



2027 BFA Qualification Process For IFA Championship Events in 2028

The IFA have confirmed that the Open European Championship and the Finn Gold Cup may accept only sufficient entries to enable single fleet racing (circa 120 boats).

Consequently, the BFA requires a process in place to enable sailors to qualify to attend these events. We anticipate approximately 8 UK places for the GC in Weymouth & Portland in 2028 plus a few more discretionary places.

At least one additional place will be made available to U29 sailors.

Some further places for UK sailors may be available if the event is not fully subscribed.

Please see attached the current IFA quota document.

Qualification:

The BFA will run a qualification process in the year prior to the IFA events. I.e. The 2027 qualification series will qualify sailors for 2028 events.

The 2027 qualification events will include the following:

- British Finn National Championships – Thorpe Bay – 16-18 July 2027
- British Finn Masters Championship (open to all age groups) – Hayling Island – 26-27 June 2027
- British Finn Inland Championships – 11-12 September 2027
- Warsash end of season Open Meeting – 2-3 October 2027

Results for qualifications will be based on:

- A high-scoring system is to be used
- One discard will be available if all 4 events are sailed
- The UK Nationals & UK Masters Nationals are not discardable
- A competitors 3 best 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
- Should any of the 4 events be cancelled the remaining completed events will all be counted
- 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 to 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 can apply for average points, at the end of the series, for the event they are unable to attend. This will be considered by the BFA.
- 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/selection 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 your 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
- In the event of a tie the result at the final event completed will determine the qualifying positions
- If non-UK sailors attend events they will not be included in the final Qualification ranking but UK sailor's results will be scored as they finished overall in any such events

BFA Committee

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