

## International Sailing Federation (ISAF)

### EVENTS

<b>Men</b>	<b>Class</b>
Windsurfer	RS:X
One Person Dinghy	Laser
Two Person Dinghy	470
Keelboat	Star
<b>Women</b>	<b>Class</b>
Windsurfer	RS:X
One Person Dinghy	Laser Radial
Two Person Dinghy	470
Keelboat	Yngling
<b>Open Events</b>	<b>Class</b>
Heavy weight Dinghy	Finn
Skiff	49er
Multihull	Tornado

### ATHLETE / NOC QUOTA

<u>Athlete quota:</u>	153 men's event places 137 women's event places 110 open event places Total of 400 athletes
<u>Maximum per NOC:</u>	1 entry in each of the 11 Olympic events.

### QUALIFICATION SYSTEM

#### Allocation of boats/athletes by event

The maximum number of entries ("entry quota") for each of the 11 Olympic events will be as per the table below. The entry quota may change as part of the reallocation process.

Table based on 400 athletes:				
	Host NOC	Other NOC	Entry Quota	Athletes
RS:X Men	1	34	35	x1 = 35
RS:X Women	1	27	28	x1 = 28
Finn	1	25	26	x1 = 26
Laser	1	39	40	x1 = 40
Laser Radial	1	25	26	x1 = 26
470 Men	1	29	30	x2 = 60
470 Women	1	18	19	x2 = 38
49er	1	18	19	x2 = 38
Tornado	1	15	16	x2 = 32
Star	1	15	16	x2 = 32
Yngling	1	14	15	<u>x3 = 45</u>
				400

### QUALIFICATION SYSTEM IN DETAIL

NOCs which have respective national authorities in good standing with ISAF at the time of the qualifying events, qualify for 1 entry (of their choice) in an Olympic class as follows:

	Host NOC	2007 Worlds	2008 Worlds
RS:X Men	1	25	9
RS:X Women	1	20	7
Finn	1	19	6
Laser	1	29	10
Laser Radial	1	19	6
470 Men	1	21	8
470 Women	1	13	5
49er	1	13	5
Tornado	1	11	4
Star	1	11	4
Yngling	1	10	4

#### a) 2007 ISAF World Championships

Approximately 75%\* of each event's entry quota shall be qualified from that event's 2007 ISAF World Championships.

#### b) 2008 World Championships

Approximately 25%\* of each event's entry quota shall be qualified from that event's 2008 World Championships sanctioned by ISAF, to finish 1 June 2008 at the latest. Those NOCs already qualified from the previous qualifying events shall not be considered.

#### c) Host nation

The host nation shall directly qualify a boat in each event.

**d) Tripartite Commission (IOC-ANOC-ISAF) Invitation places**

NOCs may apply for Tripartite Commission Invitation places. However, no places will be allocated for such Invitations within the sailing quota.

The deadline for NOCs to submit their requests for Tripartite Commission Invitation places is 15 November 2007. The Tripartite Commission will confirm, in writing, a preliminary allocation of Invitation places to the NOCs by 31 January 2008. The allocation of remaining Invitation places will be confirmed, in writing, to the NOCs by July 2008.

Should the Tripartite Commission identify Invitation requests which meet the identified criteria, these may be matched with any returned quota places in agreement between the ISAF and the IOC, in accordance with the principles identified in "Reallocation of Unused Quota Positions".

- \* The number of qualifying NOCs, based on the percentages in (a) and (b) above, is rounded off as stated in the summary table.

**Invalid Events**

A qualification event will be considered invalid if the required number of races are not completed in accordance with ISAF rules in order to produce an official result.

- i. If a 2007 qualification event becomes invalid then its entry quota will be allocated to the 2008 qualification event.
- ii. If the 2008 qualification event becomes invalid then its entry quota will be allocated to the 2007 qualification event retroactively.
- iii. If no qualification regattas have been completed for an event by 1 June 2008 then the qualification Committee will select all entry positions for that event.

**Minimum Athlete Eligibility Standards**

To be eligible for selection by NOCs to fill qualification places, all athletes must have appeared on an official ISAF World Ranking List between 1 January 2007 and 1 July 2008.

**QUALIFICATION TIMELINE**

28 June – 13 July 2007	ISAF World Championships, Cascais (POR)
15 November 2007	Deadline for the submission of requests for Tripartite Commission Invitation places by all NOCs
31 January 2008	The Tripartite Commission will confirm, in writing, a preliminary allocation of Invitation places to the NOCs
2-9 January 2008	49er World Championship, AUS
10-20 January 2008	RS:X World Championship, NZL
20-29 January 2008	Finn Gold Cup, AUS
21-30 January 2008	470 World Championships, AUS
5-13 February 2008	Laser World Championship, AUS
8-15 February 2008	Yngling Women World Championship, USA
22 Feb - 1 March 2008	Tornado World Championship, NZL
13-20 March 2008	Laser Radial Women's World Championship, NZL
7-18 April 2008	Star World Championship, USA
1 June 2008	NOCs to confirm use of qualification places
30 June 2008	ISAF to confirm reallocation of unused quota places

July 2008	The Tripartite Commission will confirm, in writing, the allocation of remaining Invitation places to the NOCs
23 July 2008	Deadline for Beijing 2008 Organising Committee to receive entry forms submitted by NOCs

#### **DATES / PROCESS OF CONFIRMATION OF PLACES**

ISAF will inform National Associations/NOCs of Olympic qualification places following each qualification event. NOCs must confirm to ISAF the use of all qualification places by 1 June 2008. After this date the unconfirmed quota places will be allocated by the ISAF Qualification Committee in accordance with the process noted below, with ISAF confirming the reallocation of unused places by 30 June 2008.

#### **REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA POSITIONS**

Any unused quota places after 14 June 2008 will be reallocated by the ISAF Qualification Committee in accordance with the following order of priority:

- (i) eligible Tripartite Commission invitation place requests;
- (ii) Remaining Unused Quota Places (UQPs) will only be available to Nations in continents that were under-represented at the previous Olympic Regatta when compared with the percentage of MNAs in that IOC Continental grouping.

(a) Unused quotas will be offered to Nations in five events:

- Men's Windsurfer
- Women's Windsurfer
- Men's One Person Dinghy
- Women's One Person Dinghy
- Men's One Person Dinghy (Heavy)\*

\* As approved by the ISAF Council at the 2006 ISAF Annual Conference.

Unused quota places may be taken from any of the Olympic Events.

- (b) Nations seeking an UQPs shall make an application to ISAF by no later than 1 June 2008, specifying the Event or Events in which the UQP is being sought. The application will include confirmation from the relevant NOC that the UQP(s) will be taken up if offered. Applications may be made for more than one Event, noting that places will only be offered in the five Events detailed in ii.(a) above.
- (c) ISAF will produce a "Unused Quota Places Re-allocation List" (UQPRL) for the Events listed in ii.(a) above, following the second of the two Olympic Qualification Events (OQEs). This list will be based on the finishing order of the second of the two OQEs. The UQRL will exclude Nations that have qualified through the OQEs.
- (d) UQPs will first be offered to Nations that are not already represented in any other Events at the Olympic Regatta, following the OQEs.
  - If places are still available after all applications from these Nations have been met, UQPs will be allocated to Nations represented in one other event,
  - If places are still available after all applications from these Nations have been met, UQPs will be allocated to Nations represented in two other events,
  - and so on, until all UQPs have been allocated.

- (e) UQPs will be allocated to the highest placed Nations in the UQRL. The first place will be allocated in the Men's Windsurfer Event, followed by the Women's Windsurfer Event and so on, until all available UQPs have been allocated. Once a UQP has been allocated to a Nation in an Event, that Nation will be deemed to be represented in the Event for the purposes of ii.(d) above.

Athletes taking up unused quota places must have appeared on an Official ISAF World Ranking List between 1 January 2007 and 1 July 2008.

#### **NATIONALITY**

An athlete may qualify an NOC for the 2008 Olympic Games, only when he/she is eligible to compete for that NOC in the 2008 Olympic Games.

Once an athlete has qualified an NOC (in any class), he/she may not thereafter qualify another NOC, irrespective of any change in his/her nationality, as defined by the IOC, or in the case of multiple nationality.

Nationality rules and requirements apply to all members of the crew.

No athlete may change his/her eligibility to sail for a nation within one year of the date of the opening of the Olympic Games.

Athlete nationality for the Olympic Games is determined in accordance with the specifications of the Olympic Charter.