

2015 ISAF SAILING WORLD CUP (SWC)

QUALIFICATION SYSTEM

1. The 2015 SWC will consist of five Rounds for all 10 Olympic Events plus, when possible, Formula Kite racing. The SWC will culminate with a Final to be held in Abu Dhabi.
2. The Round locations, dates and entry quotas for each Event are displayed in the table below.

Event	Melbourne 7-14 Dec 2014	Miami 25-31 2015	Hyeres 20-26 Apr 2015	Weymouth 8-14 June 2015	Asia Sep / Oct 2015	Abu Dhabi TBC 2015
Men's Windsurfer: RSX	80	40	40	40	40	20
Women's Windsurfer: RSX	80	40	40	40	40	20
Men's One Person Dinghy: Laser	150	100	40	40	40	20
Women's One Person Dinghy: Laser Radial	120	80	40	40	40	20
Men's One Person Dinghy (Heavyweight): Finn	80	50	40	40	40	20
Men's Two Person Dinghy: 470	120	60	40	40	40	20
Women's Two Person Dinghy: 470	80	40	40	40	40	20
Men's Skiff: 49er	100	40	25	25	25	20
Women's Skiff: 49erFX	80	40	25	25	25	20
Mixed Multihull: Nacra 17	80	40	40	40	40	20
Formula Kite	Open	NC	tbc (ii)	tbc (i)	tbc (ii)	tbc (i)

NC: No competition tbc (i): entry quota is tbc tbc (ii): inclusion of Event is tbc

3. Where the quotas (fleet sizes) are limited at a SWC Round, and demand in an Event is expected to exceed the number of places available, the Qualification Process described below, based on qualification through the ISAF World Sailing Rankings (WSR) or through a SWC Qualification Regatta, will be used for that Event. However Miami qualification will follow the process in paragraph 6.
4. **Qualification through ISAF World Sailing Rankings (WSR).**
 - 4.1 For an Event with a fleet size of 40, the top 30 ISAF WSR ranked sailors in that Event shall be invited to enter a SWC Round based on their ranking on the publish dates in paragraph 4.2. For an Event with a fleet size of 25, the top 15 ISAF WSR ranked sailors will be invited.
 - 4.2 The ISAF WSR on the following publish dates shall determine invitation for entry:
 - i) SWC Round Hyeres – 2 February 2015
 - ii) SWC Round Weymouth & Portland – 27 April 2015
 - iii) SWC Round Asia (Venue TBC) – TBC 2015

4.3 Upon the issuance of the invitation for entry to a Round sailors will be given 72 hours to confirm their attendance. When a sailor declines invitation for entry into a Round, or attendance is not confirmed with 72 hours, the invitation will revert to the SWC Qualification Regatta.

4.4 If a sailor accepts an invitation and then fails to attend, or withdraws within one month of the start of the Round, without written approval from the OA, ISAF may exclude that sailor from his or her next home continent SWC Round or impose any other sanction.

5. Qualification through SWC Qualification Regatta.

5.1 10 places per Event at the SWC Round, plus the number of declined invitations for that Event from section 4, shall be allocated to qualification through the Qualification Regatta.

5.2 Of these places, 4 shall be reserved for sailors from each of the associated home continent(s). However, this 4 shall be reduced to 3 if there are only 5 or 6 home continent sailors competing at the Qualification Regatta, and 2 if there are 4 or fewer.

5.3 Sailors will qualify based on finishing position at the Qualification Regatta. If a sailor who has qualified declines his or her invitation, then the invitation will pass to the highest placed finisher not yet qualified.

5.4 The process and timescales in 4.3 and 4.4 shall apply to these invitations.

5.5 The SWC Qualification Regattas will be:

- i) Princess Sophia Regatta (Palma) – 2-9 April (TBC) 2015 for the SWC Hyeres Round.
- ii) Delta Lloyd Regatta (Medemblik) – 26-30 May 2015 for the SWC Weymouth & Portland Round.
- iii) The Asian qualification regatta will be identified when the Asian SWC Round venue is chosen.

6. Miami Round

6.1 Where the quotas (fleet sizes) are exceeded by the number of applications on midnight (local time), Friday 5 December 2014, the following procedure will apply.

6.2 For each event, the MNAs of the applications received will be sorted in Priority Order, based on the order of each MNA's highest place in the ISAF World Sailing Rankings as of 5 December 2014.

6.3 Ties in the Priority Order will be resolved in favour of the MNA whose earliest entry application was received first. MNAs not appearing in the applicable ISAF World Sailing Rankings shall be sorted by application date and added at the end of the MNA Priority Order.

6.4 The Applications will be accepted, as follows, until the quota is filled:

- (a) One place awarded to the host MNA.
- (b) One place, awarded in MNA Priority Order, for each MNA with a remaining entry application.
- (c) Repeat 6.4(b) above until the quota is filled.

6.5 The Event Quota will be increased until each MNA with a qualified application has at least one entry in the event. Each MNA with excess application(s) will decide which application(s) fill the available slots.

6.6 For any Event in which paragraph 6.1 does not apply, entries will be accepted in the order received until the Event Quota is reached.

7. Qualification for the 2015 SWC Final

- 7.1 ISAF has 6 continents and 5 SWC Rounds. Each continent has a “home” SWC Round as specified in paragraph 7.3.
- 7.2 The Event winners from the 2015 SWC Rounds will qualify to the 2015 SWC Final.
- 7.3 The best placed ‘home continent’ sailor in each Event at the 2015 SWC Rounds will qualify to the 2015 SWC Final. The ‘home continent’ SWC Rounds are:
 - (a) North America and South America: SWC Round in North America (Miami, USA)
 - (b) Asia: SWC Round in Asia (venue TBC)
 - (c) Africa: SWC Round in Europe (Hyeres, FRA)
 - (d) Europe: SWC Round in Europe (Weymouth GBR)
 - (e) Oceania: SWC Round in Oceania (Melbourne, Australia)
- 7.4 The three podium places from the 2015 Class World Championships (if already held) will qualify to the 2015 SWC Final.
- 7.5 The 2015 ISAF World Sailing Rankings will be used to qualify the remaining quota places. The date of these rankings will be announced after the Asian venue is chosen.
- 7.6 The timescale in 4.3, and paragraph 4.4, apply to invitations to the SWC Final.

8. Kiteboarding

- 8.1 Kiteboarding will certainly take place in 2015 at Melbourne, Weymouth & Portland and Abu Dhabi, and may take place at other SWC Rounds.
- 8.2 The Kiteboarding sailor rankings will be calculated in 2015 using the same system as ISAF sailor rankings.
- 8.3 The fleet sizes have yet to be decided, as they will depend on discussions between ISAF, the OA, and IKA. Therefore further details on kiteboarding qualification will follow in due course.