

World Championships

Class World Championships - Regulation 25.2

A submission from the Chairmen of the Events Committee and World Sailing Classes Committee, and the Chair of the Women’s Forum

Purpose or Objective

To replace the current “subsidiary” world championship model with a model of world championships with equal value but different participation requirements to encourage women’s participation without changing the overall scope of world titles allocated to World Sailing Classes.

Proposal 1

Delete Regulations 25.2.1, 25.2.5, 25.2.6 and 25.2.7 and replace with the following new regulation 25.2.1:

25.2.1 Each World Sailing Class that meets the World Championships requirements in Regulation 10.2.1(d) is automatically granted the right, subject to notification requirements of Regulation 25.7, to hold the following annual World Championships. Regulation 10.4 defines how this right is maintained or rescinded:

- a) **Age unrestricted World Championships which may be either:**
 - a. **one World Championship title open to any gender, or**
 - b. **one men’s World Championship title and one women’s World Championship title, or**
 - c. **one mixed World Championship title, where mixed crews are so defined by the class.**
- b) **One Youth World Championship title (which may be on the basis of gender), where youth crews are so defined by the class.**
- c) **One further World Championship title on the basis of age or discipline**

Fleets may compete together. If fleets compete together, the number of participating entries in each fleet shall meet or exceed the number of entries shown in the table in Regulation 10.4(b).

However, the above rights for a Class selected by World Sailing to be Equipment at the next Olympic sailing Competition may be restricted or amended by the Olympic Classes Contract

Proposal 2

If Proposal 1 is approved, delete and replace the table in Regulation 10.4(b) with the following:

Category according to Hull Length	Number of Entries		Number of Countries	Number of Continents
	<i>gender open and men's only World Championships</i>	<i>women's and mixed World Championships</i>		
Boats up to 6.0m	30	20	5	2
Boats >6.0m to 9.0m	25	17	4	2
Boats >9.0m to 12.0m	20	13	3	2
Boats >12.0m to 15.0m	12	8	3	2
Boats >15.0m	8	5	3	2

Current Position

Current Regulations 25.2.1, 25.2.5, 25.2.6 and 25.2.7

Current Regulation 10.4(b)

Reasons

1. This submission is the result of a joint Working Party including Events Committee, Equipment Committee, Women's Forum and World Sailing Classes Committee.
 2. The rights for various World Championships and additional requirements are currently distributed over four clauses in regulation 25. The submission combines them into one place.
 3. The submission seeks to encourage women's participation by lowering the participation requirements for women's only or mixed events. The reality in sailing is that fewer women are participating in the sport, and having the same numerical requirements as for a gender open or men's only event imposes a hurdle which discourages women's only World Championships.
 4. Events where a mixed crew is mandatory face the same challenges and should therefore meet the same requirements as women's only events.
 5. The submission removes the depreciative term "subsidiary" and gives all World Championships the same status, with different participation requirements.
 6. It is an organisational burden to race fleets separately (additional resources, race officials, racing areas). Many classes wish to race their (gender separate) fleets together but score them separately, as long as every division complies with the participation requirements.
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7. Requiring classes to choose between a gender open World Championship and two gender separate World Championships does not increase the overall number of World Championship titles.
 8. Enabling classes to organise gender separate World Championships with a lower participation requirement for the women's fleet encourages gender separate World Championships.
 9. The requirements for participating countries and continents remain unchanged to ensure that a world championship title represents participation from all over the world, even if the numerical participation requirements are lower.
 10. The permission for one further title based on gender in current regulation 25.2.5(c) has been removed as it is now included in the main categories. Classes are still able to award one further title based on age (i.e. Masters – Sailing as a sport for a lifetime) or discipline.
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