

Regulation Swiss Sailing Youth Classes

The objective of the document:

This document should enable SwS to eventually recognise a new youth class according to precise and objective criteria. This will allow SwS to remain alert to the emergence of new classes for the hopefuls to build the future of the sailing sport. This document could also allow SwS to remove one of the current classes from its class structure if it lacks dynamism and no longer meets some of the criteria for recognition.

The SwS still considers it essential to concentrate resources on a defined number of youth classes but simultaneously wants to remain open to the evolution of the different disciplines.

Division of age groups and recognised classes:

Youth classes are divided into U21/25, U19 and U15. The year of birth is taken into account for the age calculation.

U21/25 classes are Olympic classes with youth activities (the youth age limit is defined directly by the class rules). According to Swiss Sailing Team selection criteria, they are supported in the T4 bracket of the FTEM system.

U19 Classes, are the youth classes with athletes under the age of 19, recognized by World Sailing in the Youth Sailing World Championship. According to Swiss Sailing Team selection criteria, they are supported in the T2-T3 bracket of the FTEM system.

U15 classes are classes with athletes under 15 years of age that are preparatory to the U19 activity and recognised as a youth class of interest in the F1-T1 bracket of the FTEM system.

In addition to the classes already present, SwS may accept and recognise other classes of strong national interest in the U21/25-U19-U15 age groups if they meet the following criteria.

Limited to the preparation time, the classes selected at the youth Olympic Games, could be recognized as youth classes

Criteria for the Recognition of Additional Classes:

All of the following criteria must be met for a class to be recognised by Swiss Sailing as a youth class:

1. Recognition as Swiss Sailing Class:

The class must be recognised as a Swiss class association according to the criteria defined by Swiss Sailing.

2. Youth Classes:

This association must meet the following conditions:

- the association's committee must defend a youth policy that is in harmony with that of the SwS (see document: "LEITBILD LIGNES DIRECTRICES SwS").
- Designate a member of their committee to represent the class in SwS. This member shall collaborate with the Swiss Sailing Youth Responsible in the following areas:
 - Definition of a programme to promote the training and development of young sailors and racers in the class.
 - Definition of selection regulations for the European and World Class Championships.
 - Talent search and information exchange between the class association and SST.
 - Announcement to SwS of the location and dates of a Swiss Class Championship, by 30 September of the year preceding the Championship.
 - Announcement of the dates of the Swiss Points Championship in synergy with the pre-defined events of the SwS and SST
 - Participation in the annual meeting between the SwS and the classes.

3. Swiss-wide distribution:

The total number of members, registered with the Swiss association, must be at least 30 members distributed in at least 4 Swiss Sailing regions (region 9 is excluded) with at least 8 members per region

4. International distribution:

- -Youth Olympic Classes
- -Class recognised by World Sailing at the YSWC
- -Class recognised by the national federations of 5 European countries, including at least 2 countries bordering Switzerland (excluding Liechtenstein).

5. Programme and regattas

- Organisation of a regatta programme in Switzerland following the requirements of the Swiss Sailing regulations for class associations (Class A). Establishment of an annual "Swiss Points Championship" with a separate ranking for juniors, which must include at least 15 classified junior sailors/teams,
- Participation of Swiss junior sailors/teams in competitions abroad according to the following criteria
- Cumulative participation during the season of at least 10 riders/crew (which may be the same) who have taken part in
- at least three regattas organised in at least three European countries,
- -Cumulative participation over the season of 2 sailors/crew in the ISAF World Junior Championship, the World Junior Championship, the European Championship or the European Championship.
- World Junior Championship, European Championship or Junior European Championship



Application for Recognition

A class association applying for official recognition of its class as a youth class by SwS must apply in writing to SwS. The Executive Committee of Swiss Sailing is responsible for verifying and accepting the association as a youth class.

The application must be accompanied by documentation showing that the criteria for recognition are met or an explanation that any of the criteria cannot be met. An application received by the SwS after 30 September (or whose supporting documents have not been delivered by that date) may not be considered for recognition in the following year.

Exceptions:

SwS may exceptionally recognise an association as an official youth class, even if any one of the criteria is not fully met. The class association must undertake to meet all criteria two years after recognition unless the class association proves that it cannot meet certain criteria.

The SwS may revoke the recognition of a youth class if one or more of the above criteria are no longer met within a period of two years.

Revocation of recognition can only be decided after a meeting with the SwS Youth Responsible and the designed member of the class association.

The loss of the A-class recognition by Swiss Sailing will result in the immediate withdrawal of the recognition by the SSJ.

This document is integrated into the concept of promotion of the youth.

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