

World Sailing Class Entry Guidelines



How to Become a World Sailing Class

Introduction

World Sailing is the world governing body for the sport of sailing and, as such, can offer a professional and fair service to its member classes. World Sailing Class status is given to classes that provide a high standard of international competitive sailing and meet the criteria set by World Sailing. The advantages of becoming a World Sailing Class include holding World Championships, providing Race Officials and gaining access to the services offered by the World Sailing Committees and Technical and Offshore Department. These advantages are further explained in this document. The process and criteria for becoming a World Sailing Class is also highlighted below.

The Application Process

A class must have the recommendation of the Equipment Committee and, in the case of offshore racing classes, the Oceanic and Offshore Committee, to be designated as a World Sailing Class Association. The Council must vote in favour by a majority.

At its meeting, the Equipment Committee will consider the applications and advise the Council whether to accept, reject or defer action.

Classes applying for World Sailing status will be informed of the outcome of the Annual Conference.

1. Timeline:

A class must submit an application, meeting the requirements of Regulation 10, [Link](#), to the Chief Executive Officer by **1 August** to be considered by the Council at the next Annual World Sailing Conference.

2. Requirements for Application:

For an application to be valid, a Class must demonstrate the requirements set out in World Sailing Regulation 10:

- a. Payment of the application fee
- b. an active class/owner's association with a minimum worldwide distribution
- c. a copy of the class constitution
- d. a set of class rules in the World Sailing Standard Class Rules format
- e. provide the Executive Office with the relevant building specifications, measurement protocols, or equipment registration scheme details that form part or complement the class rules.
- f. state in the application the dates for each intended world and continental championship titles for the following year
- g. There will be a signed agreement between World Sailing Limited, the class/owner's association, and, where applicable, the trademark, trade name, and the copyright owner, which will take effect when World Sailing Class Association is designated.

A) Application fee:

By 31 July, the Class must pay a GBP 1000 application fee for the application to be considered valid.

B) An active Class/Owner's Association

Class Associations must provide evidence that their organisation is 'actively racing' in events where their class rules are in force. Evidence may be a list of registered boat owners or confirmation from World Sailing Member National Authorities.

Letters of support from the required number of World Sailing Member National Authorities should be used as evidence of worldwide distribution.

The minimum requirements for global distribution are listed below.

Category according to Hull Length	Boats per MNA	No. of MNAs	No. of Continents
Boats up to 6.0m	15	5	2
Boats >6.0m to 9.0m	7	4	2
Boats >9.0m to 12.0m	6	3	2
Boats >12.0m to 15.0m	4	3	2
Boats >15.0m	2	3	2

For these Rules, "continent" means any of Europe, North America, South America, Asia, Africa and Oceania.

Exceptions:

The Council may waive this requirement on the recommendation of the Equipment Committee when considering a class which serves a unique aspect of sailing.

C) Class Constitution

The class should send the existing class constitution approved by the current class/owner's association to World Sailing. The constitution shall include at least the following:

- the name of the class,
- provision for control by a class/owner's association,
- an elected board and executive committee,
- an executive committee, including at least the executive officers, and
- a statement of the objectives of the class.

D) Class Rules

The class shall adopt the Equipment Rules of Sailing and submit a set of class rules in the World Sailing Standard Class Rules format. The Equipment Committee may grant an exemption from either of these requirements if, in its opinion, the class rules are satisfactory and well-established.

This [link](#) contains more information and templates about the Standard Class Rules and Equipment Rules of Sailing.

The class rules and the constitution are scrutinised by the Equipment Committee and the Constitution Committee as part of the application process.

E) Building Specifications

The class shall provide to the executive office any relevant building specifications, measurement protocols, or details of equipment registration schemes that form part of or supplement the class rules.

F) Dates for the intended World and Continental Championship

World Sailing approval is required for an event described as a World Championship or uses the word “World” in the title of an event. By becoming a World Sailing Class, you are entitled to the right to hold a World Championship. The regulations governing this right are detailed in Regulation 25. [Link](#)

To support the class at its first World Championship after becoming a World Sailing Class, one member of the World Sailing staff may attend the Championship.

G) Agreement

Before being recommended for designation by the appropriate committee, there must be a signed agreement between World Sailing Limited, the class/owner’s association and, where applicable, the trademark owner, trade name and copyright to take effect upon designation as a World Sailing Class Association.

This agreement shall include, at a minimum, the following matters:

- define, if any, the ownership of the copyright, trade name and trademark and establish the rights granted and the responsibilities, obligations and restrictions that apply to the use of such rights generally and among the parties to the agreement
- where a licensed builder system is to be adopted, establish the procedure for granting licences and the control of the licensed builders
- agree on the amount of the World Sailing fee for each boat which is based on 0.4% on the first £20,000, then 0.2% on the next £70,000, and 0.1% on the amount above £90,000 of the average retail price of a completely new boat without sails as a guideline for negotiation
- define the method of issuing and using World Sailing plaques, if any, sail numbers, measurement forms, measurement certificates, changes to class rules and any other documentation affecting the ownership and the use of the boat, and
- provide that the Class Organisation and members shall act following the World Sailing Constitution, Rules and Regulations.



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