



BFA Qualification Process for IFA Championship Events

The IFA have indicated that the Open European Championship and the Finn Gold Cup, may, in the future, accept sufficient entries to enable single fleet racing. This is likely, but yet to be confirmed, to mean fleets of 120 or fewer. Consequently, the BFA requires a process in place to enable sailors to qualify to attend these events. The IFA has not yet issued a 'country quota' based on the number of members in each country. Estimates for the UK are between 3 and 6 places.

Qualification:

The BFA will run a qualification process in the year prior to the IFA events. i.e., The 2026 qualification series will qualify sailors for 2027 events.

The qualification events will typically include 3 of the following:

- British Finn National Championships
- British Finn Masters Championship (open to all age groups)
- Scottish Finn National Championships
- British Finn Inland Championships
- British Finn Northern Championships
- British Finn Southern Championships
- Warsash end of season Open Meeting

For 2026 the 3 events will be:

- British Finn National Championships
- British Finn Masters Championship (open to all age groups)
- British Finn Inland Championships

Results for qualifications will be based on:

- A high-scoring system is to be used
- A competitor's 3 scores will be calculated - this will include "zeros" where a competitor has not competed at the event
- 3 races must be completed for the event to count towards qualification
- A minimum of 1 event being satisfactorily completed will be required to produce a qualifying ranking
- If no qualifying events are completed, the BFA Committee will nominate sailors to attend IFA events
- A ranking based on these qualifying events will be maintained throughout the season
- This will run separately from the Silver Finn series
- In the event of a clash with an IFA event (GC or Open Europeans only), which is attended by a member participating in the qualification, they will be awarded average points, at the end of the series, for the event they are unable to attend
- The winner of the British National Championships will automatically be offered a place for IFA events (GC or Open Europeans) the following season

Following the completion of the qualification series, qualifying BFA members will be required to confirm their intention to attend a nominated IFA championship for the forthcoming year, by the end of November.

If places are not taken up by members in the qualification places by this date, then the place will be offered to the next member in the qualification ranking until all places are filled.

Should a qualified sailor, who has indicated their intention to attend an IFA event, fail to attend that event without a satisfactory reason, this may jeopardise their qualification for future events.

Each season, the qualification events/process/scoring etc will be reviewed by the BFA committee at the Autumn BFA committee meeting and modified if deemed to be beneficial.

Scoring system:

- For each event, members will be awarded points based on their finishing position (if you win a fleet of 35 = 35 points or 1 point if you finish last etc.)
- This scoring system automatically rewards success at larger events

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