

2024 WORLD UNIVERSITY CHAMPIONSHIPS
Desenzano del Garda, Italy, 6 – 10 June 2024

ATHLETE EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

UniSport is now seeking expressions of interest from skippers and crew for the 2024 FISU World University Championship Sailing (Fleet Racing) being held in Desenzano del Garda, Italy from 6-10 June.

Participation in the World University Championship Sailing (Fleet Racing) is self-funded. The participation fee including participation fees, technical fees, accreditation, boat hire costs (including liability insurance), accommodation and meals, ground transport, dress uniforms and will be approximately \$3000 (this does not include flights to Italy).

1. Eligibility

All athletes must:

- a) Be an Australian passport holder
- b) Be born between January 1st 1999 and December 31st 2006
- c) Be currently enrolled and proceeding towards a diploma or higher at a high education institution recognised by the appropriate national academic authority; or former students of the institutions mentioned above who have graduated in the year preceding the event.

2. Conditions

- a) All skippers must have a WS Sailor ID.
- b) All competitors must be a member of a club affiliated with Australian Sailing.
- c) All competitors must have an active Australian Sailing number.
- d) All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of World Sailing regulation 19.4
- e) The registered skipper shall helm the boat at all times while racing, except in an emergency.

3. Entry

- a) The number of crew members on board must remain the same throughout the competition.
- b) Crews shall consist of four (4) to six (6) persons in a gender-equal configuration (in the case of five people crew at most three people of the same gender)
- c) The weight of the crew is limited to 400kg maximum
- d) All registered crew shall sail all races
- e) Except in the case of the CISCA decision in conjunction with the International Jury (IJ), the skipper and the crew cannot be replaced during the championship
- f) Prior to the selection of teams, the organising authority and the FISU Technical Delegate shall fix the number of participating teams. Priority shall be given to the entry of one (1) crew per country. This first list shall be validated by the OA and the World Sailing and FISU TDs three (3) months before the event. Then, the remaining places shall be given according to the date of payment of the 50% deposit to the OA. Additional entries (not more than 3 crews per nation) will be at the sole discretion of FISU and the OA.
- g) At the first General Technical Meeting, the Head of the Delegation or his/ her representative shall confirm and sign the official list of the competitors accredited by the CIC.

4. Qualifying Series and Final Series

The event will consist of a qualifying series and a final series.

Qualifying stage: depending on the number of entries, teams will be separated into groups. The final stage will be composed of Silver and Gold Groups. The OA may change the format, terminate or eliminate any round when conditions do not permit the completion of the intended format.

5. Boats and Sails

- a) Type of boats: eight Dolphin 81 type boats will be provided for the University World Championship.



- b) The following sails will be provided for each boat: mainsail, genoa, jib and gennaker.
- c) Boats will be allocated by draw, either daily or for each round as decided by the Race Committee.
- d) While racing, competitors shall be required to wear bibs displaying their national flag on the back (this changes RRS G1.1). These bibs will be provided by the OA. They will be worn outside of all other clothing.
- e) Personal flotation devices will be provided by the OA. However, competitors may wear their own floatation device (at least to standard level 50S – PFD Type 3).
- f) A basic tool kit including personal hand tools is allowed on board (adhesive tape, rubber bands, rope, pennant material, watch, stopwatch, compass, shackles, Velcro, bosun chair, or harness, winch handle, spare blocks)
- g) The race committee shall determine the sail configuration to be used.
- h) A GPS beacon will be provided by the organising authority
- i) Use of boats, authorized equipment and request for redress: every effort is made to provide identical boats. Alleged differences shall not be grounds for a request for redress (this modifies RRS62).

The Sailing Instructions and Notice of Race will be provided to teams following selection and confirmation of eligibility.

6. Selection

UniSport Australia as the national university sports federation and member of FISU has the authority to enter a maximum of three teams. UniSport will work with Australian Sailing to finalise the selection and nomination of teams. UniSport reserves the right to determine if and how many teams will be selected.

All selection decisions will be made on the basis of potential international success at the World University Championship Sailing (Fleet Racing) as the primary basis for selection.

Skippers and athletes applying for selection for the Match Racing team will be selected in order of the following criteria:

- a) Performances in previous and recent international fleet racing events
- b) Performances in previous and recent Australian fleet racing events
- c) Potential to compete at international level and be capable of progressing to the finals at this event

These guidelines are stated allowing applicants to be considered for selection. They do not in any way guarantee that an individual or crew will be selected. Selections will be approved by Australian Sailing.

The above information must be read in conjunction with the [Selection of High Performance Teams Guideline - UniRoos](#)

To express interest in selection, please complete the [EOI form](#) by Wednesday 28 February 2024

Useful Links:

How to get or search for your World Sailing ID: <https://www.sailing.org/sailors/world-sailing-profile/>

Australian Sailing number finder - <https://www.sailing.org.au/member-finder/>

[World Sailing Eligibility Regulation 19.4](#)