

Youth World Championship

Age Criteria - Regulation 25.2.5

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Purpose or Objective

Standardization of the age-criteria for Junior World Championships in Olympic Sailing disciplines

Proposal

Endorsement for Regulation 25.2.5 (c):

At Junior World Championships at all Olympic Sailing disciplines the age-criteria is U23.

Current Position

Regulation 25.2.5 controls the subsidiary World Championships for ISAF classes.

25.2.5 (c) describes the option to have “one further World Championship title on the basis of gender, age or discipline.”

For Olympic Sailing disciplines there is no consistency regarding the Junior age-criteria. Some disciplines have an U21 criteria and some an U24 criteria.

Reasons

1. It is hard to explain why in some disciplines sailors can sail 3 years longer at the Junior level than in others. For the media it is hard to understand and follow.
2. By choosing U23, we follow the “Olympic cycle”. The ISAF Youth Worlds have the age limit U19, the Junior World Championships follows with U23 and the participating at the Olympic Games in average four years later.
3. Different classes have age limits varying by 3 years (U21 and U24).
4. Sailors who are sailing in disciplines that have an U24 criteria can make use of funding options, which are related to results at Junior Championships, three years longer than sailors who are sailing in disciplines that have an U21 criteria.