

Regulated Events

Are events where the Bermuda Sailing Association (BSA), as the Member National Authority (MNA) of World Sailing (WS) has been delegated by either WS, the Bermuda Olympic Association (BOA), or any other party to manage the standards, qualification, and subsequent selection of athletes to represent the country at a regulated event. This list includes but is not limited to:

Olympic Games
Olympic Games Qualifier Events &/or Test Events
Pan American Games
Pan American Games Qualifier Events
Junior Pan Am Games
Youth Olympics
Island Games
CAC Games
World Sailing Youth World Championships (yearly)

Above listed regulated events usually take place on a 4-year cycle, other than noted. Each event may have certain restrictions – eligibility, # entries available, classes, gender, age, etc.

Regulated Event Application (REA)

To be considered for selection to a Regulated Event, eligible athletes and teams are required to submit to the BSA a detailed REA.

A Regulated Event Application shall include the following information:

- a) Athlete name, nationality status, and sailing resume with past results including, at a minimum, all events in the class.
(if athletes switch classes, or switch partners in double handed classes, their previous scores shall not be carried forward to the new combination/class.)
- b) Training and Competition plan through the Qualification Period that includes plans for meeting the Qualification Standards.
- c) Statements from personal coach(es) and other expert staff supporting the Training and Competition plan.
- d) Cover letter from each athlete addressing their goals for the event and how it fits into their long-term goals as a high-performance sailor(s).

Qualification Standards

Each Regulated Event has different Qualification Standards set and published by the BSA, and in some cases in conjunction with the BOA. The standards set out the minimum requirements athletes must attain, and minimum results they must attain at Qualification Events to be eligible to be selected to represent the country at a Regulated Event.

The details of standards may change as the sailing calendar changes from year to year, and from one Olympic quadrennial to the next. Check with the BSA before committing to specific Qualification Events to ensure the events latest information is used and that the BSA are aware of your plans.

Noting that there may be circumstances where a Qualification Event falls short in assessing performance on a competitive stage (e.g. weather conditions, top sailors not taking part, number of races completed, etc.) BSA reserves the right to adjust the standard, grading or selection – any change requires the support of the majority of the Sailing Directorate.

BSA aims to support athletes who have shown a commitment to the sport, and whose training plan and performance demonstrates that they will be competitive. Without that demonstration BSA will not select an athlete(s) to represent the country at a Regulated Event.

Athlete Rankings

To maintain regional flexibility and to allow for postponements and cancellations of Qualification Events the BSA uses a ranking system from published Qualification Events for potential athletes who meet general qualification standards (age, gender, etc.). Due to the varied degree in strength of fleets and the fact that athletes may not consistently race head-to-head we have designed a format that allows the athlete to choose their events regionally (*where they may be at school for instance*).

The formula being used is a modified version of the World Sailing ranking system:

$$\text{Ranking Points} = E(N-P+1)/N$$

Where:

E = BSA Event Grade (Weighting)

N = Number of Entries

P = Position in Regatta

While the priority is to keep the ranking system consistent, the 'Event Grading' may be altered based on the actual event if it doesn't meet expectations (e.g. weather conditions, # of entries, top sailors not taking part, number of actual races completed, etc.) – either below or above the initial Event Grade. Any re-grading of a Qualification Event will be published within 21 days of the completion of the event.

Alternative Qualification Events may be added at the request of the athlete - requests to add an alternative Qualification Event must be submitted to the BSA (and published by the BSA) at least 2 months prior to the alternative Qualification Event starting.

2026 Central & Caribbean Games (CAC)

Date:	July 24 th to August 8 th 2026
BSA Role:	Team selection and qualification process
Registration Criteria:	MNA Awarded 1 entry per event based on qualification or universality
Bermudian Status:	Yes, Registered
Age:	At 15 years or older in 2026 (born in 2011 or earlier)
BSA Criteria:	Yes
BOA Criteria:	Yes
Location:	Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic
Website:	2026 CAC Games
Equipment:	Sailing Classification
Application deadline:	September 2025 – TBC (Longlists submitted to BOA)
Entry Selection Date:	May 11th, 2026

Once the NOC (MNA) has been qualified in their respective equipment the following sailor(s) selection process shall apply:

1. A *minimum* of 3 accredited events shall be sailed to be *considered* for selection for the CAC Games;
2. If more than one athlete is competing for a spot the best three event points total based on the previous **12** months prior to **May 11th, 2026**, using the selection date, applying the formula as described above in the general Qualification Standards;
3. **At least two events must have an Event Grading of 50 or higher included in the 3-event total;**
4. The athlete must be in the **top 50th** percentile in at least one of the events graded **50** or higher;
5. Checking the above boxes does not *automatically* qualify a sailor(s) for the event – final decisions will be based on the totality of results in advance of the ‘Entry Selection Date’, subject to the Athlete(s) Program, and performance evaluation being satisfied.
6. To be considered for selection, eligible athletes and teams are required to submit a detailed application for selection to the CAC Games.

Applications to be considered for selection must include the following information:

- a) A signed and submitted ‘Athlete Eligibility Condition Form’ (*pending from COCECAVE to the MNAs*)
- b) Sailing resume of results (in their intended equipment) including, at a minimum, all events from July 1st, 2024 to October 1st, 2025. (*if sailors switch classes/events or switch partners in double handed classes their previous scores may not be carried forward to the new combination.*)
- c) Completed training and competition plan from January 1st, 2025 to March 31st, 2026;
- d) Personal coach(es) and other expert staff supporting the training and competition plan.

Any sailors interested in attending the 2026 CAC Games should contact the BSA early in the process to understand the qualification process, expectations and assistance in achieving their goals.

NB As the official Technical Manual has not yet been released from CAC Games below dates and the impact they may have on above dates are subject to change accordingly.

2026 Central & Caribbean Games (CAC)

CAC Timelines

TIMELINE	
Key date	Event
30 th March, 2026	No later than this date, CACSCO will confirm to COSADO and to the NOCs the places that they qualified for
13 th April, 2026	No later than this date, NOCs must confirm to CACSCO and COSADO the places they will use
27 th April, 2026	No later than this date, NOC must submit Universality Applications to CACSCO
6 th May, 2026	No later than this date, CACSCO will confirm to COSADO and to the NOCs the universality places that were assigned to them
13 th May, 2026	No later than this date, NOCs must confirm to CACSCO and COSADO the Universality places they will use
20 th May, 2026	Reallocation of unused quota places by CACSCO
26 th May, 2026	No later than this date, NOCs that received reallocated places must confirm their participation to CACSCO and COSADO
TBD	Entry by number deadline
TBD	Entry by name deadline