

## World Championships

### Class World Championships – Regulation 25.2

A submission from the Chairmen of the Events Committee and World Sailing Classes Committee

#### Purpose or Objective

To replace the current “subsidiary” world championship model with a model of world championships with equal value but different participation requirements to encourage women’s, youth and especially girl’s participation without changing the overall scope of world titles allocated to World Sailing Classes.

#### Proposal 1

Delete Regulations 25.2.1, 25.2.5, 25.2.6 and 25.2.7 and replace with the following new Regulation 25.2.1:

**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 Regulation 10.4 defines how this right is maintained or rescinded.**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**
  - a. **one World Championship title open to any gender, or**
  - b. **one men’s World Championship title and one women’s World Championship title, or**
  - c. **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**
  - a. **one Youth World Championship title open to any gender, or**
  - b. **one boy’s World Championship title and one girl’s World Championship title, or**
  - c. **one mixed Youth World Championship title, where mixed youth 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).**

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**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**

Proposal 2

If Proposal 1 is approved, delete and replace the table in Regulation 10.4(b) with the following:

Category according to Hull Length	Number of Entries			Number of Countries	Number of Continents
	<i>gender open and men's only World Championships</i>	<i>women's, boys and mixed World Championships</i>	<i>girls and mixed Youth World Championships</i>		
Boats up to 6.0m	30	20	15	5	2
Boats >6.0m to 9.0m	25	17	13	4	2
Boats >9.0m to 12.0m	20	13	10	3	2
Boats >12.0m to 15.0m	12	8	6	3	2
Boats >15.0m	8	5	4	3	2

Current Position

Current Regulations 25.2.1, 25.2.5, 25.2.6 and 25.2.7

Current Regulation 10.4(b)

Reasons

1. This submission is the result of a joint Working Party including Events Committee, Equipment Committee, Women's Forum and World Sailing Classes Committee.
2. The rights for various World Championships and additional requirements are currently distributed over four clauses in regulation 25. The submission combines them into one place.
3. The submission seeks to encourage women's and girl's participation by lowering the participation requirements for women's only and (open age) mixed events as well as for girl's only and youth mixed events. The reality in sailing is that fewer women and girls are

participating in the sport, and having the same numerical requirements as for a gender open or men's only event imposes a hurdle which discourages women's only World Championships.

4. Events where a mixed crew is mandatory face the same challenges and should therefore meet the same requirements as women's only events.
  5. The rationale behind the different participation requirements is that an unrestricted event (neither in gender nor age) will naturally have the most entries, and every entry limitation reduces the pool of possible participants. In a gender separate event this means that women's only events have one applicable restriction, in a gender and age separate event, a girl's only event has two applicable restrictions. Therefore the table in 10.4(b) proposes that the more entry limitations apply, the lower the participation requirements. However, this should only apply to women's and girl's events (and associated mixed events where so defined) and not to other age categories.
  6. The submission removes the depreciative term "subsidiary" and gives all World Championships the same status, with different participation requirements.
  7. It is an organisational burden to race fleets separately (additional resources, race officials, racing areas). Many classes wish to race their (gender separate) fleets together but score them separately, as long as every fleet complies with the participation requirements.
  8. Requiring classes to choose between a gender open world championship and two gender separate world championships (or mixed world championship) does not increase the overall number of World Championship titles.
  9. Enabling classes to organise gender separate World Championships with a lower participation requirement for the women's and girl's fleet encourages gender separate World Championships.
  10. The requirements for participating countries and continents remain unchanged to ensure that a World Championship title represents participation from all over the world, even if the numerical participation requirements are lower.
  11. The permission for one further title based on gender in current regulation 25.2.5(c) has been removed as it is now included in the main categories. Classes are still able to award one further title based on age (i.e. Masters – Sailing as a sport for a lifetime) or discipline.
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