

Training and Development Budget

Establish a base budget for World Sailing Training and Development Programs

A submission from Sail Canada, US Sailing and the Chairman of the Development & Regions Committee

Purpose or Objective

The purpose of this Submission is to recognize World Sailing's commitment to the development of the sport by establishing a base budget for the delivery of World Sailing's Training and Development programs.

Proposal

Link the budgets of the Training and Development Department and World Sailing by establishing a base budget for Training and Development as a fixed percentage - 25% - of the overall World Sailing budget.

Current Position

World Sailing's Training and Development programs are delivered with 3 main sources of funding.

1. **The World Sailing budget** has traditionally supported the Emerging Nations Program (Senior & Youth), the Development Symposium, Recognized Training and Approved Training Centres, the Regional Development Coordinator and Nominated Expert programs, the Paralympic Development Program, and one full-time salary. In 2020, the Senior ENP, Development Symposium, Recognized Training and Approved Training Centres, and Regional Development Coordinator programs were not funded. The Youth ENP and Nominated Expert programs were funded at reduced levels.
2. **IOC (Olympic Solidarity)** funding targets athlete and coach development with a series of well-known and highly effective programs: Technical Courses for Coaches, World Sailing Scholarships (coaches) and Athlete Scholarships, and Development of a National Sport Structure. Olympic Solidarity funding is accessed directly by the MNAs through their NOCs.
3. **Sponsorship and donations, both direct and via the World Sailing Trust**, support existing programs and new initiatives, for example, Remote Coaching for athletes in the Youth ENP.

The intention of this Submission is to protect the programs that are delivered by the Training and Development Department and funded by World Sailing.

Reasons

1. The sustainability of the WS-funded Training and Development programs is a major concern. Across-the-board budget cuts over the last 3 years have significantly reduced our ability to deliver our programs and our outreach to the MNAs. Our remaining programs are being delivered essentially by two people, one of whose salary and expenses are covered by a combination of revenue from operations and limited IOC funding tied to certain programs.
-

2. The proposed base budget of 25% of the estimated World Sailing budget over the next quadrennial, in combination with continuing IOC support of athlete and coach-centred initiatives, restores the development budget to a level close to that of previous years. The figure of 25% will enable and protect what the Training and Development Department and the Development and Regions Committee have defined as an appropriate suite of programs and services – robust, effective, and sustainable.
 3. Training and Development is the foundation of our sport. For many of our MNAs, these clinics, courses and seminars, and the experts who deliver them, are the face and the voice of World Sailing in their regions.
-