



Participants Privacy Policy

This privacy notice tells you about the information we collect and process for competitors and athletes. In collecting this information, we act as a data controller and, by law, we are required to provide you with information about us and about why and how we use your data, and the rights you have over your data.

For more detailed guidance, please see our General Privacy and Personal Data Protection Policy.

This privacy notice is relevant to:

- ❖ Participants applying for World Sailing IDs, Eligibility and Sailor Categorisation; and
- ❖ Participants applying for Para World Sailing Functional Classification.

Participants means all individuals involved in sailing, including competitors, coaches, team leaders, administration staff etc.

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A) What personal data do we collect?

1. World Sailing IDs

When you register for a World Sailing ID, we ask you for:

- Name
- Gender
- Date of Birth
- Nationalities held
- Address
- Contact information (such as email address, telephone numbers etc.)
- Medical information (for events only)
- Next of kin (for events only)
- Allergies (for events only)

In addition, if you choose to complete the World Sailor Biography, we collect the information you choose to provide (information about your sailing history, achievements, ambitions etc.). The information you provide via the form is completely at your discretion, but, as stated on the form, all the fields you complete will be published on the internet, and other internet users may access, download and re-publish the information you have provided. There are fields which you have the option to submit to WS, but not to make public on the internet. For such fields, there is a tick box as to whether you consent for the information to be published. If you tick yes, the information will be published, if you tick no, it will not. If you do not tick yes or no, the information will not be published.

You must ensure that the information you submit to your Sailor Biography is accurate and up to date. We also reserve the right to update any registered Sailor's Biography from time to time, so that we can comply with the accuracy principle as set out in Article 5(1)(d) of the UK GDPR (more information can be found in our General Privacy and Personal Data Protection Policy).

2. Eligibility/ Nationality Transfers

In addition to the information on your World Sailing ID (set out above), we will ask for a scanned copy of your passport or other government official identification, and also proof of MNA and/or club membership in order to establish your eligibility and/or to process a request for a nationality transfer of allegiance in accordance with World Sailing Regulations

Your passport information is considered special category data and therefore needs more protection as it is sensitive data. In order to lawfully process special category data, we, as a data controller, must identify both a lawful basis under Article 6 of the UK GDPR, and a separate condition for processing under Article 9. Our conditions for processing your passport information are as follows:

Article	Basis / condition(s) for processing
Art. 6 UK GDPR – Lawfulness of processing	1(a) - you have given consent to the processing of your personal data for one or more specific purposes (in this instance, transferring your Nationality).

Art. 9 UK GDPR – Processing of special categories of personal data	2(a) – you have given explicit consent to the processing of your personal data for one or more specified purposes. 2(d) – processing is carried out in the course of our legitimate activities with appropriate safeguards as a not-for-profit body and on condition that the processing relates solely to our members or former members of World Sailing or to persons who have regular contact with us in connection with our purposes, and that your personal data is not disclosed outside of World Sailing without your consent.
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3. Sailor Categorisation

If you apply for a sailor categorisation under the World Sailing Regulations, we will collect:

- Information about your current employment (any other employment in the last 2 years)
- If applicable, where you attended university / college / school
- Information about your racing history, including when and in which classes and events you compete
- Payment you receive for work in the marine industry

4. Applicants wishing to receive a Para World Sailing Functional Classification

When you apply for Para World Sailing Functional Classification under the World Sailing Regulations, we collect the following information through both your application and during the classification process:

- Name
- Gender
- Date of Birth
- Nationalities held
- Address
- Contact information (such as email address, telephone numbers etc.)
- World Sailing ID
- Description of disability
- Details of 'eligible impairments'
- Medication taken
- Assistive devices used during sailing and on-land
- Details of your treating doctor (name, address, contact details)
- Details of medical insurance
- Details of functional anatomy
- Classification summary
- Final classification of disability

B) Why do we collect your personal data?

5. World Sailing IDs

We use your personal information to provide you with an official World Sailing ID. For Olympic and Paralympic Sailors, we use this information to track and publish your racing results online. If you choose to provide us with Sailor Biography information, we publish that information on your Sailor ID page.

We may also use your information to send you World Sailing News and other newsletters, via email, which contain information about World Sailing, our events, and the sport of sailing in general. Note that as World Sailing News and our newsletters are considered marketing, you may opt out of receiving this information at any time.

6. Eligibility/Nationality Transfers

We use your personal information to determine whether you are eligible to compete under World Sailing Regulations and/or to consider a nationality transfer of allegiance which you have requested.

7. Sailor Categorisation

We use your personal information to determine your request for sailor categorisation in accordance with the World Sailing Regulations..

8. Applicants wishing to receive a Para World Sailing Functional Classification

We collect your personal information in order to process your application for a Para World Sailing Functional Classification and to ensure you comply with the Para-Classification Rules and Regulations, along with other rules concerning World Sailing events (as set out in the Notice of Race and other event documentation).

C) How do we use your personal data that we've collected?

9. World Sailing IDs

We store your personal information in our database. Where your consent has been given for specific information to be published on the internet, we publish this information, along with the Sailor ID number we assign to you on our [website](#). Should you wish to amend the information that is published about you, you can log onto your World Sailing account and change it.

We may also use your contact information to send you communications related to the development and administration of the sport of sailing. This may include invitations to participate in surveys, consultations, feedback requests regarding events, athlete engagement, and the governance and improvement of our activities.

We process your personal data for these purposes on the basis of our legitimate interests, which include engaging with participants and improving the sport of sailing. We have carried out a balancing assessment to ensure that these interests are not overridden by your rights and freedoms.

10. Eligibility/Nationality Transfers

Your personal data is stored on our internal server. Our staff use this information to determine your eligibility to compete and/or any application to transfer nationality .

11. Sailor Categorisation

All the information you submit to us will be held by World Sailing in our database. However, the information we publish about you will be limited to your:

- name;
- World Sailing member national authority (country);
- World Sailing Sailor User ID;
- current categorisation status; and
- categorisation expiry date.

We will not use any of the personal information you provide to use to make any automated decisions that may affect you.

The above uses of information may involve the transfer of your personal data from the UK to the European Union (EU) and outside of the EU, with your consent. Where this occurs, we will always transfer your data in a secure and encrypted state. However, in the event your information is transferred to another country, it will be subject to the laws of that country, which may not always be equivalent to those in the UK or your own country. More information about international transfers of personal data can be found at paragraphs 4.14-4.17 of our General Privacy and Personal Data Protection Policy.

12. Applicants wishing to receive a Para World Sailing Functional Classification

We use your personal information in order to assign you a Classification and to process and/or determine any classification appeal.

- Stored in online database only accessible by staff and Chief Classifier
- Info transferred to International Paralympic Committee
- We publish: name, gender, WS ID, DOB, classification, limited details on disability on the publicly available Para World Sailing International Classification Master List
- Name and contact info may also be shared with race officials and published in line with normal event processes
- Not use info to make automated decisions
- International transfer of data

D) How long do we keep your personal data for?

13. World Sailing IDs

We keep your personal data for as long as you wish to have a World Sailing ID. If you wish to cease having a World Sailing ID, you are able to remove the information from your account and you may contact us asking for any of your personal data to be deleted.

14. Eligibility/Nationality Transfers

Once a decision has been made on your eligibility and/or your application to transfer nationality, we will keep the correspondence concerning the decision on file as part of our records.

15. Sailor Categorisation

We keep your information for as long as you wish to have a sailor categorisation. If you wish to cease having a sailor categorisation, you may contact us asking for any information we hold on you to be deleted.

16. Applicants wishing to receive a Para World Sailing Functional Classification

We keep your information for as long as you wish to continue to have a Para World Sailing Classification. We review the list of competitors with classifications periodically (at the end of the Olympic quadrennium) and delete the information for competitors who appear to have ceased competing regularly. If you wish to cease having a Para World Sailing Classification, you may contact us asking for your personal data to be deleted.

E) Events

- When you register for an event, we may request information on any allergies you may have. We share this information with the event hosts, for the purpose of being able to provide allergen free food and drinks for you at the relevant event.
- Upon arrival at an event, the Organising Authority and/or World Sailing shall use your information to identify you for the purposes of event accreditation. We also reserve the right to take a picture of you as part of the event accreditation process.
- At events we will also require you to complete an equipment registration form, which shall ask for your personal data and details about your boat and any applicable equipment.
- A Notice of Race will be published before the event which includes a disclaimer stating that by participating in the event, competitors automatically grant to the Organising Authority, their sponsors and World Sailing, 'the right in perpetuity to make, use and show from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of the athlete during the period of the competition without compensation'. Participants under the age of 18 years and their guardian(s) shall complete a consent form. You are entitled to withhold consent.
- In the event of a medical emergency, we will share your personal data, where necessary with the emergency services to allow them to treat you. Our use of your

personal information in a medical emergency affecting you falls under the basis of 'vital interests', as set out in Article 6 of the UK GDPR.

- We will not use any of the personal information you provide to us to make any automated decisions that may affect you.
- The above uses of information may involve the transfer of your personal data solely for the purpose of collecting World Sailing IDs of participants at an event and race results. World Sailing uses a third party platform for this data collection.

F) Participants' rights over their information

Under data protection laws you have rights with respect to your personal information. These rights include rights to access, rectification, restriction, opposition and deletion (in certain circumstances).

If we are processing your information on the basis of your consent for us to do so, you can ask us to stop using your information by withdrawing your consent.

You can find more information under the UK GDPR guidelines at www.gov.uk/government/publications/data-protection-rights-for-data-subjects/data-protection-rights-for-data-subjects and at paragraph 4.8 of our General Privacy and Personal Data Protection Policy.

G) Contact Us

We have appointed a data protection officer (DPO) to oversee compliance with this privacy notice. If you have any queries or concerns about our use of your information, please contact the Data Protection Officer at [**legal@sailing.org**](mailto:legal@sailing.org).

H) Participants' right to complain

If you have a complaint about our use of your information, you can contact the Information Commissioner's Office via their website at www.ico.org/concerns or write to them at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF

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