

World Championships open to any gender

A submission from the International Speed Windsurfing Class Association

Purpose or Objective

To enable Classes to have a Transgender Policy awarding female World Championship titles and World Championship titles open to any gender.

Proposal

To amend Regulation 25.2.1 (a) (ii) as follows:

25.2.1 Each World Sailing Class that meets the World Championships requirements in Regulation 10.2.1(d) is automatically granted the right, subject to notification requirements of Regulation 25.7, to hold the following annual World Championships. Regulation 10.4 defines how this right is maintained or rescinded.

(a) Age unrestricted World Championships which may be either:

- (i) one World Championship title open to any gender, or
- (ii) **one World Championship title open to any gender and one female World Championship title**, or one male World Championship title and one female World Championship title, and
- (iii) one mixed World Championship title, where mixed crews are so defined by the class.

Current Position

As above

Reasons

1. World Sailing informed the ISWC that it does not have a Transgender Policy. Therefore, the ISWC considering Transgender Policies of other sport governing bodies and studying results of previous events and speed record-breaking attempts proposed their own policy.

This policy prohibits athletes who have gone through what World Athletics calls “male puberty” from participating in female championships. Instead, they would participate in a division open to any gender.
 2. Implementing the policy requires to have a female World Championship title and a World Championship title open to any gender.
 3. The proposed change does not endorse the ISWC policy in any way, and each Class may have their own policy, based on their own considerations.
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