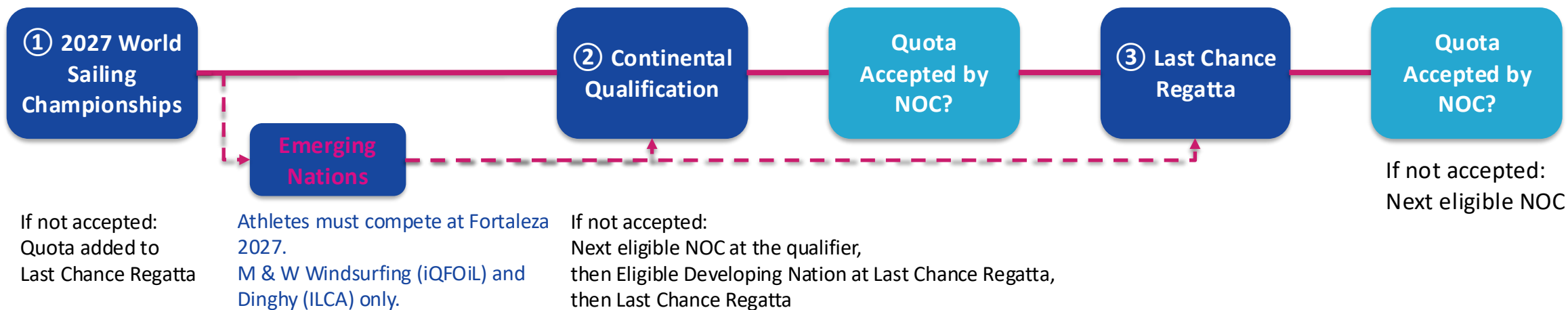


How to Qualify for Sailing at LA28 Olympic Games

The qualification journey for National Olympic Committees (NOCs) and athletes



IMPORTANT: Athletes qualify a quota place for their NOC. The NOC decides if the quota place will be accepted and which athlete(s) will represent it at LA28.



Additional Qualification Pathways

Universality

- Men's & Women's Dinghy (ILCA) only.
- Applications via your NOC to the IOC.
- Application Period: 1 October 2027 - 15 January 2028.
- Allocated by the IOC Tripartite Commission.

Host Nation

- One boat in each event (subject to eligibility).

Visit www.sailing.org/LA28 for more information

- Qualification System
 - English and French
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LA28 Olympic Sailing Qualification – Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Do athletes qualify themselves for the Olympic Games?

No. Athletes compete to qualify a quota place for their National Olympic Committee (NOC). Once a quota place has been accepted by the NOC, the NOC decides which athlete(s) will represent it at the LA28 Olympic Games in accordance with its own selection policy.

Can my NOC select a different athlete?

Yes. Qualifying a quota place does not automatically guarantee selection for the Olympic Games. Each NOC is responsible for selecting the athletes who will compete at LA28.

What are the qualification opportunities?

There are three main qualification opportunities:

- 2027 World Sailing Championships
- Continental Qualification Events
- 2028 Last Chance Regatta

The qualification opportunities are considered in this order, regardless of the order in which the events take place.

If I do not qualify at the World Championships, can I still qualify?

Yes. If your NOC has not already qualified a quota place in that event, it may continue to attempt qualification through the Continental Qualification Event and, if still unqualified, through the Last Chance Regatta.

Can an NOC qualify more than one boat in an event?

No. Each NOC may qualify a maximum of one boat per event.

How many events can an athlete compete in?

An athlete may compete in more than one event, subject to the Qualification System and athlete eligibility requirements.

What happens if an NOC declines a quota place?

Unused quota places are reallocated in accordance with the LA28 Olympic Sailing Qualification System. The reallocation process depends on which qualification opportunity the quota place came from.

What is the Last Chance Regatta?

The Last Chance Regatta is the final qualification opportunity for NOCs that have not already qualified a quota place in a particular event. It also plays an important role in the reallocation of unused quota places.

What is the Emerging Nations pathway?

The Emerging Nations pathway provides additional qualification opportunities in M & W Windsurfing (iQFOiL) and Dinghy (ILCA) for eligible nations that qualify members to the World Sailing Emerging Nations Programme. Athletes must compete at the 2027 World Sailing Championships in Fortaleza to be considered for this pathway. Additional eligibility criteria apply.

What are Universality Places?

Universality Places provide an additional opportunity for eligible NOCs to participate in the Olympic Games. For LA28 Sailing, Universality Places are available only in M & W Dinghy (ILCA). Applications are made by the NOC to the IOC. Places are allocated by the IOC Tripartite Commission.

How do I apply for a Universality Place?

Athletes cannot apply directly. Applications must be submitted by the athlete's National Olympic Committee during the application period published by the IOC.

What eligibility requirements must athletes meet?

Athletes must satisfy all eligibility requirements contained within the official Qualification System, including:

- World Sailing Sailor ID
- World Ranking requirements
- Participation requirements
- Class Association membership
- Insurance requirements
- Olympic Charter eligibility

Do I have to compete at the World Championships?

For most athletes, the answer is yes. The World Sailing Championships are the first qualification opportunity and participation is also required for athletes wishing to be

considered for the Emerging Nations pathway.

When will World Sailing publish qualification results?

World Sailing publishes qualification results following each qualification event and confirms quota places directly with the relevant National Olympic Committees.

Where can I see which countries have already qualified?

World Sailing will publish and regularly update a list of qualified National Olympic Committees on the LA28 Qualification webpage.

Where can I find the official qualification documents?

The latest documents are available at: www.sailing.org/LA28. Including:

- Qualification System
- Qualification Event Requirements
- Qualification Events and Validity Standards
- Emerging Nations criteria
- Developing Nation criteria
- Qualification Timeline
- Lists of Qualified NOCs

Which document takes precedence if there is a difference?

The official LA28 Olympic Sailing Qualification System and supporting documents published by the IOC always take precedence over summary guides or explanatory material.

Who should I contact if I have a question?

Athletes should first contact:

- Their National Authority (MNA), or
- Their National Olympic Committee (NOC).

If additional clarification is required, enquiries may be directed to World Sailing through the contact details provided on www.sailing.org/LA28.