

# Belgian Snipes selection criteria

Snipe World championship 2024, Buenos Aires ARG, Oct 24- Nov 2, 2024.

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All Belgian sailors wishing to compete at Snipe World Championships must qualify and be selected by the Belgian Snipe Class. Sailors may qualify to apply by earning qualification points based on the formula outlined below.

# KEY DATES/DEADLINES

MAI 24 2024: Publication of the final Belgian selection ranking (6 months prior) MAI 24 2024: Initial registration period (6 months prior) (i) AUG 24 2024: Deadline for first entry round, Initial Registration period (3 months prior to the official start of the Championship). Note: Payment must be made at registration. (i) SEPT 01 204: Opening of lost allocation, posted on SCIRA website (3 months prior less 1 week) SEPT 29 204: Unfilled reallocation entries lost (8 weeks prior) (i) NOV 10 2024: Close of entries (2 weeks prior) (i) NOV 24 2024: The championship starts

(i) Note: The dates mentioned are best estimates at the time of publication. Actual dates will be found in the NOR of the championship.

# ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

In order to qualify for the Worlds the sailor must:

- Have Belgian nationality or be domiciled in Belgium.
- Be a member of the Belgian Snipe Class.
- Be a member of a Belgian sailing club associated with a federation of Belgian Sailing.
- You must hold a sailing license issued by the WWSV or FFYB.
- Sail with a Belgian sailing number.
- Minimum criteria of qualification: the skipper ranks top 50 % finish at National Championship. Note: This is more a guideline rather than a rule. -To ensure teams can compete at a high level.
- Approval of the National secretary.

## QUALIFICATION CRITERIA

#### The first Belgian at the Belgian nationals

The first Belgian at the Belgian nationals also wins a selection place for the Worlds. When a (/or more) non-Belgian(s) rank better, it shifts to the first Belgian skipper. If the Belgian champion does not take his place, the place does not pass on the next Belgian skipper of the Belgian championship and we follow the selection ranking.

#### The selection ranking, the total of the series

The skipper with the lowest qualifying points will be considered for the Belgian skippers at the World Championship. A low points ranking is based on the on the lowest combined total points. The total is based on the skipper finishings positions from the indicated qualifying regattas (below).

(a) When fewer than 11 races have been completed, a skipper's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) For every 5 races after that, there will be 1 discard race.

From " " number of races	Number of discards
11	1
16	2
21	3

(c) In the case of series ties, cf. Article A8 of Appendix A Scoring (RRS).

#### Number of selected skippers

In the first entry round, 4 Belgian skippers are allowed to register. If a skipper refrains from registering, the place will be offered to the next skipper in the ranking until we reach the maximum number of registrations for the first round.

#### Unfilled reallocation entries lost

In the event that the total entrants of the Worlds do not meet a total of 80 boats. Unfilled entries account will also be allocated according to the ranking.

## QUALIFYING REGATTAS

We use the Belgian ranking which consists of five regattas. Whenever a race from the following year is sailed, the previous year's results are dropped from the ranking. When a race is not sailed, the results of the previous edition are also dropped from the ranking.

6 months prior to the championship, we draw up the final ranking. The regattas, and their indicative period where they will take place:

- Antwerp Sustainability cup, March
- Spring cup, April
- Copper cup, April/May
- Belgian Nationals, September
- MarlinSpike Rum Cup, October/November //Only the fleet races count, not the final races

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