

World Sailing membership subscriptions are governed by articles 14 in the current Constitution:

Subscriptions:

14. Subscriptions

14.1 Every Member, other than an Honorary Member, must pay an annual subscription to the Federation of such amount as the General Assembly may decide from time to time on the recommendation of the Board.

14.2 The annual subscription is due on the last day of January in each calendar year (or within 30 days if the subscription invoice is sent later).

14.3 The Board may deny or withhold any rights or privileges of membership until a Member's annual subscription and all arrears (if any) are paid.

14.4 From 1 February 2025, a Member National Authority which:

(a) has been a Member for more than two years; and,

(b) did not pay, within 30 days of the due date in Article 14.2, its annual subscription for that calendar year and the previous calendar year, is not entitled to vote in any election for President or Vice President at the General Assembly. This rule applies whether or not the arrears are paid prior to the meeting.

Whilst the previous constitution gave the board the authority to set the annual subscriptions, the current constitution required a decision from the GA based on a recommendation from the Board.

Historical background:

Subscription rates had historically (1998-2014) increased at 5% every two years in accordance with a decision of Council in 1998 (Council Minute item 3(a)). Submission 002-14 in effect removed the pre-set 5% biannual increase, and instead required the Board to review rates every 4 years in the 2nd year following an Olympic Games. It did not cap or provide any guidance on the increase that could be introduced by the Board following 2018.

As this decision was not embedded into the Constitution or Regulations and was a 'policy' decision, the Executive Office were not aware that a subscription rate review should have taken place in 2018. In effect, the 2019-2022 subscription rates should have been set in 2018.

At a meeting of the board on 13th/14th September 2019, the Board noted the decision of Council in 2014 to review rates every 4 years, which would have applied to the years 2019-2022. However, as the Board had not implemented any increase in 2019, a decision was made to increase the fees for 2020 by 5% and a further uplift of 5% for 2021.

Subscriptions therefore increased by 5% in 2020 and a further 5% in 2021. The previous and current board subsequently decided not to increase subscriptions in any of the years 2022 to 2025.

Proposal

In light of the fact that there has been no increase in subscriptions over the last 4 years, we recommend to the board to set the increase at 5%. A copy of the current rates are included in appendix 1.

Recommendation

- The Board recommends for the General Assembly to approve a 5% increase in annual subscriptions for 2026.



Entry Category: £110.25

Antigua Brunei	Armenia Cambodia	American Samoa (Pago Pago) Djibouti	Belize Fiji	Botswana Iraq	Vanuatu Tonga
Grenada	Guam	Kosovo	Madagascar	Montenegro	
Namibia	Nicaragua	Panama	Palestine	Samoa	
Senegal	Saint Kitts and Nevis	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	Sudan	Tahiti	
Timor-Leste	Uganda	Zimbabwe	Jordan	Bolivia	

Category 1: £330.75

Netherlands Antilles Cayman Islands	Andorra Cook Islands	Aruba Dominican Republic	Azerbaijan Cuba	Barbados Ecuador
El Salvador	Estonia	Georgia	Guatemala	Iceland
British Virgin Islands	Jamaica	Kazakhstan	Kenya	Kyrgyzstan
Latvia	Libya	St Lucia	Lebanon	Liechtenstein
Luxembourg	Moldova	Macedonia (FYROM)	Malta	Mozambique
Mauritius	Myanmar (Burma)	Nigeria	Paraguay	Papua New Guinea
DPR korea	Romania	Seychelles	San Marino	Sri Lanka
Tanzania	Trinidad and Tobago	Vietnam	Tajikistan	

Category 2: £826.88

Algeria Bahrain	Angola Bulgaria	Bahamas Colombia	Bermuda Croatia	Belarus Cyprus
Czech Republic	Egypt	Indonesia	Iran	US Virgin Islands
Saudi Arabia	Kuwait	Lithuania	Morocco	Malaysia
Monaco	Oman	Pakistan	Peru	Philippines



	Puerto Rico	Qatar	Slovenia	Serbia	Slovak Republic
	Taipei	Tunisia	United Arab Emirates	Ukraine	Venezuela
Category 3: £1,984.50	Belgium India	Chile Israel	Greece Mexico	Hong Kong South Africa	Hungary Russia
	Thailand	Turkey	Uruguay		
Category 4: £6,945.75	Argentina Ireland	Austria Korea	China Norway	Denmark New Zealand	Finland Poland
	Portugal	Singapore	Switzerland		
Category 5: £13,891.50	Australia Germany	Brazil Italy	Canada Japan	Spain Netherlands	France Sweden
Category 6: £17,199 Continental Associations £220.50	Great Britain African Sailing Federation (ASCON) Asian Sailing Federation (ASAF) European Sailing Federation (EUROSAF) Oceania Sailing Federation (OSAF) South American Sailing Confederation	USA			
Recognised Organisations – £220.50	Offshore Racing Congress International Radio Sailing Association World Sailing Speed Record Council PanAm Sailing Federation Mediterranean Sailing Federation				
Associate Members – £110.25	Associação de Vela de Macau Anguilla sailing federation (ASA) Turks and Caicos Island Sailing Federation				
World Sailing Class Associations – £220.50					

Rating Systems £220.50

