

# Calculation of prequalified spots for European Championships:

## **Total number of prequalified spots:**

For European Championships, sailed with Hobie Cat Co. supplied sails, the total number of prequalified spots is a matter of negotiation between European Hobie Class Association (EHCA) and Hobie Cat Europe (HCE) – preferably between sixty (60) and seventy (70).

## **Basic Spots:**

Each Nation in good standing is entitled to one (1) spot.

## **Additional Basic Spots:**

Additional twenty (20) spots as per decision of the EHCA Executive Committee will be distributed among the Nations.

The number of Additional Basic Spots per Nation is based on each Nation's number of sailors/teams on their ranking list or at the Nationals previous year. The number is calculated as follows:

Total no. of Additional Basic Spots divided by the total no. of sailors/teams on all ranking/Nationals lists and multiplied with the no. of sailors/teams on the Nations list (maximum 150).

*NOTE: maximum 10 spots per Nation*

It is the duty of each Nation to distribute their spots.

## **Individual spots:**

1. The host nation is entitled to 1 additional spot.
2. Past Champion is entitled to 1 spot.
3. No. of Wild cards – subject to decision of the Executive Committee – preferable around 3.
4. Masters are entitled to 1 spot provided there are a minimum of 12 entries in the Master discipline.
5. Women are entitled to 1 spot provided there are a minimum of 8 entries in the Women discipline.
6. Youth are entitled to have a min. of 1 and a max. of 15 spots – based on 30 % of no. of the non-prequalified entries in the Youth discipline.

## **Open spots:**

The no. of open spots for the qualifying races is calculated as follows:

The total number of prequalified spots  
Minus the Basic Spots  
Minus the Additional Basic Spots  
Minus Individual Spots

## **Deadline:**

Each National Hobie Class Association is obliged to report the names of prequalified teams to the EHCA not less than 30 days in advance of the Championship in question.

In case a National event is taking place within the last 30 days prior to the Championship in question and the result hereof influence the decision of who is given a prequalified spot, the National Hobie Class Association must contact the EHCA Executives for a postponement of the report.

**Wild cards:** (subject to decision of the Executive Committee)

A Wild card may be granted a non-Hobie sailor who did not qualify through one of the above mentioned items but whose participation would be an important asset for the class and its sailors.

A Wild card may be granted a sailor whose work and commitment for Hobie sailing/racing constitutes an important asset for the class and its sailors and who was not able to qualify through above mentioned items.

If a sailor does not want to use a prequalified spot, that sailor should not be given a wild card – unless under special circumstances – unanimous decision by the Executive Committee is needed.