

Wyuna Syndicate &  
RQYS John Harrison Olympic  
Foundation

Information Brochure



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## **RQYS John Harrison Olympic Support Foundation and Wyuna Syndicate Purpose, Award Criteria and Assessment Process**

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### **Introduction**

RQYS Ltd. operates two foundations for the purpose of providing grants to members of RQYS who demonstrate promise as emerging athletes travelling and competing in regattas. The funds are as follows:

1. The Wyuna Syndicate : Designed to assist junior, youth and other Squadron sailors commencing their Olympic pathway journey. The purpose of this fund is to support emerging junior and other sailors in Olympic or lead in classes to attend and compete in national and international events. The Syndicate is funded by direct contributions from members and via the Australian Sports Foundation.
2. The John Harrison Olympic Support Foundation: The Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron John Harrison Olympic Support Foundation has, as its first priority, the support of talented emerging sailors of Olympic level and Olympic aspirants who are making attempts to qualify for and compete at the Olympic Games. It has a particular focus on those who, despite their talent, may not be able to afford to fund the level of National and International competition necessary to achieve top level performance. The Foundation is funded from rental receipts from the Squadrons trade and direct donations via the Australian Sports Foundation.

Members are able to make application for grants from these funds to assist in their regatta participation costs. Applications are considered by the Sailing Committee bi-annually in September and March for recommendation to the General Committee in the case of the Wyuna Syndicate and the Foundation Directors in the case of the John Harrison Olympic Support Foundation. Closing date for the submission of applications is 1 September and 1 March to allow time for the Sailing Committee to consider the applications accordingly prior to its monthly meeting.

### **Award Criteria**

Applicants are required to meet certain criteria and any application will be assessed against these criteria to determine both the suitability of the application and the level of funding to be awarded. These criteria are outlined below:

- That applicants are members of RQYS
- Past performance and achievements at club, national and international levels (as appropriate)
- The events and regattas the applicant plans to attend
- The level of recognition of the applicant by Australian Sailing and other institutions (eg. AS youth squad, AS State Squad, AS Futures, ASS, AST)
- The level of funding being sought
- The applicant's ability to independently fund the proposed programme
- The perception of future potential based on results, other sailor and coach input
- The past commitment of the applicant to the Squadron in terms of participation in club activities
- The past engagement of the applicant with other sailors at the Squadron including sportsmanship and character

- The willingness and ability to act as a mentor to other Squadron sailors
- The willingness and ability to provide support to the Squadron in other activities such as speaking at social events to promote sailing, submission of written regatta reports, etc..

These criteria and approximate weighting used in the evaluation are summarized in Table 1. In assessing these criteria, the Sailing Committee may take advice and comment from other parties such as the Sailing Manager, the Sailing Academy, Club Coaches, Fleet captains and others as they deem fitting. At all times parties assessing the applications will be governed by the principles of ethical conduct, integrity, objectivity and independence.

### **Assessment Process**

Applications for funding follow the evaluation process outlined below.

Applicants who believe that they meet the scope and criteria for funding from either of the two trusts can make application as outlined below.

1. The applicant obtains a copy of the application form from the Squadrons web site or the sailing office and completes the document and provides the required documentation. This information consists of but may not be limited to:
  - Applicants personal details
  - Applicants involvement in Squadron activities including volunteer work and other relevant information.
  - Results in recent regattas that are relevant to the application or details of inclusion in state or national squads.
  - Comments that provide further relevant information in support of meeting the criteria for award as outlined above.
  - A proposed budget for the regatta or regattas that the applicant intends to participate in, and
  - The level of funding requested
2. The applicant submits the completed application to the RQYS Sailing Manager. The applicant may be asked to provide further information to support the application if required.
3. Once all of the required documentation is received, the Sailing Manager will forward the application to the Sailing Committee for review and recommendation.
4. The Sailing Committee will meet twice yearly to review all applications received. These bi-annual reviews currently occur in September and March each year. In special cases the Sailing Committee may consider applications out-of-round but there would need to be extenuating circumstances acceptable to the Committee to do this.
5. In reviewing any application, the Sailing Committee will review the information provided against the criteria mentioned. Applicants will be ranked and reviewed as part of this process and against the funds available from the funds. In doing this the Committee will seek advice from the Chief Financial Officer as to what funds are available and subsequently determine the level of funding to be recommended.
6. If the Sailing Committee does not support the application, the applicant will then be advised of the outcome and reasons.
7. Applications supported and endorsed by the Sailing Committee will be forward to the Flag Officers for further review and endorsement. In the case of John Harrison Foundation

applicants, the recommendations from both Sailing Committee and Flag Officers will be put forward to the Foundation Directors for their approval and award.

8. Successful applicants will be notified accordingly by the Sailing Manager.

## Concluding Comments

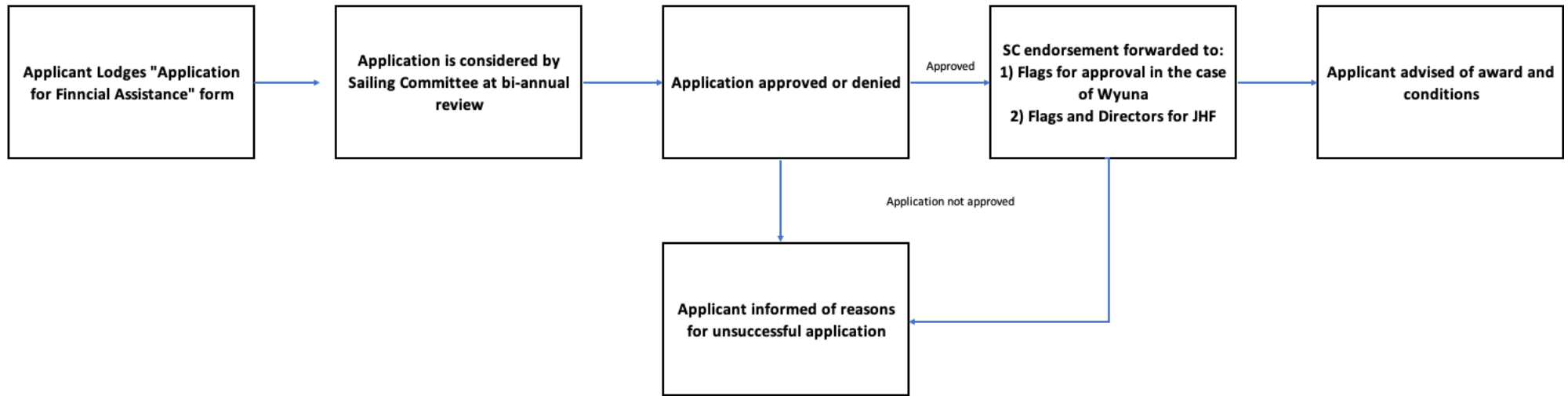
Applicants are reminded that there are limited funds available each year from the two support Trusts and are asked to be reasonable and realistic in their requests. The RQYS Sailing and General Committees along with the Foundation Directors are committed in ensuring that the best possible outcome for all applicants is achieved in a fair and equitable manner whilst maintaining the long-term sustainability of the trusts.

**Table 1**  
**Evaluation Criteria and Weighting**

<b>John Harrison Olympic Support Foundation</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Wyuna Syndicate</b>	<b>%</b>
RQYS Membership.	M	RQYS Membership.	M
Involvement in an Olympic or Olympic feeder classes	M	Sailing in a recognised national or international class	M
Recognition level, i.e. Member of AST / ASS / AS Pathways squad, QAS and / or holds an established World Sailing Ranking	25	Recognition level, such as membership of QAS squad, participation in high performance training, RQ Youth Squad performance and progression	25
Established or emerging talent with demonstrable performance with high level results at International and National level regattas	20	Emerging talent with demonstrable achievements, i.e. performance in Club Championships, State or Regional Championships in a fleet of more than 20 boats	20
RQYS - Contribution to the Squadron, active role model to youth and club sailors	20	RQYS - Contribution to the Squadron, active role model to youth and club sailors	20
Good Character and Sportsmanship	15	Good Character and Sportsmanship	15
Level of existing financial support, level of need.	10	Level of existing financial support, level of need.	10
Willingness to provide future mentoring and contribution	10	Willingness to provide future mentoring and contribution	10

M – Mandatory

## Process Flowchart



**Notes:** *Details required*

- The applicants details
- The events the applicant plans to attend
- A budget for the event and associated costs
- The past results achieved by the applicant
- Current recognition at State and National level if any
- The level of funding being sought

**Considerations**

- The events the applicant plans to attend
- The level of recognition of the applicant by Australian Sailing and other institutions (eg. AS youth squad, AS State Squad, AS Futures, ASS, AST)
- The level of funding being sought
- The past results achieved by the applicant
- The age of the applicant
- The applicant's ability to fund the proposed programme (ie need)
- The perception of future potential based on results, other sailor and coach input
- The past commitment of the applicant to the Squadron in terms of participation in club activities
- The past engagement of the applicant with other sailors at the Squadron
- The willingness and ability to act as a mentor to other sailors
- The willingness and ability to provide support to the squadron in other activities such as speaking at social events to promote sailing, submission of written regatta reports, etc..
- Budget available