

Submission: M06-07

ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship

Regulation 17.4.7

A submission from the International Laser Class Association

Proposal:

That Continental championships be removed from the list of restricted events in regulation 17.4.7

17.4.7 Classes listed in Regulation 17.4.10 shall not hold a World ~~or Continental~~ Championship that clashes with the date of the Championship.

Current Position:

As above.

Reason:

To ease calendar congestion for youth and senior events in the limited window of school and college holidays and provide a greater opportunity for more youth sailors to experience the thrill of taking part in a major championships.

The original reason for this regulation was to protect the ISAF Youth World Championship and encourage the highest possible entry. The reality is that the ISAF Youth World Championship does not need protecting as it is an event that all youth sailors, coaches and MNA's see as the premier youth event each year. A youth sailor who has trained hard and qualified to be the one representative from their country to attend the ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship is not going to give this up to attend a continental championship.

However there are many youth sailors who try to qualify for the ISAF Youth World Championship who do not succeed in their national trials. For these sailors it is important to give them a second choice of a lower level event so that their events are not wasted and they stay in engaged in our sport. To achieve the best entry of youth sailors in continental events it is important that they are scheduled in the same limited window of holidays.

With the ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship running for 10 days it currently blocks two weeks during the most popular youth holiday period.

As the regulation is not specific to youth events it also causes fixture scheduling problems for senior events particularly in Olympic classes where there are other events that have to be avoided.

This change will not affect entry to the ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship but it will give more opportunity to youth and make scheduling youth and senior events easier.