



UKLA QUALIFICATION POLICY for Restricted Entry Events, including
ILCA7 World & European Championships
ILCA6 Women's World & European Championships
ILCA6 Men's World & European Championships

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The following policy relates to the qualification of UKLA sailors for places allocated to UKLA for restricted entry open age events organised by the International Laser Class Association (“**ILCA**”), by an ILCA Region (including EurILCA) and/or an ILCA District (“**Restricted Entry Events**”).

The information below is also relevant for unrestricted entry events, where UKLA is required to rank a sailor.

Age-restricted events, e.g. Youth, U21 and Master, have separate policies.

Selection for World Sailing events and the British Sailing Team or British Sailing Squad is conducted by the Royal Yachting Association and not UKLA.

ELIGIBILITY

Qualification for a Restricted Entry Event through the UKLA qualification process is restricted to UKLA members who will sail with GBR country letters on their sails at the Restricted Entry Event in accordance with RRS Appendix G.

In order to be eligible to attend a Restricted Entry Event as a UKLA sailor, sailors shall:

- be a member of UKLA before entering relevant UKLA Qualifier events (“**Qualifiers**”);
- be a competent sailor and able to race in 25 knot winds, demonstrated to the satisfaction of UKLA.
- if a member of more than 1 ILCA District, inform UKLA in writing before the earliest Qualifier used for ranking purposes for a Restricted Entry Event that they intend to qualify as a UKLA sailor, and not for any other ILCA District, for that Restricted Entry Event. A sailor shall inform UKLA in writing by a message to UKLA Secretary (office@ilca.uk), with copy to UKLA Chair (chair@ilca.uk), UKLA Vice Chair (youth@ilca.uk) and UKLA Sailing Secretary (sailing@ilca.uk).

RANKING PROCEDURE

Sailors intending to qualify for entry to a Restricted Entry Event as a UKLA sailor shall obtain a ranking as set out below in the same rig as the event they wish to enter. UKLA may in its sole discretion waive this requirement at the request of a sailor.

The details of the Qualifiers used to rank sailors can be found on the UKLA website <https://ilca.uk> . For the avoidance of doubt, the Qualifiers are separate events and are not collectively a series. Typically, UKLA schedules 3 Spring Qualifiers and 3 Autumn Qualifiers, aiming to the extent practicable to fit around the international racing calendar. The number and timing of the Qualifiers shall be set at the sole discretion of UKLA.

A sailor's overall placing at a Qualifier, without recalculation for any purpose, e.g., to exclude non-UKLA members, shall, subject to the award of Discretionary Points, be used by UKLA to construct a Rolling Ranking Ladder ("**Ladder**").

The purpose of a Ladder is to determine ranking priority for Restricted Entry Events. A separate Ladder shall be produced for each of the ILCA 7 and the ILCA 6 rigs, without regard to the sex of the sailor.

Scoring for the purposes of a Ladder shall reflect the principles of the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021 - 2024 Appendix A4 and A8. Ladder scores for non-attendance at a Qualifier shall, subject to the award of Discretionary Points, be given as the points equal to the number of sailors who received a finishing position in at least 1 race at that Qualifier, plus 1 point.

A Ladder shall, subject to the next 3 numbered paragraphs, include the overall results of the 6 most recent Qualifiers held within the 18 months ending the day after the most recent Qualifier. If fewer than 6 Qualifiers have been held within that period, a Ladder shall include the overall results of those Qualifiers which have been held within that period.

1. A Qualifier shall not be included in a Ladder unless the number of races held constitutes a series in that Qualifier.
2. UKLA may award Discretionary Points to an eligible sailor for the purposes of a Ladder and any such points shall be included in a Ladder instead of that sailor's finishing position at 1 or more Qualifiers.
3. In the event of disruption to the planned number of Qualifiers, UKLA may, in its sole discretion, alter the number of scores included in a Ladder and the number to be counted.

Sailors shall be ranked by taking their best 4 results included in a Ladder as at the ranking date for a Restricted Entry Event. If a Ladder includes fewer than 5 results, sailors shall be ranked by taking their best 3 results included in a Ladder.

The ranking date for a Restricted Entry Event shall be the date stated in event documentation produced by the organising authority for the initial close of applications and allocation of places.

UKLA places shall, subject to the eligibility provisions of this policy, be allocated to UKLA sailors who have applied to enter the event according to their ranking order at the ranking date. UKLA shall inform the event organising authority of the allocation of UKLA places for any Restricted Entry Event.

In the event of severe disruption to the Qualifier schedule, UKLA reserves the right to rank sailors using its discretion, in conjunction with, or instead of, a Ladder.

Sailors who are not ranked on a Ladder, but who have demonstrated their capabilities to the satisfaction of UKLA, may in the sole discretion of UKLA, be allocated places at Restricted Entry Events if any places remain available to UKLA after the allocation of places to those who are ranked on a Ladder.

NUMBER OF PLACES AVAILABLE to UKLA SAILORS

The total number of places available to UKLA sailors at Restricted Entry Events will typically be published on the event's website. This may be before, during or after the relevant Qualifiers. Extra places may be offered to UKLA by the organising authority depending upon those not taken up by other Districts. In the last few years extra places have not been offered to UKLA.

DISCRETIONARY POINTS

Discretionary Points may be awarded in UKLA's sole discretion in respect of scores included in a Ladder, solely for the purposes of that Ladder. For the avoidance of doubt, the award of such points shall not affect the results of the Qualifiers.

A request for Discretionary Points shall be made in writing to UKLA at least 1 day prior to the Qualifier in respect of which Discretionary Points are sought, by contacting the UKLA Secretary (office@ilca.uk), with copy to UKLA Chair (chair@ilca.uk), UKLA Vice Chair (youth@ilca.uk) and UKLA Sailing Secretary (sailing@ilca.uk), explaining the basis for the request in reasonable detail.

UKLA will publish a summary of all requests for Discretionary Points and their outcomes on the UKLA website.

One of the following criteria must be met before UKLA may consider exercising its discretion to grant Discretionary Points:

- a sailor is or will be competing at a Restricted Entry Event, or other very important event (as determined by UKLA in its sole discretion) that clashes with a Qualifier. UKLA's determination of whether there is a clash shall take into account the need for reasonable travel time and reasonable pre-event preparation time.
- a sailor is a British Sailing Team or British Sailing Squad member whose attendance at a Qualifier is inconsistent with their planned sailing programme. Any request relying on this

criterion must be supported by a written explanation supporting the request from the relevant team or squad management.

- exceptional circumstances. Sailing another rig or class is unlikely to qualify as exceptional circumstances. Illness or injury will not necessarily constitute exceptional circumstances.

There shall be no presumption that requests for Discretionary Points shall be granted even if one of the above criteria is met, nor, where a decision is taken to award Discretionary Points, as to the Discretionary Points awarded.

UKLA considers that the fact that a Ladder only includes a sailor's 4 best scores of the 6 included in a Ladder (or 3 best scores if fewer than 5 are included) will often be sufficient to address a sailor's inability to attend a Qualifier because of illness, injury or other circumstances.

The consideration and determination of whether to grant Discretionary Points and what Discretionary Points to grant shall be at UKLA's sole discretion and shall not be subject to the jurisdiction of any Protest Committee or other authority.

SAILOR'S RESPONSIBILITY

Each sailor is responsible for:

- understanding when the Qualifiers are scheduled to take place by reference to the UKLA website <https://ilca.uk>;
- understanding and complying with the application process, time limits and any entry requirements for the Restricted Entry Events for which they wish to qualify. These will usually be stated in the Notice of Race and on the website for the event.
- organising their own charter boats (if required) and any support onshore or afloat at events.

UKLA GRANTS

No UKLA grants are available.

APPEALS

Any queries regarding the qualification process or appeals should be addressed to UKLA in writing to UKLA Secretary (office@ilca.uk), with copy to UKLA Chair (chair@ilca.uk), UKLA Vice Chair (youth@ilca.uk) and UKLA Sailing Secretary (sailing@ilca.uk).

UKLA has exclusive jurisdiction over the allocation to UKLA sailors of places allocated to UKLA at Restricted Entry Events and over the operation of a Ladder, including the award of Discretionary Points. Those matters are expressly excluded from the jurisdiction of any Protest Committee or other authority.

UKLA reserves the right to review and/or amend this document.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For further details of the qualification process or event information please contact your UKLA Class representative or UKLA Secretary.

UKLA website: <https://ilca.uk/>

ILCA Website: www.laserinternational.org

EurILCA Website: www.eurilca.eu

World Sailing website: <https://members.sailing.org/classification/?view=home&nocache=1&js=1>