

World Sailing Emerging Nations Definition January 2025



General Principles

Development

The determination of the level of athlete Development in each nation is based on the World Sailing fleet racing rankings (<https://www.sailing.org/rankings/fleet-racing/>), the current version of which was published on Tuesday 3 September, 2024. The level of Development is based on the number of sailors in the top 50% of the fleet, across all classes.

Following a review by the Development and Regions Committee in November 2024, to be classified as Developed, an MNA must have sailors represented in at least 3 events, including a minimum of one men's and one women's event. The requirement for representation in 3 events means that an MNA must be able to provide evidence of Development in more than one boat type, in both men's and women's events, and not the result of a single break-out sailor. For example, an MNA's representation cannot be based entirely on the results of one high-performing team in the men's skiff.

Using the rankings from Tuesday 3 September 2024, this has accounted for participation at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

Resources

The level of Resources available to each Nation is based on World Bank GDP per Capita data. To be classed as Resourced, the nation's GDP must be rated above the average of the World Bank list. The current ratings are based on 2023 data. Where this wasn't available, 2022 data was used, and if necessary, 2021 data. For nations not represented on the World Bank list, United Nations data on GDP per Capita was compared against the World Bank average.

Here are the links to the data on GDP per Capita used for the current evaluations:

World Bank: <https://data.worldbank.org/indicator/NY.GDP.PCAP.CD>

United Nations:

<https://data.un.org/Data.aspx?d=SNAAMA&f=grID%3A101%3BcurrID%3AUSD%3BpcFlag%3A1>

Bringing it Together: categories of eligibility

The assessment of the levels of Development and Resources generates 4 categories of eligibility for support:

- Developed and resourced – 36 Nations
- Developed but not resourced – 12 Nations
- Resourced but not developed – 30 Nations
- Not resourced and not developed – 73 Nations

The list of MNAs includes the 148 current WS members plus 3 Associate members (shown in purple).

On 1 March 2022, World Sailing published the following recommendations in reaction to the situation in Ukraine: <https://www.sailing.org/2022/03/01/world-sailing-statement-6/>

Updating the Categories

Following a review by the Development and Regions Committee in November 2024, the definition will be updated once a quadrennial, following the Olympic Games. This is to ensure there is only one list of nations in use at a time.

Support for each Category

Detailed information on the levels of support and types of programs associated with each category will be made available to all MNA's on an ongoing basis as allocations of available funds and resources are determined.

Appeal Process

MNA's will be notified of their category via email upon publication of the updated lists. MNAs that believe they have been categorised incorrectly will have an opportunity to file an appeal within the period of 60 days following the date of publication. The appeal must include written evidence that supports the argument that the MNA has been incorrectly categorised. All appeals will be reviewed by the Development and Regions Committee, whose decision shall be final.

Categories of Eligibility: allocation of MNAs, January 2025

Developed & Resourced	Developed but not Resourced	Resourced but not Developed	Not Developed or Resourced
Australia	Algeria	Andorra	American Samoa
Austria	Argentina	Anguilla	Angola
Belgium	Brazil	Antigua	Armenia
Canada	Bulgaria	Aruba	Azerbaijan
Croatia	Chile	Bahamas	Belize
Cyprus	China	Bahrain	Bolivia
Czechia	India	Barbados	Botswana
Denmark	Malaysia	Bermuda	Cambodia
Estonia	Mexico	British Virgin Islands	Chinese Taipei
Finland	Peru	Brunei	Colombia
France	Thailand	Cayman Islands	Cook Islands
Germany	Türkiye	Guam	Cuba
Great Britain		Iceland	Djibouti
Greece		Kuwait	Dominican Republic
Hong Kong, China		Liechtenstein	DPR Korea
Hungary		Luxembourg	Ecuador
Ireland		Macau, China	Egypt
Israel		Monaco	El Salvador
Italy		Netherlands Antilles	Fiji
Japan		Oman	Georgia
Korea		Puerto Rico	Grenada
Latvia		Qatar	Guatemala
Lithuania		San Marino	Indonesia
Malta		Saudi Arabia	Iran

Netherlands		Slovakia	Iraq
New Zealand		St Kitts and Nevis	Jamaica
Norway		Turks and Caicos	Jordan
Poland		UAE	Kazakhstan
Portugal		Uruguay	Kenya
Singapore		US Virgin Islands	Kosovo
Slovenia			Kyrgyzstan
Spain			Lebanon
Sweden			Libya
Switzerland			Madagascar
Ukraine			Mauritus
USA			Moldova
			Montenegro
			Morocco
			Mozambique
			Myanmar
			Namibia
			Nicaragua
			Nigeria
			North Macedonia
			Pakistan
			Palestine
			Panama
			Papua New Guinea
			Paraguay
			Philippines
			Romania
			Samoa
			Senegal
			Serbia
			Seychelles
			Solomon Islands
			South Africa
			Sri Lanka
			St Lucia
			St Vincent and the Grenadines
			Sudan
			Tahiti
			Tajikistan
			Tanzania
			Timor Leste

			Tonga
			Trinidad and Tobago
			Tunisia
			Uganda
			Vanuatu
			Venezuela
			Vietnam
			Zimbabwe