

2028 LA Olympic Qualification Principles

Please note that this paper is not for decision

The WP acknowledges that changes are required from previous Olympic Cycles to accommodate the timing of the two Sailing World Championships, The Last Chance Regatta (LCR), and shipping times to allow for boats to arrive in time for the Olympic Games.

For the single-handed events, the WP is currently seeking to retain 3 qualification opportunities for single-handed events.

1. World Sailing Championships, Continental Qualifier and LCR
2. Qualification System to be finalised once the Quota allocation is known from the IOC

For 2-Person events, the WP currently recommends:

1. The World Sailing Championships and the LCRs be included as qualification regattas.
2. That there is a Continental quota allocation, but it is not yet decided if this continental allocation is awarded at the World Sailing Championships, LCR, Regional Games, or a separate regatta within the region.
3. The WP will make a final recommendation on the 2-Person Qualification System, together with the Quota Allocation at the Mid-Year Meeting in 2025.

The WP is currently consulting with stakeholders on what is practically possible for each region.

- The WP supports the Olympic Vision and Olympic 2025 + Strategy Documents that favour continental qualification opportunities.
- We would note, the 2027/28 Calendar is extremely crowded, and the WP is very aware of the costs associated with shipping boats back and forth between an athlete's home continent, Europe and America.

1. World Sailing Championships

1. World Sailing Championships to be awarded 30-40% of the quota places.
2. WSC unused boat quota places are added to LCR quota (no reallocation within WSC results)

2. LCR

1. LCR to be scheduled February or March 2028 in Europe in a location that can be linked to a freight plan for all countries to ship to LA (in time for a warm-up regatta in Q2 ahead of the Games)

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2. It is anticipated that World Sailing will organize shipping options for MNA's from the LCR to Los Angeles
3. The LCR is only open to countries not yet qualified with a maximum of four entries per country
4. It is intended that the LCR results will be used for quota reallocation until exhausted. If LCR is exhausted then 2027 Class World Championship results to be used.

3. Continental Qualifier

For single-handed events, the WP recommends Continental Qualifier Quota to be shared between the Regional Games and a single supporting regatta.

1. Continental Qualifier Quota to be shared between the Regional Games and a single supporting regatta.
2. Each individual Regional Games will not all receive a uniform qualification allocation due to the nature of the regatta and the time within the quad it is held.
 - a. Regional games held towards the end of the quad will have a higher likelihood of receiving more qualification events.
 - b. It is intended that each regional games will receive at least one Men's and Women Single Handed Dinghy Olympic Qualification slot subject to the Regional Games agreeing to WS's qualification terms.
3. Remaining Continental Qualification to occur in each continent at a single regatta.
 - a. Calendar window from 1st January 2027 to 31st December 2027
 - b. WS need to have direct control of these qualifiers to ensure standards are maintained
 - i. Bids requested by 30th June 2025
 - ii. Hosting decision by 30th October 2025
 - iii. If a Hosting Contract has not been signed by 31st December 2025 then the Continental Qualification for that region will be held as part of the LCR Regatta.
5. Quota places at Continental Qualification can only be awarded if there is genuine competition for the place (ie 2 not qualified countries have to be competing for 1 boat quota place; 3 countries for 2, and so on).

For 2-Person events

6. The WP is not yet prepared to make a recommendation on the continental qualification.
7. The WP is seeking to engage with the Continental Associations, MNA's, and Sailors on what is most practical for their region given the crowded calendar and the requirement to ship equipment.
8. The WP will make a final recommendation, together with the Quota Allocation at the Mid-Year Meeting in 2025.

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Additional Considerations

Charter Equipment - We strongly encourage the availability of Charter Equipment for the LCR and for the Olympics for the 2-Person events.

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