

Regulation 2.4 - MNA Review Survey

1. Regulations

1.1. World Sailing Regulations require a review of the MNA Groups every four (4) years. The exact Regulations can be seen in the below table.

2.4	<i>Every four years, the representation of Full Members on Council through the Groups as mentioned in Article 40(a) and (b) and Schedule A of the Articles of Association shall be reviewed by the Constitution Committee and any changes considered necessary shall be presented to the Council and the ordinary meeting of the General Assembly for their approval.</i>
2.4.1	<i>At any other time on the initiative of the Board and the Constitution Committee itself, the representation of the Full Members on Council through the groups as mentioned in Regulation 2.1 may be reviewed by the Constitution Committee and any changes considered necessary shall be presented to the Council to be dealt with in accordance with Article 40(b).</i>
2.4.2	<i>If the provisions of Schedule A are changed by Council pursuant to Article 40(b) in such a way that there are changes in the number of Groups or the number of Council members assigned to any Groups, nominations by the Groups of Full Members to reflect the changes in Schedule A shall be notified to the Chief Executive Officer in the manner provided for in Article 40(c) for the next meeting of Council after Council has voted such changes in Schedule A.</i>
2.4.3	<i>Any changes to Schedule A which require the type of changes referred to in Regulation 2.3 pursuant to Regulations 2.1 to 2.3 shall be made at the next Council meeting after the meeting which made the changes and the term of the Council members so affected shall be changed accordingly as provided in Article 40(c).</i>

1.2. The review in 2018 was postponed due to the governance reform. To comply with the Regulations, all MNAs are required to provide statistical information requested from World Sailing.

1.3. The information provided by the MNAs is then considered by the Constitution Committee against the criteria in Regulation 2.

1.4. **Recommendation: For Noting**

2. Survey process and responses

2.1. We sent out a survey to all the MNAs in February 2023 (copy of the survey attached).

2.2. We received 42 responses from the 147 MNAs, which is a 29% response rate.

2.3. Out of the responders, almost half were from Europe. The split of World Sailing Regions that the MNAs identified with was as follows:

a) Africa – 2%

- b) Asia – 14%
 - c) Europe – 48%
 - d) North America – 19%
 - e) Oceania – 10%
 - f) South America – 7%
- 2.4. Once the survey closed, the legal team at World Sailing prepared the results in a spreadsheet which was shared with the Working Party (Sarah Treseder, Peter Hall, Ute Reisinger).
- 2.5. On 12 July, the Working Party met with Urvashi Naidoo and Alice Hug from the legal team, to discuss the results spreadsheet and form recommendations for any changes considered necessary to be presented to the Constitution Committee and then in turn to the Council.
- 2.6. **Recommendation: For Noting**

3. Working Party discussions

- 3.1. The Working Party met to discuss the results in general and also the specific requests that had been made by MNAs. The main requests arose in relation to Groups H, K and O.
- 3.2. Group H:
- 3.2.1. The main discussions around Group H were to do with its composition of MNAs that was disproportionate to the size and scale of other Groups within Europe. Group H also contains a mix of European and Asian countries, which was raised as a potential issue in both the survey responses and Working Party meeting.
 - 3.2.2. Azerbaijan and Georgia both flagged that they were uncomfortable continuing with Group H as neither MNA felt that the Group was functioning appropriately or representing their best interests.
 - 3.2.3. The Working Party discussed options around Group H and how to appease requests from MNAs. However, ultimately the Working Party resolved not to make any recommendations regarding Group H at this current time, due to political sensitivities.
- 3.3. Group K:
- 3.3.1. There was a formal request from Group K for an additional Council seat, due to extra MNAs having been added recently.
 - 3.3.2. The Philippines had also requested to move into Group K as they had more affinity with SE Asia.
 - 3.3.3. The Working Party agreed to recommend that the Philippines be moved from Group J to Group K and that a second Council seat be allocated to Group K.
- 3.4. Group O:

- 3.4.1. There had previously been a formal request from Mexico to review their group alignment. Group O currently combines MNAs from both the American continents.
- 3.4.2. Some comments from the survey results indicated that the Groups in this area would benefit from a restructure.
- 3.4.3. The Working Party noted that this has been proposed before but had not been approved at Council. Given the sensitivities, the Working Party decided not to pursue any recommendations regarding Group O.

4. Recommendations

- 4.1. Council is requested to note the report
- 4.2. Council will be requested to approve any changes recommended by the Constitution Committee following its meeting at the Annual Conference in November
- 4.3. If approved at Council any matters will also need to go to the AGM agenda as they will require an amendment to the Constitution, the Groups are shown in Schedule A Article 40

Attachments:

- a) Regulation 2.4 survey
- b) World Sailing Regions identification graph
- c) MNAs number of individuals graph
- d) Survey results spreadsheet
- e) July 2023 Working Party meeting minutes



World Sailing Regulation 2.4

Overview

World Sailing Regulation 2.4 requires that:

“Every four years, the representation of Full Members on Council through the Groups as mentioned in Article 40(a) and (b) and Schedule A of the Articles of Association shall be reviewed by the Constitution Committee and any changes considered necessary shall be presented to the Council and the ordinary meeting of the General Assembly for their approval.”

In accordance to complete this review all MNAs are required to kindly complete this short survey.

This information will be considered by the World Sailing Constitution Committee against the criteria in Regulation 2 for representation of Full Members on Council and the composition of Council Groups.

Please note that in accordance with the Regulations it is mandatory for MNAs to provide this important statistical information to World Sailing.

Please complete and return by **31 March 2023** which will allow the Constitution Committee to

review in time for the Council and Annual General Meeting.

* 1. Which MNA are you representing?

* 2. Please indicate how many individual sailors / members are represented by your MNA?

* 3. Please specify the predominant language(s) within your MNA.

First

Second

Third

Other

* 4. Please specify the predominant ethnic group(s) within your MNA.

First

Second

Third

Other

* 5. With which World Sailing Region do you identify? (participation in Regional Games, racing or other forms of co-operation)

* 6. Do you have any specific requests or concerns with regards to your allocated World Sailing Council Group?

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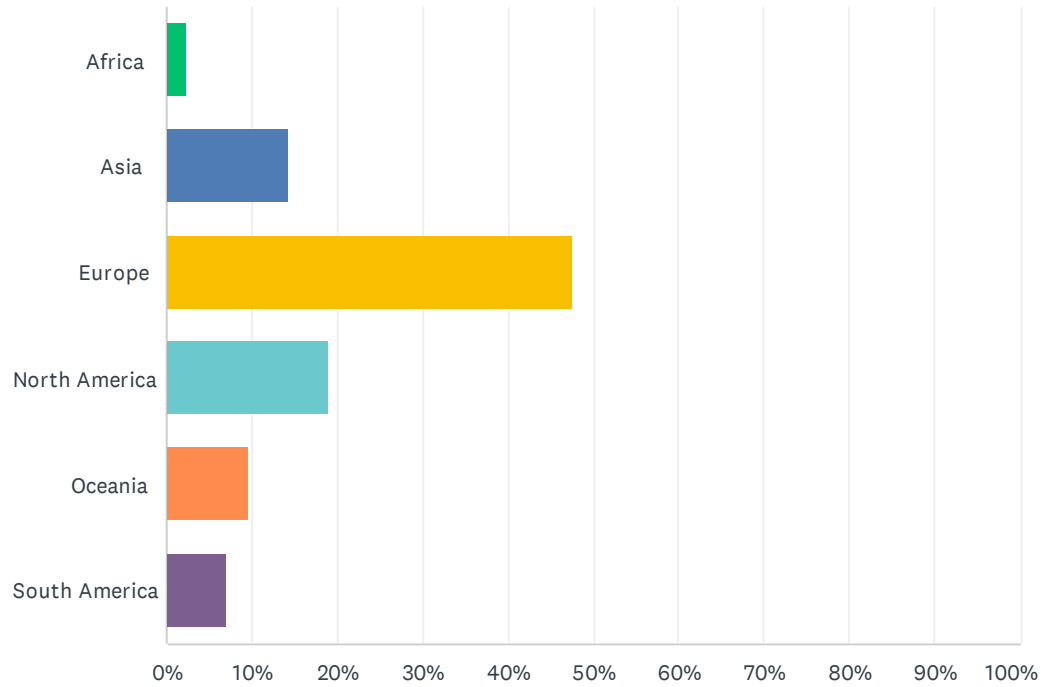


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Q5 With which World Sailing Region do you identify? (participation in Regional Games, racing or other forms of co-operation)

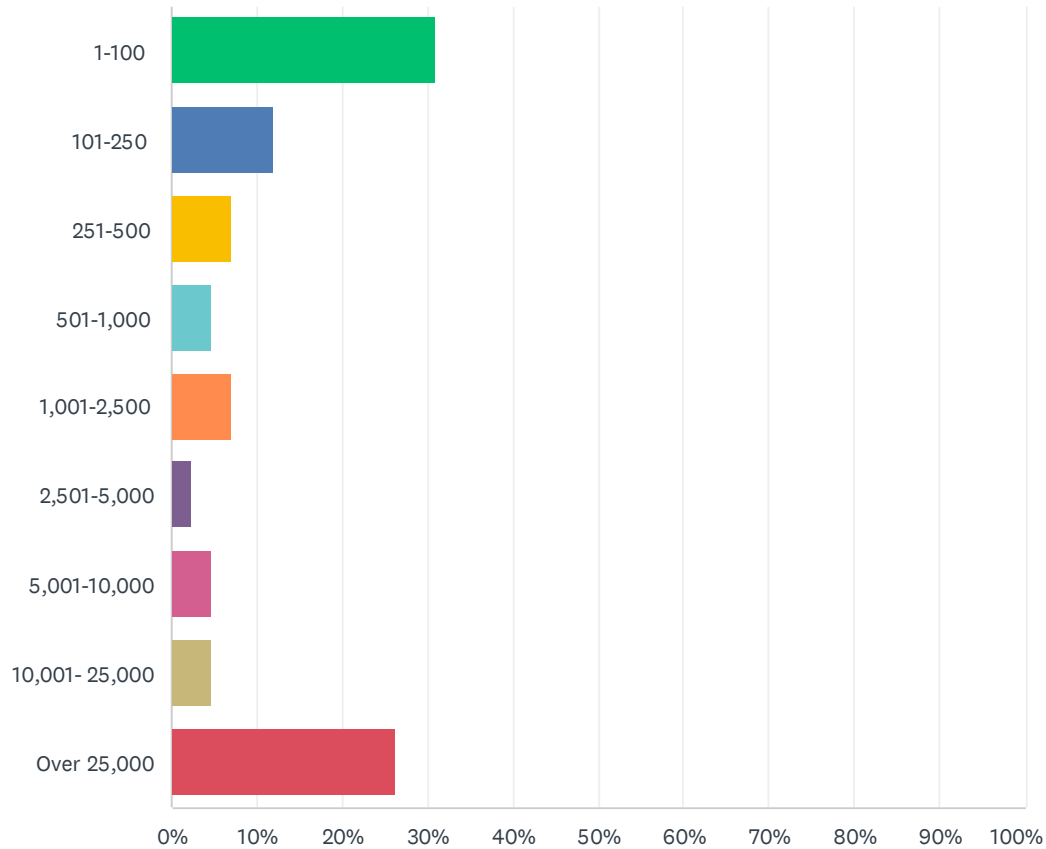
Answered: 42 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Africa	2.38%	1
Asia	14.29%	6
Europe	47.62%	20
North America	19.05%	8
Oceania	9.52%	4
South America	7.14%	3
TOTAL		42

Q2 Please indicate how many individual sailors / members are represented by your MNA?

Answered: 42 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1-100	30.95%	13
101-250	11.90%	5
251-500	7.14%	3
501-1,000	4.76%	2
1,001-2,500	7.14%	3
2,501-5,000	2.38%	1
5,001-10,000	4.76%	2
10,001- 25,000	4.76%	2
Over 25,000	26.19%	11
TOTAL		42

CONTINENT	GROUPS	# MNAS	COUNCIL SEATS	Combined membership	Seats per MNA		MNA members per seat		combined subscription	COMMENTS
Europe	8	52	14	-	0.27		-			
	A	2	2		1.00		-		£27,585	Concerns about distribution in European Groups, not balanced enough. Issues highlighted with Group B in particular - suggestions to either split Group B, or readjust all Groups to make B more balanced.
	B	9	2		0.22		-		£33,406	
	C	11	2		0.18		-		£11,466	
	D	10	3		0.30		-		£36,383	
	E	3	1		0.33		-		£21,168	
	F	3	1		0.33		-		£16,207	
	G	8	2		0.25		-		£36,548	
	H	6	1		0.17		-		£3,418	
Asia	3	30	4	-	0.13		-			
	I	9	1		0.11		-		£5,182	Request from Iraq for more specialised training and development courses.
	J	9	2		0.22		-		£31,532	Philippines feel more aligned with SE Asia, rather than East Asia Group.
	K	12	1		0.08		-		£14,718	Written request (separate from the survey) to add an additional council seat for group K.
Oceania	1	10	2	-	0.20		-			
	L	10	2		0.20		-		£22,050	
Central & South America	2	7	2	-	0.29		-			
	M	5	1		0.20		-		£12,072	
	N	2	1		0.50		-		£14,222	
N. America & the Caribbean	2	28	5	-	0.18		-			
	O	26	2		0.08		-		£11,687	Issues flagged around logistics, languages, geographical disparities etc. Belize in particular wish to not be grouped with South America.
	P	2	3		1.50		-		£31,091	USA and Canada happy with how things are.
Africa	1	21	2	-	0.10		-			
	Q	21	2		0.10		-		£9,316	
Total = 6	17	148	29	-	0.20		-			

World SailingMNA Review Working Party Meeting Minutes 12 July 2023 Via TeamsAgenda Items

1. Opening of the Meeting
2. In Attendance: Sarah Treseder, Peter Hall, Ute Reisinger
3. WS Staff Present: Urvasi Naidoo (UN) Alice Hug (AH)

Welcome and Introduction by Sarah Treseder giving background and context to the work which had commenced in 2018 but had been put on hold pending the outcome of the Governance Reform.

The group offered thanks to AH who had prepared the results of the survey into a spreadsheet which had been circulated in advance of the meeting. Sadly, only 42 responses to the survey had been received despite the Constitutional requirement. The spreadsheet had been updated to give accurate numbers of MNAs per group, new information on subscriptions and debtors and any specific requests made.

4. Group H

There was a discussion about the group and its composition. It consists of 6 MNAs, 5 of which are extremely small, disproportionate to the size and scale of other Groups within Europe, and containing a mix of European and Asian countries. The net effect of this group structure is to give RUS a guaranteed permanent seat on Council. Comments had been received from AZE and GEO which were both uncomfortable continuing with Group H as they did not believe the Group functioned appropriately and best represented their interests.

The Working Party discussed the opportunity to disband Group H and redistribute its 6 MNAs into two or more existing Groups, in order to resolve these issues and meet the preferences of the MNAs which had responded to the questionnaire. However, a strong view was expressed that any recommendation for change at the current time would be inappropriate in light of the the political sensitivities arising from ongoing hostilities in Ukraine.

The Working Party resolved not to make any recommendations regarding Group H at the current time.

5. Group K

Formal request received from Group K for an additional seat (other MNAs accepted more recently) and PHI had requested to move into Group K as they had more affinity with SE Asia

It was agreed to recommend that PHI be moved out of Group J and into Group K as per their expressed preference and affinity with SE Asia and that a second Council seat be allocated to Group K to acknowledge that there had been more MNA's added into the group.

6. Group O

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Formal request previously received from MEX to review their group alignment. Currently Group O combines MNAs from both the American continents as described in the World Sailing Articles ("North America and the Caribbean" and "South and Central America") and some comments in the survey results from BER and BEL indicating that the Groups here would benefit from a restructure.

It was noted that this had been proposed before but had not been approved. Given the sensitivities it was decided not to pursue any recommendation regarding this Group.

7. Any Other Business

None raised.

8. Date of Next Meeting

TBC