



## Selection Regulations 2024

### 1. Introduction / Purpose

The European, World and other Continental Championships (EC, WC, NAM etc.) generally take place each year under the aegis of the International Optimist Dinghy Association (IODA), of which Swiss Optimist is a member. To designate the participants in these championships, the national federations (in this case Swiss Optimist) must define their own selection procedure. This is the purpose of the present regulation.

### 2. IODA Regulations

#### 2.1 Principle

The IODA regulations in force at the relevant time apply.  
Most prescriptions can be found in the IODA-Handbook.

#### 2.2 \*Number of participants in the World Championship

Each Country has the right to send five participants to the WC, regardless of their gender, because the classification at the WC is common to boys and girls.

#### 2.3 \*Number of participants in the World Championship

Each European Country has the right to send seven participants to the EC, but a maximum of four of the same gender. At the EC the classification of boys and girls is separate. Whoever takes part in the WC does not have the right to take part in the EC in the same year, except the European Champion of the previous year who can defend his title.

#### 2.4 \*The number of participants in the NAM is fixed according to the IODA criteria, respectively according to the number of places made available by the organizer.

#### 2.5 Accompanying adults

Each national team must be led by a team leader. Two additional accompanying persons are admitted. As a general rule, the team is accompanied by a coach and a "Country Representative". During the world championships, the latter takes part in the General Assembly of the IODA

### 3. Selection Procedure

#### 3.1 Selection

The selection of sailors, who can take part in the WC or EC, is made on the basis of the results obtained during two selection regattas chosen by the Swiss Optimist central Committee.

#### 3.2 Exception

If a sailor, for a major reason (e.g. health problem), is prevented from participating to one of the selection regattas, the Committee may exceptionally authorize him to participate in a replacement regatta chosen by the Committee.

#### 3.3 Selection period

The selection period begins with the first PM regatta of the season and ends once the last PM regatta and both selection regattas have taken place.

### 3.4 Calculation

The way to calculate the total selection points is defined in point 5 below.

### 3.5 Validity of the Regattas

The decision relating to the validity of a selection regatta or a particular race belongs exclusively to the organizing committee of the regatta concerned, respectively to the jury on site. It is up to the participants, or their representatives, to address any complaints to the regatta organization or to the jury. Official legal options (appeals etc.) remain open with regard to selection. The Swiss Optimist Committee does not make any decision on the validity of regattas or races for selection after the event.

## 4. Registration

4.1 Principle: sailors willing to participate in the selection must register through the official channel defined by the committee.

4.2 Preliminary conditions :

Sailors must meet the following prerequisites in order to register and be eligible for selection:

- I. Register for the selection and pay the fee on time.
- II. Be Swiss Citizen, or
  - Foreign National with a residence permit (C permit), or
  - Foreign National with a residence permit (permit B), having his domicile in Switzerland for at least two years at the time of registration and whose residence permit is valid at least until the end of the Championship considered.

The proportion of participants without Swiss nationality ("Bona Fide") cannot exceed 50% for a CM or CE, and IODA may request proof when registering for the world or continental championship. A sailor who has already participated in a World or Continental Championship for another country in Optimist will in principle be refused by IODA.

- III. Be an active member of a club affiliated with Swiss Sailing
- IV. Be a member of Swiss Optimist.
- V. Be at least 11 years old in the year of the Championship in question  
Participating at 11 will be possible only if the selection regattas allow him to sail with those older than 11 years.
- VI. Not be over 15 years old on December 31st of the year in which the Championship begins. Whoever is entitled to start the Championship can also finish it.
- VII. The Committee can make participation to other regattas compulsory (e.g. Team Race).
- VIII. The Sailors commit to pay, if selected, the participation fee estimated by Swiss Optimist Committee by the opening of the registrations.

## 5. Calculation of the Selection Ranking

5.1 Purpose

The calculation of the selection points must be carried out in such a way that it results in an evaluation of the performance of each participant under conditions close to those of the EC and the WC.

5.2 Principle

The selection ranking is established on the basis of the average of the rankings of two regattas calculated in percentiles, weighted by the number of rounds.

### 5.3 Ranking

- I. Percentile: The rank obtained by each participant in a regatta is divided by the total number of sailors who actually participated in the regatta in order to obtain the participant's percentile for a given regatta.
- II. Weighted percentile: Each percentile is then multiplied by the number of validated races of the regatta. This gives the weighted percentile.
- III. If there is a difference in the number of rounds races, the reference will be the number of rounds races in the gold fleet.
- IV. Weighted average percentiles: The weighted percentiles of the two regattas are added for each participant and divided by the number of races.
- V. Final ranking: The selection ranking is established in the order of the weighted average percentiles, from lowest to highest.
- VI. Will be ranked at the end of the Selection Period the first 30 sailors of the Swiss Championship by Points who are registered for the selection. The Committee reserves the right to authorize the participation of sailors ranked beyond 30 for medical reasons or in the event of insufficient gender representation.

## 6. Selection

- 6.1 At the end of the selection procedure, the Committee makes a final decision of selection or non-selection. The decision is communicated by email to all candidates.
- 6.2 \*WC: The first 5 in the final ranking of the selection participate in principle to the WC. If one or more of those selected refuse to participate, those following in the ranking replace them in order.
- 6.3 \*EC: The 6th to 12th in the final selection ranking participate in principle to the EC. If one or more of those selected refuse to participate, those following in the ranking replace them in order. If the ratio of 4:3 is not established spontaneously, the competitors in ranks 13 to 30 belonging to the least represented gender are selected, until the quorum of 3 participants of this gender is reached. If no World Championship takes place, ranks 1-7 are eligible to participate.
- 6.4 Sailors participate in principle to the event for which they have been selected; withdrawal from participation in the World Championship does not entitle them to participation in the European Championship or another IODA Continental Championship.

If the World Championships take place after September 30 (typically southern hemisphere), a sailor in his final year of Optimist can request to participate to the European Championship instead. In this case he exchanges places with the next sailor of the same gender who was selected for the European Championships. The request must arrive within 7 days after the announcement of the selection.

- 6.5 Selected Sailors will commit in writing to fulfill all the specific conditions for participation in the Championship which will be set by the Swiss Optimist Committee (e.g. wearing clothes, anti-doping program, no access to parents, etc.)

## 7. Costs

- 7.1 The total costs of the Swiss team's participation in a EC or WC are generally between CHF 20'000.- and CHF 50'000. In principle, these costs must be borne by the participants, respectively their parents. Swiss Optimist strives to reduce costs for participants through sponsor

contributions. However, in all cases you have to consider participation costs of several thousand francs per sailor.

#### 7.2 Fixed contribution or real costs

The committee can request a fixed cost or an advance on costs and then the balance after the event. In both cases an estimate will be communicated at the time of registration, and will be confirmed at the time of selection.

7.3 The payment deadline for participants' contributions is set by the Cashier. Timely payment is a condition of participation.

### 8. Final provisions

8.1 The Committee decides definitively whether or not a Swiss Optimist delegation participates to the European, NAM or World Championships.

8.2 The Swiss Optimist Committee reserves the right to interpret the regulations and issue additional rules if necessary. If circumstances require it, the Committee may introduce quotas limiting the number of sailors admitted to selection. These limitations must be communicated before registration for the selection opens.

8.3 These regulations replace all previous selection regulations.

8.4 In case of conflict, the German version of these regulations prevail.

8.5 These regulations will be applied first for the Selections in the season 2024-25.

(Articles marked with \* may be adapted without decision of the General Assembly according to IODA guidelines.)

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**Appendix 1: Table of abbreviations**

CE European Championship

WC World Championship

IODA International Optimist Dinghy Association

**Appendix 2 : Calculation example**

Riva: 600 sailors who actually participated, 10 races

Workum: 300 sailors who actually participated, 12 races

Sailor 1: 60. Riva and 60. Workum

Sailor 2: 30. Riva and 30. Workum

Percentile calculation:

Riva

$$\text{Sailor 1} = 60 / 600 = 10 \%$$

$$\text{Sailor 2} = 30 / 600 = 5 \%$$

Workum

$$\text{Sailor 1} = 60 / 300 = 20 \%$$

$$\text{Sailor 2} = 30 / 300 = 10 \%$$

Weigthed percentiles

Riva

$$\text{Sailor 1} = 10 \% * 10 = 100$$

$$\text{Sailor 2} = 5 \% * 10 = 50$$

Workum

$$\text{Sailor 1} = 20 \% * 12 = 240$$

$$\text{Sailor 2} = 10 \% * 12 = 120$$

Average of weighted percentiles

$$\text{Sailor 1} = (100 + 240) / 22 = 15.45 \%$$

$$\text{Sailor 2} = (50 + 120) / 22 = 7.72 \%$$

Final ranking

1 = Sailor 2

2 = Sailor 1