

Qualification Standards

The standards below apply to regulated events, coming under the auspices of World Sailing, the BOA and the BSA, or any other body that has delegated eligibility and/or qualifications to BSA.

Criteria are transparent and are intended to ensure that athletes representing Bermuda are of a sufficient standard to compete for Olympic and Paralympic medals or have athletes consistently achieve top 50% results at major events.

BSA aims to support sailors 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 support sending sailors to these major events. BSA will not enter sailors to “make up numbers”.

The detailed standards will change as the sailing calendar is updated. Check with the BSA before committing to specific events to ensure the latest information is used and that the BSA are aware of your plans.

Noting that there may be circumstances where a qualifying event falls short in assessing performance on a global stage (e.g. weather, top sailors not taking part, number of actual races, etc.) BSA reserves the right to adjust the standard, grading or selection, which will require the support of the majority of the Sailing Directorate.

To qualify for all major events will, however, require a demonstration to, and performance in the event class the athlete expects to participate in. While the BSA sets ‘Standards’ it is not purely about checking boxes, the BSA expects any sailors to be progressing towards goals and standards that allow them to be competitive with other sailors at these major events.

To maintain regional flexibility and to allow for postponements and cancellations of qualifying events this year we are looking at a rolling ranking from a series of 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 = Event Rank (Weighting)

N = Number of Entries

P = Position in Regatta

While we will try to keep the ranking system consistent ‘Event Rank’ may have to be altered based on the actual event if it doesn’t meet expectations – either below or above the anticipated ranking. Other events may be added at the request of the athlete if they are not already included qualifying criteria.

World Sailing Youth World Championships

Date:	July 13 th to 20 th , 2024
BSA Role:	Team selection and qualification process
Registration Criteria:	MNA Awarded 1 entry per event
Bermudian Status:	National (WS 19.2)
Age:	Competitors shall be under the age of 19 as of December 31 st , 2024. (Born after December 31 st , 2005)
BSA Criteria:	Yes
Location:	Lake Garda, Italy
Website:	https://worldsailingywc.org/notice-board/
Equipment:	See NoR for all events.
Application deadline:	January 26th, 2024 March 1st, 2024
Entry Selection Date:	February 2nd, 2024 March 15, 2024

1. A *minimum* of 3 accredited events shall be sailed to be *considered*;
2. If more than one athlete is competing for a spot the best three event points total based on the previous 18 months prior to the selection using the formula as described above in the general Qualification Standards;
3. At least one event 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 *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 2024 World Sailing Youth World Championship.
Applications to be considered for selection must include the following information:
 - a) Sailing resume of results including, at a minimum, all events from January 1, 2023 to February 2, 2024.
(if sailors switch classes/events or switch partners in double handed classes their previous scores shall not be carried forward to the new combination.)
 - b) Completed training and competition plan from January 1, 2023 to December 1, 2024
 - c) Personal coach(es) and other expert staff supporting the training and competition plan;
 - d) Cover letter from each sailor addressing their goals for the 2024 World Sailing Youth World Championships and how this event fits into their long-term goals as a high performance sailor(s).

Any sailors interested in attending the 2024 WSYWC should contact the BSA early in the process to understand the qualification process, expectations and assistance in achieving their goals.