

2015 ISAF SAILING WORLD CUP (SWC)

QUALIFICATION SYSTEM

For the purpose of the qualification system and related documents, the terms 'sailor' and 'competitor' have the same meaning.

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 Jan 2015	Hyeres 20-26 Apr 2015	Weymouth 8-14 June 2015	Qingdao 14-20 Sept. 2015	Abu Dhabi 27 Oct-1 Nov
Men's Windsurfer: RSX	80	60	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	60	40	40	40	20
Women's Skiff: 49erFX	80	40	40	40	40	20
Mixed Two Person Multihull: Nacra 17	80	50	40	40	40	20
Formula Kite	Open	NC	NC	20 Men 4 Women	NC	16 Men 4 Women

NC: No competition

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 Olympic Events, the top 30 ISAF WSR ranked sailors in each Event shall be invited to enter a SWC Round based on their ranking on the publish dates in paragraph 4.2.
 - 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 Qingdao – 15 June 2015
- iv) SWC Final Abu Dhabi – 21 September 2015

- 4.3 After the ISAF WSR is released, sailors have 48 hours to report an administrative mistake in the ranking list. Invitations will be issued based on the ranking list at the expiry of this period. After the 48 hours period, the ranking will not be re-calculated and any amendment will be included in the next ranking release.
- 4.4 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.
- 4.5 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 From 1 May 2015, sailors at a Qualification Regatta wishing to be invited to a SWC Round shall meet the following eligibility requirements:
- i) Sailors shall comply with the nationality criteria stated in the ISAF Sailing World Cup NoR/SI 3.8; and
 - ii) For double-handed boats, the sailors who qualify together shall be the sailors who will be invited. Those sailors shall register and compete together at the SWC Round.
- 5.2 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.
- 5.3 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.
- 5.4 Eligible 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.
- 5.5 No new invitations will be issued within five days of the first racing day.
- 5.6 The process and timescales in 4.3 and 4.4 shall apply to these invitations.
- 5.7 The SWC Qualification Regattas will be:
- i) Princess Sophia Regatta (Palma) – 28 March to 4 April 2015 for the SWC Hyeres Round.
 - ii) Delta Lloyd Regatta (Medemblik) – 24 to 30 May 2015 for the SWC Weymouth & Portland Round.
 - iii) Asian Qualifier Regatta – After the ranking release on 15 June 2015, it will be determined if a qualifier for the SWC Qingdao is needed.

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 (Qingdao, CHN)
 - (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 on the publish date in paragraph 4.2 will be used to qualify the remaining quota places.
- 7.6 The timescale in 4.3, and paragraph 4.4, apply to invitations to the SWC Final.

8. Kiteboarding

- 8.1 The Kiteboarding sailor rankings will be calculated in 2015 using the same system as ISAF sailor rankings.
- 8.2 The process and timescales in 4.3 and 4.4 shall apply to these invitations.
- 8.3 Qualification through IKA World Sailing Rankings (WSR).
- The top 12 IKA WSR ranked Men sailors and the top Women sailor shall be invited to enter a SWC Round based on their ranking on the publish dates in paragraph 4.2.
- 8.4 Qualification through SWC Qualification Regatta.
- 8.4.1 Men

- a) 8 places, plus the number of declined invitations for that Event from section 8.3, shall be allocated to qualification through the Qualification Regatta
- b) Of these places, 3 shall be reserved for sailors from each of the associated home continent(s). However, this 3 shall be reduced to 2 if there are only 5 or 6 home continent sailors competing at the Qualification Regatta, and 1 if there are 4 or fewer.
- c) 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.

8.4.2 Women

- a) 3 places, plus the number of declined invitations for that Event from section 8.3, shall be allocated through the IKA World Championship.
- b) Sailors will qualify based on finishing position at the World Championship. If a sailor who has qualified declines his or her invitation, then the invitation will pass to the highest placed finisher not yet qualified.

8.5 Qualification for the 2015 SWC Final

- a) The Event winners from the 2015 SWC Rounds will qualify to the 2015 SWC Final.
- b) The best placed 'home continent' sailor at the 2015 SWC Rounds will qualify to the 2015 SWC Final.
- c) The three podium places from the 2015 IKA World Championships will qualify to the 2015 SWC Final.
- d) The 2015 IKA World Sailing Rankings on the publish date in paragraph 4.2 will be used to qualify the remaining quota places.