

2017 SAILING WORLD CUP SERIES

QUALIFICATION SYSTEM (QS)

For the purpose of the qualification system and related documents, the terms 'sailor' and 'competitor' have the same meaning.

1. General

- 1.1 The 2017 Sailing World Cup Series will consist of two Rounds for all 10 Olympic Events plus, when possible, Paralympic One Person Event. The SWC Series will culminate with a Final in Europe.
- 1.2 Round locations, dates and entry quotas for each Event are displayed in the table below.

| Event | SWC Miami 22 - 29 Jan 2017 | SWC Hyères 23 - 30 April 2017 | SWC Final - TBA 'Summer' 2017 |
|---------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Men's Windsurfer: RSX | 45 | 45 | 20 |
| Women's Windsurfer: RSX | 40 | 40 | 20 |
| Men's One Person Dinghy: Laser | 60 | 60 | 25 |
| Women's One Person Dinghy: Laser Radial | 60 | 60 | 25 |
| Men's One Person Dinghy (Heavyweight): Finn | 40 | 40 | 20 |
| Men's Two Person Dinghy: 470 | 35 | 35 | 20 |
| Women's Two Person Dinghy: 470 | 30 | 30 | 20 |
| Men's Skiff: 49er | 30 | 30 | 20 |
| Women's Skiff: 49erFX | 30 | 30 | 20 |
| Mixed Two Person Multihull: Nacra 17 | 30 | 30 | 20 |
| Paralympic One Person Keelboat | 20 | 20 | 20 |

- 1.3 Invitations will be issued to attend the entire Series. However, when after sending the invitations, demand for places in an Event of the SWC Series is not expected to exceed the quota:
 - 1.3.1 World Sailing may announce that entry in that Event is open to all and not subject to a qualification process, in which case entries will be accepted in order of payment of the entry fee. And;
 - 1.3.2 World Sailing will accept entries for individual rounds of the series.
- 1.4 If a sailor accepts an invitation and then fails to attend or withdraws from one of the rounds without written approval, World Sailing will revoke the invitation for the entire Series.

2. Qualification through Wild Cards

- 2.1 Sailors attending the 2016 SWC Final in Melbourne from 4 to 11 December will receive an invitation for the 2017 SWC Series, provided they register and pay the entry fee for the Final before Thursday 13 October 2016.
- 2.2 Sailors qualified through a Wild Card wishing to be invited to the Sailing World Cup Series shall meet the following eligibility requirements:
 - i) Sailors shall comply with the nationality criteria stated in the Sailing World Cup NoR/SI 3.8; and
 - ii) For 2-person boats, the sailors registered at the 2016 SWC Final shall be the sailors who will be invited. Those sailors shall register and compete together at the Sailing World Cup Series.

3. Qualification through World Sailing Rankings (WSR).

- 3.1 After the Wild Card invitations are sent, the top ranked sailors in each Event shall be invited to enter the Sailing World Cup Series, based on their ranking on 26 September 2016, until the quota is reached.
- 3.2 When a sailor declines invitation for entry into the Sailing World Cup Series, or attendance is not confirmed by the date specified in the invitation letter, the invitation will revert to the next sailors in the WSR.

4. Qualification for the 2017 Sailing World Cup Final

- 4.1 Winners of each Event at the SWC Miami and SWC Hyères will qualify for the SWC Final.
- 4.2 Rio 2016 Olympic Medallists will qualify for the SWC Final.
- 4.3 For the remaining places

4.3.1 A boat shall be scored points for each round of the SWC Series as follows:

| <u>Overall Position</u> | <u>Points</u> |
|-------------------------|---------------|
| First | 1 |
| Second | 2 |
| Third | 3 |
| Fourth | 4 |
| And so on | |

4.3.2 Each boat's series score shall be the total of her rounds scores.

4.3.3 If there is a tie series-score between two or more boats, they shall be ranked in order of their scores in the last round of the series.

4.3.4 Qualification to the SWC Final will be based on lowest series score at the SWC Series.