

1 July 2021

Dear Sailors and Parents,

**Updated sailor's ranking policy and changes to Optimist Gold Fleet Qualifier**

The Singapore Sailing Federation (SSF) Sailor's Ranking Policy has been updated on 1 July 2021 and the main changes will affect only sailors in the Optimist Gold and Silver Fleets.

2 A consultation session with parents from various clubs was held on 23 January 2021 with SSF, discussing improving the system of promoting sailors from the silver to the gold fleet rankings. The key discussion points centered around reducing pressure on our young sailors and keeping the system fair and meritocratic.

3 SSF will make the following changes to the ranking system and the bi-annual seeding event, the Optimist Gold Fleet Qualifier with effect from 1 July 2021:

- a. To remove the unnecessary stress on the sailors in the Gold fleet of being relegated back to the Silver fleet, sailors in the Gold fleet will remain in the Gold fleet until they change classes or request to be removed. The top 40 ranked sailors from the Silver fleet will be invited to the Optimist Gold Fleet Qualifier. The number of sailors to move into the Gold fleet will depend on the number of sailors moving out after each review in June or December. This number will be shared in the invitation to the sailors for the event. (For July 2021, the number is 7.)
- b. To encourage commitment to competition and prevent unfair hogging of Gold fleet positions, every Optimist Gold Fleet sailor shall race in at least 2 ranking regattas in the past 6 months of each review of the rankings to remain in the Gold Fleet starting from the December 2021 review.

4 The system will continue to be reviewed and improved to ensure we develop our young sailors in the best possible environment.

5 We welcome any feedback with regards to our programmes and systems.

Thank you.

Best regards,



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