



Policy Statement

Allocation of Entry Places

ISAF World Championships 2011 Fremantle, WA



Background

1. In the lead up to the 2008 Beijing Olympics the International Sailing Federation (ISAF) held a combined World Championships for all Olympic classes in 2007 at Cascais.
2. Once again ISAF have determined that a combined ISAF World Championship for Olympic classes will be held in the year preceding the Olympic Games. To be held in Fremantle, Australia between 3 – 18 December 2011, the ISAF Worlds 2011 will be the primary method (75% of places available) for nation qualification for places at the 2012 Olympic Games.
3. Qualification for athletes to attend and compete at the ISAF Worlds 2011 is based on an ISAF procedure and not on individual class or National rules. This policy outlines the ISAF process and details the Yachting Australia (YA) policy for selection to the ISAF 2011 Worlds.

ISAF Allocation of Entry Places – Fleet Racing

4. The following is the entry quota for each event:

Class	Total Entries per Event (all MNAs)
Laser	150
Laser Radial	120
470 Men	120
470 Women	80
Finn	80
RS:X Men	120
RS:X Women	80
49er	100
Star	80

Each MNA is entitled to one entry per event (Priority place)

Due to the importance of the events in the Olympic cycle, ISAF has established a process for Member National Authorities (MNA) to apply for additional entries.

No MNA shall receive more than 6 entries per event, unless there are entries remaining after 30 June 2011. Any entries that become available after that date will be awarded by the Qualification Commission.

ISAF's process for allocating places to MNAs is a three-stage process as follows:

a. Stage 1 - Priority Places & Qualification Event Places

- Each MNA is required to apply for one guaranteed entry per Event between 1 January 2011 and 28 February 2011.
- Yachting Australia (YA) will apply for the one priority entry for each of the 9 fleet racing events.

- Application for additional entries (to a maximum of 6 per country per event) earned through the 2010 Qualification Events shall also be made between 1 January 2011 and 28 February 2011.
- 90% of the MNAs that had a second entry in the respective 2010 Qualification Event gets a second entry in order of their finish.
- 70% of the MNAs that had a third entry in the respective 2010 Qualification Event gets a third entry in order of their finish.
- 50% of the MNAs that had a fourth entry in the respective 2010 Qualification Event gets a fourth entry in order of their finish.
- 30% of the MNAs that had a fifth entry in the respective 2010 Qualification Event gets a fifth entry in order of their finish.
- 20% of the MNAs that had a sixth entry in the respective 2010 Qualification Event gets a sixth entry in order of their finish.

b. Stage 2 – ISAF World Ranking Places

- MNA's with more than one individual listed in the top 150 of the ISAF World Rankings (30 June 2011) are eligible for additional entries.
- MNAs will be awarded an additional entry in order of the 2011 ISAF World Rankings (30 June 2011) for every individual in the top 150 of the ISAF World Rankings (30 June 2011), other than those individuals for whom the MNA received an entry based on the 2010 Qualification Event, until either their MNA maximum is filled or the Class Quota is filled.
- Any remaining entries not awarded under this section will be delegated to the Qualification Commission for award.

2010 Qualification Events

The following 2010 Qualification Events will be used to allocate additional MNA entries:

Class	Event	Dates	Venue
Laser	2010 World Championships	27 August to 5 September	Great Britain
Laser Radial	2010 World Championships	6-14 July	Great Britain
470 Men	2010 World Championships	9-18 July	Netherlands
470 Women	2010 World Championships	9-18 July	Netherlands
Finn	2010 World Championships	27 August – 4 September	USA
RS:X Men	2010 World Championships	26 August to 5 September	Denmark
RS:X Women	2010 World Championships	26 August to 5 September	Denmark
49er	2010 European Championships	1-10 July	Poland
Star	2010 European Championships	5-13 June	Italy

c. Commission Places – 1

- 10% of the quota of additional places is reserved for the Qualification Commission.
- Any places not taken up in the above three methods would also be allocated to the Commission.
- The Commission members will be confirmed at the Events Committee meeting in May 2010.
- Applications for entry from the Commission's allocation shall be made to the ISAF Secretariat (secretariat@isaf.co.uk) between 1 January 2011 and 30 June 2011. The subject line should be "Application for Entries to Perth 2011 by MNA".

- ISAF will confirm allocation of these entries in early July 2011. Online registration & payment of entry fees for these entries will be required by 31 July 2011 or else the entry is forfeited. In the event of non-payment ISAF will cancel the allocation of the entry and invite the next qualifier based on the allocation process.
5. By 31 March 2010, YA will circulate a memorandum to all Olympic Class Presidents, State High Performance Coaches and athletes known to be regularly campaigning and competing internationally, calling for applications by athletes wishing to compete in Perth 2011 to apply for consideration for the allocation of additional and Commission places. Enclosed with this memorandum will be this policy and an explanatory letter from the ISAF Commission.

ISAF Allocation of Entry Places – Match Racing

6. Entry Quota for Women's Match Racing – 32*
- If more than 32 nations enter, there should be no preliminary elimination round if the Organisers can accommodate all nations, up to a maximum of 40.

Each MNA is entitled to one entry per event (Priority place). If more than 32 MNAs apply the field may be expanded up to a maximum of 40.

No MNA shall receive more than 2 entries.

ISAF's process for allocating places to MNAs is a two-stage process as follows:

a. Stage 1 - Priority Places

- Each MNA is required to apply for one guaranteed entry between 1 January 2011 and 28 February 2011.
- Yachting Australia (YA) will apply for the one priority entry the women's match racing event.

b. Stage 2 - Additional Places

- In order to reach the event quota listed above, the number of additional entries available will be determined on 1 July 2011, based on the number of entries received.
- Additional entries will be allocated to MNAs who have applied for a second entry, based on the ISAF Women's Match Race Rankings. Applications for second entries should be submitted to the ISAF Secretariat (secretariat@isaf.co.uk) between 1 January 2011 and 30 June 2011. The subject line should be "Application for Entries to Perth 2011 by MNA".
- Any MNA with two or more teams on the ISAF Women's Match Race Rankings as of 30 June 2011 will be eligible for an additional entry.
- The MNAs will be ranked in priority order based on their second best placed team on the ISAF Women's Match Race Rankings (eg. Delete all of the first, third, fourth etc teams from the rankings leaving only the second best team from each MNA). MNAs will be allocated additional entries in priority order based on this, until a maximum number of 32 entries is achieved.

YA Selection Policy and Process

7. As the 2011 ISAF World Championships do not have the normal class regulations in relation to qualification for World Championships and form part of the Olympic quadrennium qualification process, both as the primary means for country qualification for the 2012 Olympic Games and one of the major nomination regattas for the 2012 Olympic team, YA determined that a separate selection policy and process was required.
8. In general YA has applied two rationale when determining the policy. Firstly, YA wishes to send the best possible representatives to Fremantle, thereby maximising the opportunity for country qualification in each Event.

Secondly, to provide a fair and open process for selection where demand exceeds the places available, whilst rewarding athletes with a demonstrated history of competition at that level.

Accordingly, YA has applied a process closely aligned with the ISAF methodology for allocation of positions to MNAs.

9. The YA selection process for the allocation of entries:

Fleet Racing:

- a. The priority place allocated to YA shall be applied at the discretion of YA. This will nominally be granted to the members of the Australian Sailing Team.
- b. The first additional place shall be allocated to the Australian athlete with the best finishing place at the respective 2010 Class World Championships¹. If that happens to be the YA nominated athlete in sub-paragraph 8.a. above, then the next best finisher shall be granted the entry place.
- c. The second additional place, if one has been granted, shall be allocated to the next best finisher in the 2010 Class World Championships² and not allocated a position already.
- d. A third additional place, if one has been granted, shall be allocated to the next best finisher at the 2010 Class World Championships³ and not allocated a position already.
- e. Any additional entries allocated by ISAF will be granted to athletes at the discretion of YA based on the merit of applications received.
- f. YA shall submit applications for Commission places for all athletes who applied within the required period. YA shall endorse one application per event as an MNA Application. YA will endorse all other as an 'Endorsed Athlete Application'. YA shall make its determination on which athlete to submit as an MNA endorsement based on the principle of sending the best possible team to Fremantle and supporting

¹ In the case of the Star class, the 2010 European Championships.

² In the case of the Star class, the 2010 European Championships.

³ In the case of the Star class, the 2010 European Championships.

athletes currently competing regularly overseas. The recommendation of Australian Sailing Team and State High Performance coaches may also be taken into account.

Match Racing:

- g. The priority place allocated to YA shall be applied at the discretion of YA. This will nominally be granted to the members of the Australian Sailing Team.
- h. Should YA receive an additional entry the allocation of this place will be at the discretion of YA.

Administration

- 10. Members of the Australian Sailing Team, the Australian Sailing Development Squad (ASDS) and any other athletes filling either a YA allocated priority place or first additional place entry in each event will be designated as the official Australian Team for the event.
- 11. YA will notify all fleet racing athletes, other than ISAF Ranking and Commission allocated places, confirming their entry to the Worlds by no later than 30 June 2011.
- 12. YA will notify all fleet racing athletes applying for ISAF Ranking and Commission places as soon as possible following the ISAF commission determination and notification.
- 13. Whilst the staff of the Australian Sailing Team will be there to support all Australians at the regatta, the priority of all AST staff and coaches will be to support the official Australian Team, AST, and ASDS athletes.
- 14. Financial and Accommodation support will only be provided to the AST in accordance with the Athletes Agreements. Any spare accommodation at the AST apartment complex will be made available to other Australian Athletes at their expense.