

Require MNA Membership for Categorization

How this could be Implemented via World Sailing ID

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Purpose or Objective

World Sailing is a member-based organization. With this submission Would Sailing would require that applicants for Categorization are members of the Member National Authority (MNA), thereby supporting World Sailing membership. As an example, for a sailor to carry the country code GBR next to their name, they are required to be a member of the World Sailing MNA from GBR.

Proposal

Appendix 4 – Categorization Code

22.3.1 A competitor ~~may be~~ **is** required to be a member of his/her MNA to hold a valid World Sailing Sailor Categorization.

Current Position

As Above.

Reasons

1. World Sailing is a member-based organization, and as such should be supporting the membership growth and maintenance of its MNAs.
2. A “permissive” requirement is NOT a requirement at all.
3. For those MNAs that do not issue a Member ID, the software can be set to accept a “blank entry” for any sailor from a pre-set list of MNA Codes.
4. Appendix 3 – Eligibility Code, states, under “**World Sailing Eligibility**”
“19.4 In addition to Competition Eligibility, a competitor has “World Sailing Eligibility” if he meets the following conditions:
 - (a) he is a member of his/her Member National Authority or one of its affiliated organizations. Such membership to be established by the competitor either:
 - (i) by being entered by a national authority of the country of which the competitor is a national or ordinarily a resident; or
 - (ii) by presenting a valid membership card or certificate, or other satisfactory evidence of identity and membership;

- (b) he is registered as an “World Sailing Sailor” on the World Sailing Website for those events listed under Regulations 19.6 (a) to (c), Olympic Qualification Events and World Sailing Graded Match Racing Events; ...”

The above from Regulation 19.4 supports the requirement that a Sailor competing in an event requiring a Sailor to be World Sailing Eligible must be a member of an MNA or one of that MNA’s affiliated members. To close the loop for the event organizers it would be good if when the competitor’s World Sailing Sailor ID is issued, the MNA Membership requirement of Regulation 19.4 (a) (ii) was attested to and their MNA Member ID was provided, so that the issuance of a World Sailing Sailor ID satisfies this requirement for the Event Organizer.

5. Finally, Appendix 3 – Eligibility Code, 19.6 (e) requires “World Sailing Eligibility” for any event that the “Organizing Authority, the MNA or World Sailing has appointed an International Jury, International Umpires, International Race Officers, International Measurers or World Sailing Technical Delegates to act in that capacity.” This requirement includes most of the events that also require their participants to comply with Appendix 4 – Categorization Code.