athletes invited to be members of the APSS are:

- required to sign an Athlete Funding Agreement
- required to attend scheduled Coaching Camp/s in Australia
- expected to compete in their respective Class National and State Championships
- responsible for all entry fees, boat charter, travel, accommodation, meals and incidental expenses when attending Coaching Camps and Domestic Competitions
- provided with a small grant to assist with the above
- provided with Australian Para Sailing Squad Uniform
- Australian Sailing will meet the costs of coaching at Coaching Camps

Athletes selected for International Competition:

- Shall agree to compete in nominated International Championships
- Are responsible for all travel, accommodation, meals and incidental expenses when attending International Competitions
- Will be provided with a grant to assist with the above
- Australian Sailing will meet the costs of shipping, boat charter, entry fees and coaching

5. APSS Selection, Assessment and Funding Guidelines

Following receipt of Expressions of Interest, a selection process will be conducted by a Nomination Panel appointed by the Performance Director (PD). Without in any way limiting the discretion of the Nomination Panel in forming its opinion, the Nomination Panel will take into account:

- Previous performances at domestic and international regattas
- The level of competition at each regatta(s), the conditions experienced at the regatta(s) and any factors that may have adversely affected the final result in the regatta(s)
- The recommendation of Para Sailing Coaches
- The development and progress of the Athlete/Crew over time and the potential to improve
- The attitude, teamwork, cooperation and commitment of the Athlete/Crew demonstrated over time, and the potential impact of these on performances at the 2018 Para Sailing World Championships by the Athlete/Crew and other Australian Athletes/Crews
- Experience at major regattas and proven performance under pressure in those regattas
- Extenuating circumstances related to misadventure, sickness/injury or major equipment failure
- Crew composition and compatibility on and off the water
- Any other matter that in the opinion of the Nomination Panel is relevant to achieving the objective of choosing the Athlete/Crew that will achieve the best result in their respective Event at the 2018 Para Sailing World Championships.

Athletes who are offered APSS membership must not accept State Institute of Sport or Academy of Sport (SISAS) individual scholarships from SISAS that do not have an active and ongoing State Sailing Performance Program unless approved by the PD.

Where decisions are made at the discretion of the PD, athletes who feel aggrieved should contact the PD or their relevant program manager for clarification on the reasons for the decision, and potentially request review. There is no formal, independent dispute resolution process for such decisions.

Funding is conditional upon Athletes committing to continued participation in Para Sailing class competition and training, in accordance with the class squad and individual athlete strategies and programs agreed between the Para Sailing class Coach and the Australian Sailing Performance Director (PD) in consultation with the athlete. Funding will not be made available for regattas and training outside of these agreed strategies and programs.

Competitors in the Para Sailing classes must satisfy World Sailing Para Classification criteria prior to the induction.

All athletes who receive funding under the Australian Para Sailing Squad (APSS) in Para Sailing classes will be required to commit to a cooperative team approach including squad-based on-water training to the satisfaction of the PD, otherwise funding will be withdrawn.

Athlete funding support grants are provided as a contribution towards airfares, accommodation, food, equipment, equipment transport, entry fees and other associated expenses incurred in relation to training and major domestic and international regattas in the Para Sailing classes. This support is paid against receipts for costs incurred.

6. Expression of Interest

To register an Expression of Interest, athletes should complete the attached form and return via email to parasailing@sailing.org.au before April 15, 2018.

7. Additional Information

Contact Australian Sailing's Para Sailing Coordinator David Staley
Email parasailing@sailing.org.au Mobile 0428 514 058

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First Name/s	
Family Name	
Address inc. State & Postcode	
Email	
Mobile Phone	
Preferred days / times for contact	
Date of Birth	
Nationality	
Australian Sailing Number	
World Sailing Sailor ID	
World Sailing Para Classification	
Previous Member of APSS / APST / AST (Y/N)	
2018 Results (Class / Event / Place)	

2017 Results (Class / Event / Place)	
2016 Results (Class / Event / Place)	
2015 Results (Class / Event / Place)	