



# Invitation Selection Criteria

The Governor's Cup is an invitational regatta. The Governor's Cup Selection Committee intends to invite twelve skippers and two to four alternates (who will be invited in order of ranking if an invited skipper cannot attend) from among all skippers submitting a Request for Invitation. The following is additional information on Selection Committee Procedure and Criteria:

1. The top skipper from the 2024 United States Youth Match Racing Championship for the Rose Cup ("USYMRC") will receive an invitation if he or she has indicated an intent to participate in the Governor's Cup by filing an RFI by the April 12, 2024 deadline. If the top skipper in that event cannot attend the Governor's Cup or receives an automatic invitation pursuant to paragraphs 2-4 hereof, no further automatic invitations will be extended to the second-place finisher. However, the Selection Committee may, in its sole discretion, choose to invite the second or lower placed USYMRC skipper or make such skipper an alternate selection.
2. The top skipper from the 2023 U.S. Intercollegiate Match Racing Championship will also receive an invitation if such skipper has indicated an intent to participate in the Governor's Cup by filing an RFI by the April 12, 2024 deadline. If the top skipper in that event cannot attend the Governor's Cup, or receives an automatic invitation pursuant to paragraphs 2-4 hereof, no further automatic invitations will be extended to the second-place finisher. However, the Selection Committee may, in its sole discretion, choose to invite the second or lower placed skipper or make such skipper an alternate selection for Governor's Cup.
3. A skipper from Balboa Yacht Club, representing the Organizing Authority and host yacht club, will receive an invitation whether through resume-based selection by the Selection Committee or other qualification method to be determined by Balboa Yacht Club in its sole discretion. If the Club requests that the Selection Committee make the decision as to the BYC invitee, and if, in the Selection Committee's judgment, two BYC skippers are equally qualified, the Committee may request the identity of proposed crew members and will give preference to the skipper whose team has more BYC members. If a BYC skipper shall receive an automatic invitation pursuant to paragraphs 1 or 2 above, no further BYC skipper will receive an *automatic* invitation.
4. Past winning skippers of the Governor's Cup who are still age-eligible will also receive an invitation if they have filed an RFI by the deadline.
5. The Selection Committee may invite skippers filing RFI's *at any time* after submission of an RFI whose World Sailing Open Match Race Ranking or racing record is of a level which would warrant selection.
6. The committee will select skippers not receiving automatic invitations pursuant to one of the above methods based on the "score" each skipper receives using the following criteria based on a maximum total score of 100:
  - general race experience (15 points)
  - best match racing finishes (30 points)
    - size, nature of regatta and number of entrants
    - International or National Championship finishes (if any)
    - finish position in events relative to other applicants (if applicable)
  - best fleet racing finishes (15 points)
    - size, nature of regatta and number of entrants
    - International or National Championship finishes (if any)
    - finish position in events relative to other applicants (if applicable)
  - experience on boats similar to the Governor's Cup 22 and likelihood of being able to assemble a crew with experience in similar boats (20 points)
  - encouragement of geographic diversity of entrants (20 points)
  - applicants' ages and resulting ability to apply in the future (tie breaker)

All decisions of the Selection Committee will be final. BYC asks teams requesting an invitation to understand that such decisions are difficult from among teams from all over the world with diverse resumes and yet seemingly similar qualifications. **Comments and records used in the selection process will be kept confidential.**