

Allocation of places for the 2026 IOM World Championship Datchet Water – Slough – United Kingdom

Taken from IOM Class Championship Regulations 2024

8. ENTRIES

- 8.1. The maximum number of boats for this IOM Championship shall be 84.
- 8.2. The initial closing date shall be 23rd November 2025.
- 8.3. The allocation of places shall take place within 14 days of the initial closing date.
- 8.4. Member NCAs (National Class Associations) should only send entry fees for those competitors gaining places allocated in Stage One.
- 8.5. Member NCAs shall send entry forms for their competitors entering in Stages Two, Three & Four only if they are prepared to guarantee payment of the entry fee for those competitors getting a place. Once a place is allocated payment is required whether that competitor races or not.

8.6. Stage One

- 8.6.1. No Member NCA shall have an allocation of more than **6 places**. The initial allocation of places shall be:
 - a. A personal place for the previous World champion for World Championships or previous Continental Champion for Continental Championships
 - b. A personal place for the previous Continental champions for World Championships. This is awarded to the highest place finisher representing the host continent. (Continental Member NCA – see Table 1)
 - (i) North America – 1 place.
 - (ii) South America – 1 place.
 - (iii) Asia – 1 place.
 - (iv) Oceania – 1 place.
 - (v) Europe – 3 places. Top finisher from the top 3 Continental Member NCA

These places shall not be counted in any Member NCA's total.

RSA (South Africa) can choose any one Continental Event at which to compete. Once chosen, such privileges no longer apply.

- c. For World Championships, two places to each Member NCA (one if number of certificated owners at previous AGM is 50 or below), or for Continental

Championships, two places to each Continental Member NCA and one place to each other Member NCA which has declared interest as in 8.2.

- d. Four additional places for the host NCA.
- e. For World and Continental Championships, the ESC (Event Sub Committee) may allocate guest places to competitors not represented by an NCA, to a maximum of 5.
- f. For World Championships, the remaining places shall be allocated to Member NCAs according to the finishing order of boats from the Member NCA in the previous World championship.

Zvonko Jelacic	ARG - 2	CAN - 2	GBR - 6	MLT - 1	RSA - 0
Brian Shores	AUS - 2	CHI - 2	GER - 2	NED - 2	SGP - 1
Martin Varo	AUT - 1	CHN - 1	HUN - 1	NOR - 2	SUI - 2
Chen Luningning	BAH - 1	CRO - 4	IRL - 2	NZL - 3	SWE - 2
Paul Jones	BAR - 1	DEN - 1	ISR - 0	PAN - 1	THA - 2
Robert Matulja	BEL - 2	ESP - 2	ITA - 2	POL - 1	TUR - 2
Jan Springer	BER - 1	FIN - 1	JPN - 1	POR - 2	USA - 3
Robert Walsh	BRA - 2	FRA - 5	MAS - 2	PUR - 1	GUEST - 5
					Total 84

NB: ISR & RSA not in good standing with IOMICA have lost spots.

8.7. Stage Two

8.7.1. No Member NCA shall have an allocation of more than **8 places**.

- a. For World Championships, if there are still places after the initial allocation, any available places shall be allocated to Member NCAs that have sent in applications for additional places before the closing date, using the finishing order of boats from the Member NCAs in the previous World championship.

1.CRO	9.AUS	17.AUS	25.GBR	33.NZL	41.CHI
2.NZL	10.CHI	18.AUS	26.DEN	34.BRA	42.BRA
3.FRA	11.CRO	19.ESP	27.USA	35.NZL	43.CAN
4.FRA	12.AUS	20.NZL	28.IRL	36.SWE	44.ESP
5.USA	13.AUS	21.NZL	29.ESP	37.SGP	45.MAS
6.FRA	14.USA	22.NOR	30.CRO	38.BER	46.BRA
7.CRO	15.USA	23.ITA	31.SWE	39.ARG	47.CHI
8.USA	16.AUS	24.GBR	32.ARG	40.CHN	48.CHI

8.7.2 Then, if there are still places available,

- a. For World Championships, those Member NCAs still requiring places shall be listed in a list.

- (i) In order of their highest finishing place in the previous World championship, followed by
- (ii) For those not in previous World Championship, in reverse numerical order of their World Council voting entitlement, where those with the same number of votes shall be split by drawing lots.
- (iii) NCAs which were not represented at the previous championship and have asked for additional places should be added to this list in the reverse numerical order of their World Council voting entitlement.

1. CRO	5. AUS	9. ITA	13. SWE	17. BER
2. NZL	6. CHI	10. GBR	14. ARG	18. CHN
3. FRA	7. ESP	11. DEN	15. BRA	19. CAN
4. USA	8. NOR	12. IRL	16. SGP	20. MAS
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*NCAs which were not represented on previous championship and have asked for additional places should be added to this list in the reverse numerical order of their World Council voting entitlement

- 8.7.4 Then, if there are still places available:
 - a. For World Championships, places shall then be allocated one per Member NCA going down the List repeatedly until each Member NCA reaches the Stage Two maximum allocation, or has the places applied for if less.
- 8.8. Stage Three
 - 8.8.1 If there are still places available,
 - a. For World Championships, the ESC may allocate guest places to competitors pursuant to rule 7.3, to a maximum of 6, where no more than 1 place shall be allocated to any one country.
 - 8.8.2 Then, if there are still places available,
 - a. For World Championships, there shall be no restriction on the maximum number of places for any Member NCA. Places shall be allocated one per Member NCA to those Member NCAs still wanting them, using the List. If any Member NCA has requested places after the initial closing date, they should be added at this stage.
- 8.9. Stage Four
 - 8.9.1 If at any stage the maximum number of entrants is achieved the Organising Authority shall notify at least the next five persons on the list, informing them that they are a reserve should anyone drop out. If places become available immediately prior to the start of an event, the Organising Authority may make up the numbers to the entry limit, by informing the reserves and then continuing the allocation of places from the list.