

World Sailing Class World Championship Compliance Report (2024)

Introduction

In accordance with World Sailing Policy D3 “*World Championship Rights for WS Classes*”, all World Sailing (WS) Class Associations are required to submit a detailed report on their World Championship events to the Executive Office by **1 February** each year. These reports must include critical information such as event registration, participation levels, jury appointments, and technical committee details.

Adherence to Policy D3 is essential. Non-compliance may result in the suspension of a Class’s right to organise future World Championships or award World Champion titles.

This report presents a compliance overview for 2024; **111 World Sailing Class Associations**, focusing on five key areas required under Policy D3.1.1:

1. Major Event Registered by 1 October (D3.1.1(a))
2. Submitted Report by 1 February (D3.1.1(f))
3. Appointed International Jury (D3.1.1(c))
4. Appointed International Measurer (D3.1.1(d))
5. Achievement of Minimum Participation Levels (D3.1.1(e))

In **2024**, **83 classes (75%)** held a valid World Championship, while **28 classes** did not.

Compliance Overview

1. Major Event Registration (*Policy D3.1.1(a)*)

Of the 83 classes that held World Championships, **82%** registered their events by the required **1 October 2023** deadline.

- Registered World Championships: **68**
- Not registered: **15**

2. World Championship Report Submission (*Policy D3.1.1(f)*)

Report submission compliance stood at **75%**, with 62 of the 83 classes submitting their reports on time. This requirement is foundational to WS's ability to monitor and evaluate class performance.

- Reports submitted by 1 February: **62**
- Reports not submitted: **21**

Note: Compliance in the following sections is assessed only among classes that submitted a report

3. Appointment of International Jury (*Policy D3.1.1(c)*)

92% of reporting classes fulfilled the requirement to appoint an International Jury, ensuring the fairness and integrity of their events.

- Classes that appointed an International Jury: **57**
- Classes that did not: **5**

4. Appointment of International Measurer (*Policy D3.1.1(d)*)

Compliance with the appointment of an International Measurer was 84%, with 53 classes meeting this obligation. This role is vital for maintaining technical standards and fair measurement.

- Classes that appointed an International Measurer: **53**
- Classes that did not: **9**

5. Meeting Participation Levels (Policy D3.1.1(e))

Participation data is based on each Class's primary championship (e.g., Open vs. Masters – only the Open event was used for this analysis). While **50 classes** met the minimum participation thresholds, **12 classes (19%)** did not. As per Policy D3, a Class that fails to meet these levels in **two of the last three** editions risks losing the right to award World Championship titles.

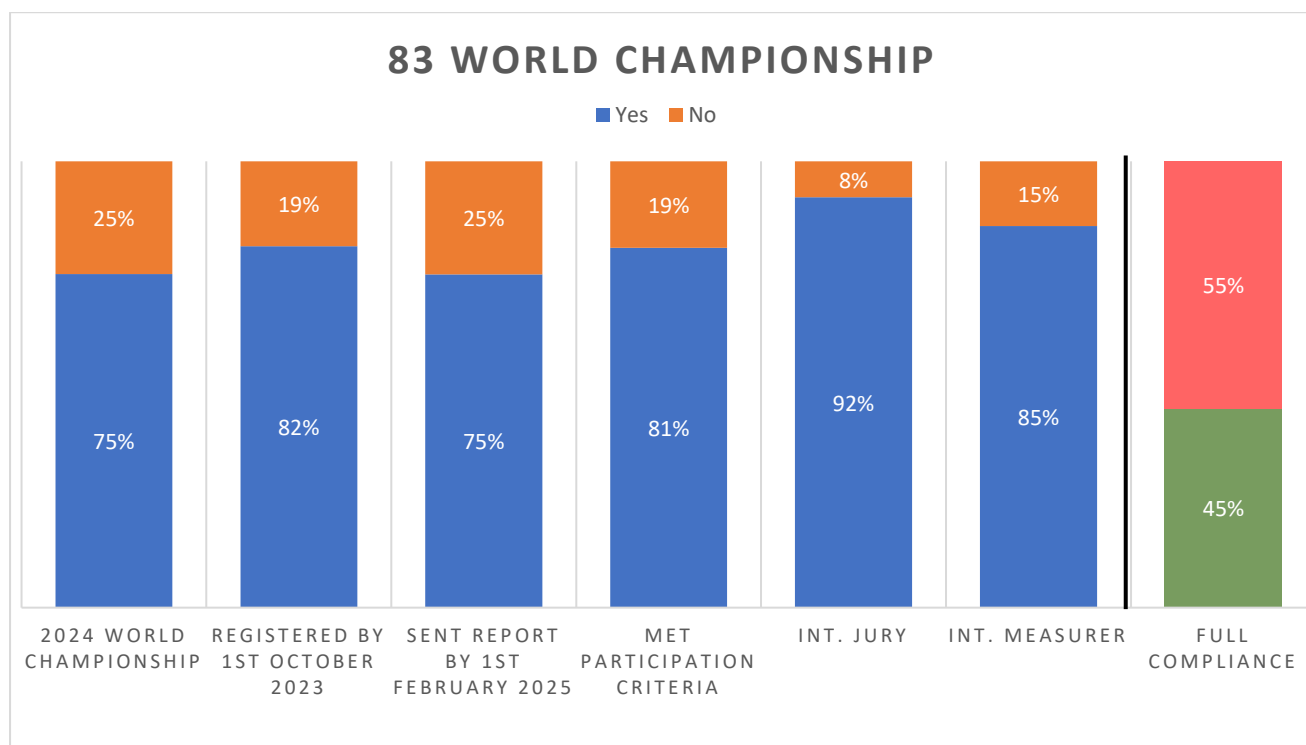
- Classes that met participation levels: **50**
- Classes that did not: **12**

Overall Compliance

Out of the 83 classes that held a World Championship, **37 (45%)** fully complied with all five key regulatory areas. The remaining classes showed specific areas of non-compliance, most commonly in:

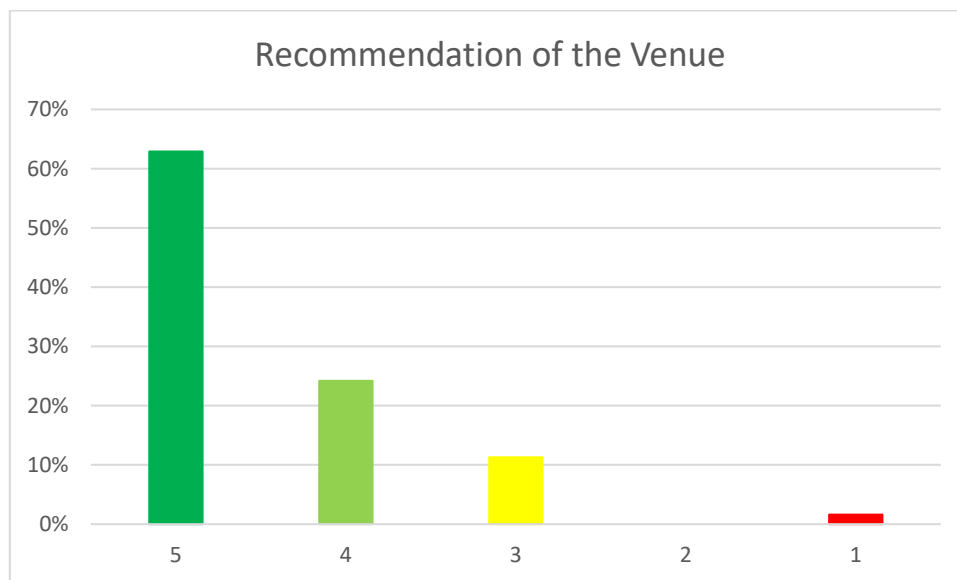
- Appointment of an International Measurer
- Meeting minimum participation thresholds

The identified non-compliances have been referred to the Equipment Committee, which under policy D6 is responsible for reviewing World Sailing Class Associations.



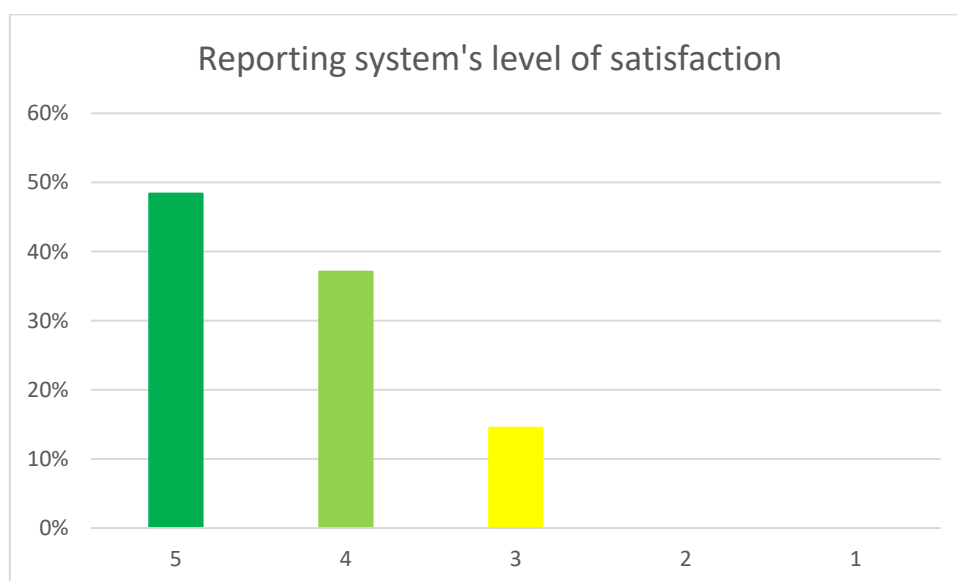
Venue Recommendations for Future Championships

The 62 classes that submitted reports in 2024 have been proactive in recommending venues for future World Championship events. Of these, **39 classes (63%)** gave their venue the highest possible rating (5), and **87% rated their venues 4 or above**, indicating strong overall satisfaction.



Feedback on the World Championship Report System

Feedback from the 62 class associations that submitted reports indicates a strong level of satisfaction with World Sailing's reporting system. **30 classes (48%)** awarded the system the highest rating of 5, and **85% rated it 4 or above**, reflecting its usability and effectiveness in capturing key event data. While no ratings fell below 3, the feedback highlights opportunities for minor improvements to enhance the overall user experience and streamline the submission process further.



Conclusion

While overall compliance in 2024 remained strong across many areas, the number of submitted World Championship reports saw a noticeable drop compared to 2023 — with only **62 reports received** out of **83 events**, down from **82 out of 82** the previous year.

Submitting the annual report by **1 February** is a key requirement under **Policy D3**, as it ensures a class's World Championship is officially recognised and helps maintain its standing with World Sailing.

We encourage all classes to prioritise timely submission moving forward. The report is not only an administrative requirement, but also a valuable tool to showcase the strength and professionalism of each class. The Executive Office is always here to support you in this process and ensure continued success for your events.