

Regulations, Constitution and Policies

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Title of Proposal:	<i>Removal of Specific Equipment Requirement from Para World Sailing Rankings to Enable Event-Focused Ranking Points</i>
Subtitle:	<i>Allowing Approved Para Events to Award Ranking Points Regardless of Equipment Used</i>
Related proposals:	

Proposal:

That the Para World Sailing Ranking and Grading Policies be amended so that:
In Para One-Person Technical and Non Technical and Two-Person events, the equipment type is not a determining factor for awarding ranking points. Instead, ranking points will be awarded based on the event category (e.g., Para One-Person, Para Two-Person) and its compliance with participation and grading requirements.
Delete references that limit eligible Para events to specific classes (e.g., Hansa 303 only), and replace with wording that includes “any Para World Sailing-approved equipment that meets the event criteria and is used in accordance with the Racing Rules of Sailing and the relevant Class Rules.”

Current position:

Under the current ranking policy for Para sailing, only events sailed in specified equipment (e.g., Hansa 303 for the Para One-Person non-technical ranking) are eligible for ranking points. This restricts participation from sailors using other recognized Para equipment such as the Hansa 2.3, Liberty, or Martin 16, even if event standards and participation thresholds are met.

Reasons:

- **Inclusivity & Accessibility:** Many MNAs, particularly in developing sailing nations, operate Para fleets in equipment other than the currently listed classes. Limiting rankings to one class excludes sailors from earning points and reduces motivation to participate internationally.
- **Growth of Participation:** Allowing multiple approved equipment types will enable more MNAs to host ranked events, meet minimum nation requirements, and grow the rankings.
- **Event-Focused Alignment:** The IPC and World Sailing strategic priorities are to grow participation numbers across impairment groups. Focusing on events rather than equipment mirrors the structure of other sports and supports our reinstatement bid for the Paralympic Games.
- **Testing & Governance:** The change can be implemented initially on a trial basis (e.g., at the Asian Inclusive Sailing Series 2025 in India) to test systems before a full Council decision.

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Name of Authorised Person:	Jan Martin Wilschut
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Title of Proposal:	Policy D3, clause 2.2, World Championship Rights for World Sailing Classes
Subtitle:	Amending the world championship rights granted to World Sailing Class Associations
Related proposals:	

Proposal:

Amend Policy D3, clause 2.2 as follows:

2.2 Each World Sailing Class Association is granted the following world championship rights (subject to compliance with policy and the Regulations):

(a) an age unrestricted world championships which may be ~~either~~:

- (i) ~~either~~ **either** one world championship title open to any gender **and one female world championship title**, or
- (ii) one male world championship title and one female world championship title, ~~and as~~ **well as the right to**
- (iii) **(ii)** one mixed world championship title, where mixed crews are so defined by the class,

(b) a youth world championships (where youth crews are so defined by the class) which may be ~~either~~:

- (i) ~~either~~ **either** one world championship title open to any gender **and one female world championship title**, or
- (ii) one male world championship title and one female world championship title, ~~and as~~ **well as the right to**
- (iii) **(ii)** one mixed world championship title, where mixed crews are so defined by the class, and (c) one further world championship title on the basis of age or discipline.

Current position:

2.2 Each World Sailing Class Association is granted the following world championship rights (subject to compliance with policy and the Regulations):

- (a) an age unrestricted world championships which may be either:
 - (i) one world championship title open to any gender, or
 - (ii) 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,
- (b) a youth world championships (where youth crews are so defined by the class) which may be either:
 - (i) one world championship title open to any gender, or
 - (ii) one male world championship title and one female world championship title, and

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- (iii) one mixed world championship title, where mixed crews are so defined by the class, and
- (c) one further world championship title on the basis of age or discipline.

Reasons:

1. Several World Sailing Class Associations are registering more World Championships than permitted under Policy D3. These additional Championships are almost always women's, girls', or mixed events.
2. The intention behind this trend seems to be the encouragement of broader participation and growth, which is positive. However, Policy D3 only allows multiple titles under specific conditions.
3. In its current form, the policy restricts Class Associations from taking proactive steps to increase participation by women through gender-specific or mixed events.
4. World Sailing has committed to improving gender equity in its *Ready for the Future Strategy 2025–2029*.
5. The addition of new world titles does not dilute the value of existing ones, as all events must still meet the policy's requirements on distribution and participation numbers, safeguarding competitive standards.

Name of Authorised Person:	Michael Röllich
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Title of Proposal:	To update 8.2 World Sailing Policy Register - Rankings - Match Racing - Policy Number H1
Subtitle:	To amend 8.2 World Sailing Policy Register - Rankings - Match Racing - Policy Number H1 with Youth division
Related proposals:	Same as 8.2 Grade 5 – Open, Women and Youth // Youth Women's Weight CO-2025-020, CO-2025-021, CO-2025-022

Proposal:

8.2 Grade 5 - Open, Women and Youth

- (f) The weight limit for open **AND YOUTH** events may be either:
- (i) a maximum average crew weight limit of 87.5kg; or
 - (ii) a maximum total crew weight limit of 'Y' (where $Y = 87.5\text{kg} \times \text{the number of standard crew members for the boat (X)}$) and the organizing authority may permit the boat to be raced with X, X-1 or X+1 crew members.

Current position:

8.2 Grade 5 - Open, Women and Youth

- (f) The weight limit for open events may be either:
- (i) a maximum average crew weight limit of 87.5kg; or
 - (ii) a maximum total crew weight limit of 'Y' (where $Y = 87.5\text{kg} \times \text{the number of standard crew members for the boat (X)}$) and the organizing authority may permit the boat to be raced with X, X-1 or X+1 crew members.

Reasons:

To clarify weight at Youth events.

Name of Authorised Person:	Michael Röllich
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Title of Proposal:	To update 8.2 World Sailing Policy Register - Rankings - Match Racing - Policy Number H1
Subtitle:	To amend 8.2 World Sailing Policy Register - Rankings - Match Racing - Policy Number H1 with Youth Women's Weight
Related proposals:	Same as 8.2 Grade 5 – Open, Women and Youth // Youth Weight CO-2025-019, CO-2025-021, CO-2025-022

Proposal:

8.2 Grade 5 - Open, Women and Youth

- (g) The weight limit for women's **AND YOUTH WOMEN'S** events may be either:
- (i) a maximum average crew weight limit of 68kg; or
 - (ii) a maximum total crew weight limit of 'Y' (where $Y = 68\text{kg} \times \text{the number of standard crew members for the boat (X)}$) and the organizing authority may permit the boat to be raced with X, X-1 or X+1 crew members.

Current position:

8.2 Grade 5 - Open, Women and Youth

- (g) The weight limit for women's events may be either:
- (i) a maximum average crew weight limit of 68kg; or
 - (ii) a maximum total crew weight limit of 'Y' (where $Y = 68\text{kg} \times \text{the number of standard crew members for the boat (X)}$) and the organizing authority may permit the boat to be raced with X, X-1 or X+1 crew members.

Reasons:

To clarify the weight at Youth Women's events.

Name of Authorised Person:	Michael Röllich
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Title of Proposal:	To update 8.7 World Sailing Policy Register - Rankings - Match Racing - Policy Number H1
Subtitle:	To add Youth to 8.7 World Sailing Policy Register - Rankings - Match Racing - Policy Number H1
Related proposals:	To add Youth in 8.2 for Open and Women's Divisions CO-2025-019, CO-2025-020, CO-2025-022

Proposal:

8.7 The event meets the requirements in Appendix A (O = Open, W = Women, **Y = Youth**)

Current position:

8.7 The event meets the requirements in Appendix A (O = Open, W = Women).

Reasons:

To add Y = Youth

Name of Authorised Person:	Michael Röllich
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Title of Proposal:	To clarify 8.8 World Sailing Policy Register - Policy Number H1
Subtitle:	To clarify 8.8 World Sailing Policy Register - Rankings - Match Racing - Policy Number H1
Related proposals:	To add Youth to Open and Women's Divisions 8.2. To add Youth to 8.7. CO-2025-019, CO-2025-020, CO-2025-021

Proposal:

8.8 When determining Skipper Points for an Open event the best skipper ranking across Open, Women or Youth rankings shall be used. For a Women's event, the Women skipper ranking shall be used when determining Skipper Points. For a Youth event, the Youth skipper ranking shall be used when determining Skipper Points.

Current position:

8.8 The ranking position of women and/or youth skippers on the World Sailing Women's Ranking List or Youth Ranking List shall be used for Open events when determining Skipper Points for the event.

Reasons:

To clarify 8.8