



# QUALIFICATION POLICY for Restricted Entry Events

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

**ILCA 7 World & European Championships**

**ILCA 7 Masters World & European Championships**

**ILCA 6 Women’s World & European Championships**

**ILCA 6 Men’s World & European Championships**

**ILCA 6 Masters World & European Championships (Men & Women)**

**Under 21 World & European Championships for ILCA 7 Men & ILCA 6 Women**

**Youth World & European Championships for ILCA 6 Boys and ILCA 6 Girls**

**Youth World & European Championships for ILCA 4 Boys and ILCA 4 Girls**

The information within this policy is also relevant to any unrestricted entry events, where ILCA Ireland is required to rank a sailor. Selection for World Sailing events, representative squads orchestrated by Irish Sailing are conducted by Irish Sailing and not ILCA Ireland.

## **SAILOR ELIGIBILITY**

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

In order to meet this criteria, sailors shall be;

1. ILCA Ireland member prior to entering relevant ILCA Ireland ranking events.
2. Be a competent sailor and able to race in the conditions that may be experienced at Restricted Entry Events, and this must have been demonstrated to the satisfaction of ILCA Ireland.
3. If a member of more than one ILCA District, the sailor must inform ILCA Ireland in writing before the earliest event used for ranking purposes for a Restricted Entry Event that they intend to qualify as an ILCA Ireland sailor. A sailor may inform ILCA

Ireland in writing to the ILCA Ireland Honorary Secretary or ILCA Ireland Chair through the contact details available on the website.

## **RANKING PROCEDURE**

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

The ILCA Ireland National and Provincial championships (Connaught, Leinster, Munster and Ulster Championships) will constitute the events used to rank sailors. Ranking points will be allocated to the top 25 sailors in ILCA 7, ILCA 6 and ILCA 4, using a “High points,” scoring system. Any ILCA Ireland “End of Season” type event shall not therefore be considered for ranking purposes.

<b>Event position</b>	<b>Ranking Points Awarded</b>
1	25
2	24
3	23
4	22
5	21
6	20
7	19
8	18
9	17
10	16
11	15
12	14
13	13
14	12
15	11
16	10
17	9
18	8
19	7
20	6
21	5
22	4
23	3
24	2
25	1
26 or higher	0

For the ILCA Ireland National Championships, scores will be multiplied by 1.5 to reflect the increased number of races constituting a championship relative to the provincial

championships. Where sailors attend ranking events from other ILCA Districts, for the purposes of ranking their scores will be disregarded.

## **QUALIFYING SERIES**

A ranking ladder will be constructed from the scores achieved at the most recent ILCA Ireland National Championships, and four most recent provincial championships. A sailor's ranking score will be the sum of these scores, less their two worst scores. Where a sailor has three or more equal worst scores, the earlier events will be excluded. The sailor with the highest number of points will be placed first. In the event of a tie, the tie will be broken in the favour of the sailor with the highest number of firsts, or if necessary most seconds, etc. Where this fails to break the tie, the highest overall placing in the most recent National Championships will be deemed highest. Discretionary points will be treated as though they were actual overall placings earned at the event.

The ranking ladder will be rolling in that the events constituting the ladder will change each time a ranking event is completed. The ranking may as a result straddle results from two different calendar years.

A ranking ladder will be constructed for ILCA 7, ILCA 6 and ILCA 4 rigs, without regard to the sex/gender of the sailor. The ranking ladder will then be used to determine ranking priority for Restricted Entry Events. Where different age groups are competing within a single event ranking will be completed by age category. Ranking points will not be awarded to sailors who do not attend a ranking event, even in the event of entries totalling less than 25 sailors.

For the purposes of ranking sailors entering Restricted Entry Events, the ranking date will be stated in the event documentation produced by the organising authority for the initial close of applications and allocation of places. ILCA Ireland places shall, subject to the eligibility of the provisions of this policy, be allocated to ILCA Ireland sailors who have applied to enter the event according to their ranking order at the ranking date. ILCA Ireland will inform the organising authority of the allocation of the ILCA Ireland places for any Restricted Entry Event.

For Irish Sailing events in Ireland, the Ranking Ladder (if used) will be used at the end of the immediately preceding ILCA Ireland ranking event.

## **NUMBER OF PLACES AVAILABLE TO ILCA IRELAND SAILORS**

The total number of places available to ILCA Ireland sailors at Restricted Entry Events will typically be published on the event website. This may be before, during or after the relevant ranking events. Extra places may be offered to the ILCA Ireland by the organising authority depending upon those not taken up by other Districts. In the event these places are offered, ILCA Ireland will rank applications for these places in line with those places originally offered to ILCA Ireland.

## YOUTH EVENTS

Age categories will be determined in line with information published on the Restricted Entry Event website by the Organising Authority.

## DISCRETIONARY POINTS

Discretionary points may be awarded at the sole discretion of ILCA Ireland. Discretionary points shall not impact upon the results of the ranking events. Discretionary points will only be awarded in the event of one of the following criteria being met:

- **Olympic Games;** a sailor being selected to represent Ireland at the Olympic games will from the point of selection until the end of the final ILCA Ireland ranking event of that calendar year be assumed to top the ranking ladder.
- **National Teams;** a sailor being a member of the Performance Team of Irish Sailing or Performance Pathway whose attendance at a ranking event is inconsistent with their planned sailing programme (as agreed with their performance director or coach).
- **Sailors competing at restricted entry events;** a clash will result in average points at the discretion of ILCA Ireland. The duration of travel, acclimatisation and the nature of clash will be determined at the sole discretion of ILCA Ireland.

A request for discretionary points shall be made in writing to ILCA Ireland at least one week prior to the event for which discretionary points are sought by contacting ILCA Ireland Honorary Secretary or Chairperson via the contacts on the ILCA Ireland website. There shall be no presumption that discretionary points will be awarded even where the above criteria are met, nor is there an assumption that the above criteria are exhaustive. It is the opinion of ILCA Ireland that the use of multiple events to determine a ranking ladder should compensate for most issues arising from a clash of dates.

## SAILOR RESPONSIBILITY

Sailors are responsible for:

- Understanding dates and venues of ranking events
- Complying with the entry requirements of ILCA Ireland and Restricted Entry Events.
- Organising equipment at ILCA Ireland and/or charter equipment at Restricted Entry Events.

## APPEALS

Any queries should be directed to the ILCA Ireland Honorary Secretary or Chairperson via the email addresses available on the website. ILCA Ireland has exclusive jurisdiction over the allocation of ILCA Ireland sailors at places allocated to ILCA Ireland at Restricted Entry Events and the operation of the ranking ladder, including the award of discretionary points. Appeals

will only be heard at the discretion of ILCA Ireland. These matters are expressly excluded from the jurisdiction of any Protest committee or any other authority.

ILCA Ireland will review and revise this document at its sole discretion.

### **UNRANKED SAILORS**

Any sailor who is a member of ILCA Ireland may request a place at a Restricted Entry Event. Where they have not attended any ranking events ILCA Ireland may request a synopsis of their sailing in ILCA and other classes.

### **FURTHER INFORMATION**

Via [ILCA Ireland Website](#)