World Sailing Racing Rules Question and Answer Service

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Question 1
How can a competitor from a country which does not have a member national authority of World Sailing compete in a sailing event?

Answer 1
Such a competitor may compete in events that do not require World Sailing Eligibility if the boat that the competitor is sailing on is entered by either:
   a. a club or organization affiliated to any World Sailing member national authority; or
   b. by a member of a club or organization affiliated to any World Sailing member national authority; or
   c. by a member of any World Sailing member national authority.
See rule 75.1
In sailing events that do require World Sailing Eligibility, such a competitor may only compete if the Board has waived the requirements listed in regulations 19.4(a) and 19.4(b). See regulations 19.4, 19.5 and 19.6
In both cases, the competitor shall have Competition Eligibility. See regulation 19.1

Question 2
Would the answer to question 1 be different if the sailing event is a World Sailing Special Event?

Answer 2
No.
Neither the rules nor the regulations include any reference to World Sailing Special Events.

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