



INTERNATIONAL TOPPER CLASS ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONAL EVENT CHARTER AND NATIONALITY POLICY



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International Event Charter Policy

World Sailing Regulations impose certain criteria on International Classes with regard to the designation of a World Sailing Class Association and maintaining the right to hold a World Championships.

The important requirements that World Sailing has for the International Topper are:

- there are at least 30 entries,
- that the number of entries includes sailors from at least five countries, and
- that the number of entries includes sailors from at least 2 continents.

The role of the International Topper Class Association is to promote International Topper class racing globally, help introduce Topper sailing to new regions and support fun, fair and competitive sailing for junior, youth and lighter adult sailors.

To fulfil that role, it is vitally important that the International Topper Class remains recognised by World Sailing and part of that recognition is the right to hold a world championship. Therefore, the International Topper Class Association, as organiser of the World Championships and any other international events, ensures that the minimum participation requirements are met every year.

To achieve the participation requirements the International Topper Class Association, together with the support of Topper International Limited offer a limited number of boats for charter to particular categories of sailor.

Boats for charter are offered¹ to those sailors who:

1. cannot reasonably¹ transport their own boat to the championship venue by a road vehicle,
2. cannot reasonably² transport their own boat to the championship venue using a container or other cargo transport unit by sea, rail or road,
3. represent nations that are designated as an Emerging Nation by World Sailing and must also fall into either category 1 or 2 above,
4. are foreign nationals (see national criteria below) who are temporarily resident in the host nation or a neighbouring nation³ and must also fall into either category 1 or 2 above,
5. represent nations that the International Topper Class Association want to encourage to become recognised as a National Association of the International Topper Class

¹ Where it is economically viable for Topper International Limited to do so.

² Reasonably will be determined by the International Committee of the International Topper Class Association and their decision is final.

³ Neighbouring nations are those that immediately border the host nation or form part of a trading block or similar and will be determined by the International Committee of the International Topper Class Association and their decision is final.

Nationality criteria

The International Topper Class Association interprets the nationality criteria to mean:

- a sailor that is a citizen of their country of residence,
- a sailor entered by a World Sailing Member National Authority but not a citizen of that nation,
- a sailor who holds official citizenship of a nation that is not their country of residence and sails under the national letters of their citizenship,
- a sailor with dual nationality who has selected the nation of their choice irrespective of their country of residence.

World Sailing Regulations also state that a competitor who is a resident of a country in which he/she is not a national shall be regarded as a national of that country for the purposes of this Regulation if he/she holds a residency certificate.

Sailors with dual nationalities

A competitor who is a national of two or more countries at the same time may represent either one of them as he/she may elect (this election may be made once only),

Changing nationalities

A competitor, over 16 years of age, who has represented one country and who has another nationality, has changed his nationality, or has acquired a new nationality shall not represent his new country unless:

- (a) he/she has not represented his old country within the last three years; and
- (b) at least three years has passed since such change or acquisition.

Junior sailors

Sailors may sail under the national letters of their citizenship without affecting their right to represent another nation after their 16th birthday.