

CHANGE PROPOSAL – CHAMPIONSHIP CONDITIONS		Reference: 26-ME 01
“Optimist World Championship” A Proposal from “Chinese Taipei Sailing Association”		
Purpose or objective:		
To offer one additional place for a girl in addition to the top 5 boy sailor entries at the World Championship. This proposal will not require the NCA to constitute a team with a mandatory gender, but is promotional, that if they like, at the World Championship, offer one additional place on the team for a girl outside of the top 5 boys of their nation. In this case the team entry would be 6 sailors.		
Proposal:		
Amend Condition 8		
	ENTRY Subject to Condition 9 below, each NCA as defined in Article 3 (a) may enter up to five sailors of any gender. One (1) additional spot for a girl sailor is permitted other than the 5 entries per team in the case those 5 are all boys. Entries for a World Championship shall only be open to IODA Member countries who have paid their subscription on or before the arrival day	
Current position		
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Reason		
1.	For the consistency of the gender policy between Continental Championship and World Championship, there is a need for the reason of promoting girls into World Championship level. Even though some may not beat the top 5 boys in their nations, but they still be of the level of Gold fleet and can compete with boys from other nations. The demanding of logistic and resource for the additional place will be likely only 50 more entries to the World Championship. During past years. The number of entries to World Championship was around 220-280 with around 50 – 70 NCAs. This option for girls will not be a big burden to the host country. Ideally in the future we may have 50:50 gender balance overall as the 5 +1 will be even chance to all nations.	