

World Sailing Regulations

Nationality Requirements for Match Racing Events - Regulation 19.8

A submission from the Chairman of the Events Committee

Purpose or Objective

To update the Regulations to allow competitors competing in all match racing world championships (including blind match racing) to be exempt from the nationality criteria.

Proposal

Nationality Criteria

19.8 Regulations 19.8 to 19.18 apply only to the world, continental and regional championships of the Olympic Classes and to World Sailing Events, except:

- (a) ~~Open, Women's and Youth~~ Match Racing World Championships;
- (b) Team Racing World Championship; and
- (c) Offshore Team World Championship.

Current Position

As above.

Reasons

As no match racing events are part of the Olympic or Paralympic tract there should be no nationality requirements associated with the events. Open, Youth, and Women's Match Racing World Championships are currently exempt and this change will allow Blind Match Racing to be included in the exempt events without having to request and exemption from World Sailing. In past Blind Match Racing World Championships, the Nationality Criteria either did not apply when the event was governed under the International Federation of Disabled Sailors (IFDS) or it was given an exemption by World Sailing as was the case in the 2016 and 2018 events.
