

Notice to all New Zealand OK Dinghy sailors:

Yachting New Zealand has confirmed that the following criteria will apply to:

- the allocation of available entries to New Zealanders; and
- the selection of official New Zealand Representatives,

at OK Dinghy World Championships from now on. This includes the upcoming 2010 OK Dinghy World Championships to be held in February of this year in Wellington.

1. ALLOCATED ENTRIES

The available entries allocated to New Zealand for a particular OK Dinghy World Championship by OKDIA (the OK Dinghy International Association) will be awarded as follows:

(a) The first 50% of those entries will be allocated to the highest placed New Zealand competitors in the last New Zealand OK Dinghy National Championships held prior to that OK Dinghy World Championship. For example, if 10 entries in a particular OK Dinghy World Championship are allocated to New Zealand by OKDIA, then the top 5 finishing New Zealanders in the relevant New Zealand OK Dinghy National Championships will earn the first 5 of those entries.

(b) The remaining 50% of those entries will be awarded to the highest ranked New Zealanders on the NZ Ranking List (not including those already selected on the basis of (a) above) following the completion of the last Ranking Regatta (as defined in (c) below) completed immediately prior to the relevant OK Dinghy World Championship.

(c) The New Zealand Ranking List will be calculated as follows:

- Included are those regattas in any given season that are agreed by NZOKDA (the New Zealand OK Dinghy Association Inc.), prior to that season, to be designated as Ranking Regattas. The New Zealand OK Dinghy National Championship must always be a Ranking Regatta.
- For each Ranking Regatta, every entrant who starts at least one race will be awarded 10 Ranking Points, last place in that Ranking Regatta will be awarded 1 additional Ranking Point, and so on through to first place who will receive the number of additional Ranking Points that is equal to the number of competitors in that Ranking Regatta.
- For the New Zealand OK Dinghy National Championship only, double the normal number of Ranking Points will be earned by each competitor.

2. OFFICIAL NEW ZEALAND REPRESENTATIVE STATUS

For a competitor to earn official New Zealand Representative Status in respect of a particular OK Dinghy World Championship, and be entitled to be issued with a silver fern by Yachting New Zealand, that competitor must finish in the top 33% of all New Zealanders competing in the last New Zealand OK Dinghy Nationals held prior to the relevant OK Dinghy World Championship, and must enter that OK Dinghy World Championship.

3. CLARIFICATION

Competitors who earn one of New Zealand's allocated entries in an OK Dinghy World Championship under the criteria set out in paragraph 1 above, but who do not earn official New Zealand Representative Status under the criteria set out in paragraph 2 above, will represent NZOKDA in that World Championship, but will not be recognised as official New Zealand Representatives by Yachting New Zealand.

These criteria will be posted on the event board at this year's New Zealand National Championship, and may also appear on the event website.

Kind regards,
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