

World Sailing Championships 2026-2027 – Q&Q WP

Recommendation for decision:

The Working Party recommends to the Events Committee to adopt the following Quota and Qualification System for the World Sailing Championship Regattas in 2026 and 2027.

Quota

The Working Party recommends that the Events Committee and Council approve a twostep approach to the quota allocation of the World Sailing Championships.

- 1) Initially, approve a minimum quota allocation for each event as outlined in the table below.
- 2) Delegate to the Event Committee Chair, Q&Q Chair, and World Sailing Office to review the quota together with the Local Organising Authority if the quota can or should be increased based on:
 - a. The Race management and resources required for the invited events
 - b. Demand from sailors,
 - c. Supplied equipment availability

The initial minimum event allocation balances the boat quotas to be gender equal and it is the maximum number of boats that still enables events to be conducted with 2 fleets per event and still enable reasonable race management practices.

The Working Party recognises that in some instances 3 fleets may be preferred to 2 fleets, as it tends to result in a tighter point score for the final race but also materially increases the field of play, regatta schedule, and race management required to hold a successful regatta.

The Event Committee Chair, Q&Q WP Chair, and World Sailing Office in conjunction with the Local Organizing Authority will consider if it is appropriate to increase these quotas once the race management and resources required for the invited events and demand for sailors is known.

Minimum Event Allocation

Olympic Event	Equipment	Quota
Men's Windsurfing	iQFOiL	100
Women's Windsurfing	iQFOiL	100
Men's Kite	IKA Formula Kite	90
Women's Kite	IKA Formula Kite	90

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Men's Dinghy	ILCA 7	140
Women's Dinghy	ILCA 6	140

Mixed Dinghy	470	80
Men's Skiff	49er	85
Women's Skiff	49erFX	85
Mixed Multihull	Nacra 17	70

Para Event	Equipment	Quota
Men's One person Non Technical	TBD	TBD
Women's One Person Non Technical	TBD	TBD
Open One Person Technical	TBD	TBD
Open Two Person Technical	TBD	TBD

Qualification System

The Working Party recommends that the Events Committee and Council retain the qualification principles of last quad with minor adjustments, namely:

1. Each MNA in good standing entitled 2 boat quota allocations per Event if confirmed and paid by the specified date
2. There is the opportunity to accelerate the process where the quota may not be achieved.
3. Timelines are synchronised across 2026 and 2027 for the respective editions of the championship

The Qualification System proposed

1. Entries

Dates are relative to the year of the World Sailing Championship featuring the event unless stated otherwise.

MNA's are to submit their full athlete allocation request for all events by the 15th of January.

Entries are awarded to MNAs in the following order, until the quota is filled.

- 1.1 Every MNA is awarded two entries per event if requested by 15 January and paid by 16 February.
- 1.2 The following places for Olympic events are awarded based on the Class World Championships the year before the World Sailing Championship featuring the event (see section 4):

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- (a) 70% of the MNAs that had a third entrant finish with the quota at the respective Class World Championships gets a third entry in order of their finish.
 - (b) 50% of the MNAs that had a fourth entrant finish within the quota at the respective Class World Championships gets a fourth entry in order of their finish.
 - (c) Entries based on the Class World Championships must be confirmed by 15 January and paid 16 February.
- 1.3 The following places for Olympic events are awarded based on the World Sailing Rankings available on 31 December in the year before the World Sailing Championship featuring the event:
- (a) An MNA that has a third athlete in the rankings within the quota that has not already received a third entrant gets a third entry in order of their ranking.
 - (b) An MNA that has a fourth entrant in the rankings within the quota gets a fourth entry in order of their ranking.
 - (c) Entries based on the World Sailing Rankings must be confirmed by 15 January and paid 16 February.
- 1.4 In the circumstance, where on the 15th of January, the total requested athlete requests for an event is less than the allocated quota of the event, the World Sailing Championships Qualification Commission, in their discretion, may award the remaining quota to those countries.
- (a) Entries based on this method must be confirmed by 15 January and paid 16 February.
- 1.5 Any places not already awarded and paid by 16 February are reserved to World Sailing Championships Qualification Commission and may be awarded on a discretionary basis. Typically, the Commission would have regard to:-
- (a) MNAs that have no entries and may have missed the deadlines above.
 - (b) 'Developing' and 'Emerging' MNAs or special circumstances.
 - (c) MNAs with returning or young athletes who demonstrate outstanding credentials,
 - (d) Entries awarded by Qualification Commission must be confirmed by 3 March and paid 24 March.
- 1.6 Remaining places for Olympic Events will be re-allocated as follows until the quotas are full:
- (a) On 24 March at 1200 UTC, MNAs that already have two paid entries in any Olympic event are offered a third entry in that event. These entries are awarded as first come, first served. Acceptance of the offer by reply email secures the entry, until the quota is full.

On behalf of the Quota and Qualification WP.

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Yours sincerely,

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