International Cadet Class of Australia (ICCA)
World Championship –
Selection & Participation Policy

1. BACKGROUND:

As the national authority for the Cadet Class in Australia, the ICCA oversees the process for the selection and participation of Australian boats in the Cadet World Championship.

The ICCA Committee strongly supports the participation of Australian boats in international events such as the International Cadet Class World Championship. This event is held annually at a venue generally from within the International Cadet Class member countries. The regatta consists of two fleets: the World Championship Fleet and a Promotional Fleet.

This document outlines the ICCA's policy regarding the selection and participation of boats in both the World Championship and Promotional Regattas at the World Championship.

2. TEAM ETHOS

The ICCA Committee strongly encourages the participation of Australian sailors in the Cadet Class World Championship in both the World Championship and Promotional Fleets. Such participation not only serves to showcase Australian sailing talent on the world stage but is an important element in a sailor's pathway towards sailing at an elite level.

The ICCA recognises the commitment involved in competing internationally from any sailor, and as such endeavours to provide equal support to all sailors competing in international events, regardless of fleet. All sailors will be considered as part of the broader Australian team. This approach is considered to be in the spirit of the Cadet Class.

3. SELECTION PROCESS – WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP FLEET

Participation in the World Championship Fleet is governed by the International Cadet Class Association which presides over all National Cadet Class Associations (NCCAs), including the International Cadet Class of Australia.

Eligibility

In order to be eligible for selection in the World Championship Fleet, both sailors (helm and crew) must:

- Be a citizen or permanent resident of Australia

- Be a member of a club affiliated with World Sailing
- Be a member of the International Cadet Class Association of Australia
- Meet the age eligibility requirement.

Selection

A team of boats will be selected to represent Australia, in accordance with the *International Cadet Class Protocol for Major Events (*www.cadetclass.org) with the number of boats per team being based on the protocol at that time.

- Places in the World Championship Fleet will be offered based on the rankings from the Australian National Championship held immediately prior to the World Championship event, unless otherwise stipulated and communicated beforehand.
- If a sailor does not accept their place within the required timeframe, then the place may be offered to other eligible helms at the absolute discretion of the ICCA in consultation with the National Coach. Additional invitations of a place in the team will normally be made using results from the qualifying regatta/s, and rarely, the ICCA may consider an extraordinary situation. See Extenuating Circumstances (below).
- Extenuating circumstances – on rare occasions an entry in the World Championship Fleet may be offered to a helm that has not been able to complete the selection regatta. In order to be considered in this way the helm must:
    - Have entered the selection event with the intention of competing
    - Have experienced a serious illness or injury that has prevented them from competing, or another extraordinary circumstance eg death of close family member
    - Demonstrate recent top performances which would indicate they would most likely have otherwise qualified for the Australian Team
- The ICCA, in consultation with the National Coach may decide to not select a complete team, depending on results at the qualifying event/s.
- Acceptance of the place is only confirmed upon return of the signed acceptance form and payment of the deposit.
- Continued membership of the team is contingent upon adherence to the ICCA's Code of Conduct and attendance at pre-world training events.

4. SELECTION PROCESS – PROMOTIONAL FLEET

There is no limit on the number of Australian boats participating in the Promotional Fleet of the World Championship.

Eligibility

In order to be eligible for selection in the Promotional Fleet, sailors (helm and crew) must:

- Be a member of a club affiliated with World Sailing
- Be a member of the International Cadet Class Association of Australia
- Meet age eligibility requirement.

Selection

Australian boats entering the Promotional Regatta do so as private entrants and there is no selection process for participation in the Promotional Fleet.

Boats participating in the Promotional Regatta are required to adhere to the ICCA Code of Conduct.

5. COSTS

Members of the World Championship Fleet are required to contribute towards a share of the overall costs of participation. These costs will include but are not limited to:

- Entry fees
- Boat charter and/or transportation costs
- Coaching fees
- Travel and accommodation costs for the coach
- Cost of Coach/Support RIBS and fuel

Members of the Promotional Fleet are subject to the payment of fees on a “pay per use” basis. In the event that more limited support and coaching is provided to the promotional fleet a reduction in fees will be offered.

The ICCA will offer assistance in procuring boats for Promotional Fleet entries; however the priority will be to first secure boats for the Worlds Fleet.

6. COACHING

The ICCA Committee is responsible for the selection of a coach to support the Australian World Championship team.

The Coach is responsible for development of a pre-world training program. All World Championship Fleet members are required to participate in the training program.

Participation in the pre-world training program by Promotional Fleet members is optional. Where Promotional Fleet members do participate in training fees will apply.

7. TRANSPORT & LOGISTICS

The responsibility for the organisation and cost of transport to and from the World Championship event lies with the parent or guardian of each individual sailor (helm and crew).

8. TEAM UNIFORM

World Championship Fleet

Sailors (helm and crew) selected to represent Australia in the World Championship are eligible to wear the Australian Commonwealth Coat of Arms. Use of the Coat of Arms is governed by the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet in accordance with the Commonwealth Coats of Arms Information and Guidelines. (https://www.pmc.gov.au/resources/commonwealth-coat-arms-information-and-guidelines) and must also comply with Australian Sailing policy

Team members are able to purchase a "Blazer Pocket" commemorating their participation in the World Championship Fleet.

The Coat of Arms may be placed on items of team uniform such as the team jacket or polo shirt. These items will be provided by the ICCA at a cost for the team member.

World Championship Fleet team members are also able to purchase Australian team Boat Park gear (such as caps, t-shirts, hoodies) and other articles of clothing offered at the time.

Promotional Fleet

Promotional Fleet team members are able to purchase non-Coat of Arms uniform i.e. Australian team Boat Park gear (such as caps, t-shirts, hoodies) and other articles of clothing offered at the time.

9. SPONSORSHIP & FUNDRAISING

If the ICCA is successful in attracting sponsorship for the team in attending the World Championship, the benefit of this sponsorship will be split equally between all team members regardless of fleet (unless the sponsor has specific wishes for distribution of the benefit).

Individual team members are at liberty to raise funds for their individual travel costs independent of any team fundraising.