

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, etc.) BSA reserves the right to adjust the standard, grading or selection, which will require the support of the majority of the Board of Governors.

All major events will, however, require a demonstration to, and performance in the event class the athlete expects to participate in.

To maintain regional flexibility and to allow for postponements and cancellations of qualifying events this year we are looking at a rolling ranking garnered from results 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’ (Grade) may have to be altered based on the actual event if it doesn’t meet expectations – either below or above the anticipated ranking.

Certain events may have more depth of competition, or less and this will impact the ‘Grade’.

Other events may be added at the request of the athlete if they are not already included qualifying events.

World Sailing Championships 2023 – The Hague, NED

Date:	August 10 to 20, 2023
BSA Role:	Team selection and qualification process
Registration Criteria:	MNA Awarded 1 entry per event
Bermudian Status:	Yes, Registered
Age:	Open
BSA Criteria:	Yes
Location:	The Hague, Netherlands
Website:	https://allianssailingworlds.com
Equipment:	Men's Single Handed – ILCA 7 Women's Single Handed – ILCA 6 <i>Additional classes as per Country Qualification document</i>
Entry Selection Date:	Wednesday May 31st, 2023 ¹ Monday May 1st, 2023

Each MNA (Member National Authority, i.e. Bermuda Sailing Association) is entitled to one entry, awarded by World Sailing, in each event at the 2023 Olympic Test Event to be held at the 2024 Olympic venue in Marseille, France. The Bermuda athlete entries in each event will be allocated through the selection system described below. The Notice of Race for this event can be found [here](#).

- If more than one athlete is competing for a spot the best three event points total based on the previous **12** months prior (June 1st, 2022) to the selection date (May 31st, 2023), using the formula as described above in the general Qualification Standards;
- Qualification points will only be considered from events in the same Equipment Class;
- A minimum of **two** of the events included in the totals must have an Event Grading of **50** or higher included in the 3-event total;
- The athlete must be in the top 50th percentile in at least **two** of the events graded **50** or higher;
- To be selected the athlete must be compliant with all aspects of the event NoR;
- An athlete wishing to qualify for this event must sail in at least one of the Pan Am Games Country Qualifying events as prescribed in '[Country Qualification](#)' link.

The list of qualifying events below *may* not be inclusive:

- It does include events received on your 2022 event plans, plus others.
- Additional or missing events *may* be considered upon request to the BSA.
- The "Qualification Standards" apply to all sailors/teams.
- The "Ranking System" above is primarily for situations when more than one sailor/team is vying for a spot for a particular event.
- Other Equipment Qualifying Events available on request.
- Current event grades/rankings can be found at: [Event Grades & Points](#)

¹ Once NoR is published and the dates for 'Declaring Names of Sailors' is confirmed the selection date is subject to change if it is required that we declare a name prior to May 31st. The BSA reserves the right to adjust this date to align with any event NoR requirements.