



# **New Zealand Finn Association**

## **Selection Criteria – Finn Gold Cup Takapuna New Zealand 24<sup>th</sup> -29<sup>th</sup> November 2015**

### Background

1. This documents the process for the selection of sailors who will be selected to represent New Zealand at the 2015 Finn Gold Cup to be held at Takapuna Boating Club 24-29 November 2015.
2. There is a limit to the number of entries that are accepted to these World and European Championship regattas, accordingly the regatta organisers restrict the number of entries allocated to each country.
3. New Zealand is generally allocated one firm place. This varies for each regatta. NZFA has requested additional places and these will be allocated as per the selection criteria listed below.
4. 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 places will be allocated.
5. New Zealand sailors may also qualify for Championship berths outside of the country allocation because of their individual performance in other regattas.

### **Selection Regattas – Finn Gold Cup**

6. The selection of the New Zealand representatives to the 2015 Finn Gold Cup World Championship will be based on the sailors performance in the Finn at a series of 4 regatta's over the 2014/2015 New Zealand season.

These regattas are

- a. The 2015 New Zealand Finn National Championships, Naval Point Yacht Club, 28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> January 2015
- b. The 2015 Sail Auckland Regatta, Royal Akarana Yacht Club, 26<sup>th</sup> February – 1 March 2015
- c. The Auckland Finn Championships, Maraetai Sailing Club, 22<sup>nd</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup> November 2014
- d. The South Island Finn Championships, Naval Point Yacht Club, 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> January 2015

To be eligible for selection for the 2015 Gold Cup each sailor must compete in the 2015 New Zealand Finn National Championships.

7. The selection of the New Zealand representatives to the 2015 Finn Gold Cup World Championship will remain subject to IFA/NZFA agreed place allocation (if required) as agreed at the 2012 NZL Finn Association AGM

### Other Criteria

8. To be eligible for selection sailors shall:
  - a. Be a full financial member of the New Zealand Finn Association prior to entering any of the selection regattas, and
  - b. Be a financial member of a yacht club affiliated to Yachting New Zealand prior to entering any of the selection regattas.
9. There is no provision for discretionary entries.



10. 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.
11. The final placing for 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.
12. Where an eligible sailor has been granted a berth to the 2015 Finn Gold Cup by other than the selection criteria of the New Zealand Finn 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.
  - a) To be eligible for a berth at the 2015 Finn Gold Cup by other than the selection criteria of the New Zealand Finn Class Association, a sailor must achieve a Top Ten placing in the 2014 Finn Gold Cup or have a ISAF World Ranking of 10 or less as at 1 March 2015. This eligibility does not negate the requirement to compete in the 2015 New Zealand Finn National Championships.
13. The scoring provisions of RRS Appendix A will be used, except A8.2 will not apply. The final result of each of the selection regattas shall be treated as a race. The low points system shall be used.
  - a) The results of a selection regatta will be excluded if less than 5 races are completed in the regatta.
  - b) A minimum of 3 selection regattas will count toward each sailors final result unless 2 regattas are excluded under 13a. when all regattas shall count.
14. 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 2015 NZL Finn National Championships
15. If a tie remains the other regatta(s) shall be used from the latest sailed to the earliest sailed.
16. The New Zealand Finn Association shall appoint an independent selector to arbitrate and decide on matters of selection.
17. If one of the selection regattas is not sailed the New Zealand Finn Association may nominate 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 the North Island. The independent selector shall decide on the replacement regatta being sailed after hearing from any interested parties who may make written presentations.
18. 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 any of them, or subsequent competitors declines the berth, the class secretary will continue to contact eligible competitors. 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.
19. The New Zealand Finn Association will score and publish the results table for the selection series.
20. Unless otherwise advised all costs associated with sailing at the World Championship shall be borne by the sailor.

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