

Regulation 25.2.1

Approval of World Championships and other Events

A submission from the International 420 Class Association, International 470 Class Association, International Lightning Class Association and the Chairman of the World Sailing Classes Committee

Purpose or Objective

Clarification about the right to hold World Championships for mixed crews

Proposal

Amend Regulation 25.2.1 as follows:

25.2.1 Each World Sailing Class that meets the World Championships requirements in Regulation 10.2.1(d) is automatically granted the right, subject to notification requirements of Regulation 25.7, to hold the following annual World Championships. Regulation 10.4 defines how this right is maintained or rescinded.

(a) Age unrestricted World Championships which may be either:

(i) one World Championship title open to any gender, or

(ii) one male World Championship title and one female World Championship title, ~~and/or~~

and

(iii) one mixed World Championship title, where mixed crews are so defined by the class.

(b) Youth World Championships (where youth crews are so defined by the class) which may be either:

(i) one Youth World Championship title open to any gender, or

(ii) one boy's World Championship title and one girl's World Championship title, ~~or~~

and

(iii) one mixed Youth World Championship title, where mixed crews are so defined by the class.

(c) One further World Championship title on the basis of age or discipline.

Fleets may compete together. If fleets compete together, the number of participating entries in each fleet shall meet or exceed the number of entries shown in the table in Regulation 10.4(b). However, the above rights for a Class selected by World Sailing to be Equipment at the next Olympic Sailing Competition may be restricted or amended by the Olympic Classes Contract.

Current Position

As above

Reasons

In 2024, 40% of the Olympic events will be for mixed crews. World Sailing should be actively encouraging and supporting mixed crew sailing at all levels, including the pathway youth events. One way is by permitting mixed championships in addition to open or men/women events, both for age-unrestricted and age-restricted categories. With the current regulation this is not possible.