

AIODA Class Rules

1. Age: The Optimist can be sailed up until the end (Dec 31) of the calendar year in which the sailor turns 15 years. Calendar year is Jan 1 to Dec 31.
2. Membership: Sailors need to be current financial members of an Australian State Optimist Association to compete in the Australian National Championship or International Championships. Green Fleet membership (or other state membership levels less than full members) allows competition in Green Fleet only.
3. Boat Ownership: Sailors nominated by AIODA to represent Australia in any international championship (IODA World, Continental, Regional or Teams Racing Championships) must be a registered boat owner within 30 days of accepting this nomination. The same rule applies for acceptance of AOST nomination.
4. Selection:
 - a. World Championships, 1-5 at Australian Nationals. If not all places are accepted, then the next highest placed sailor will be offered the place until all places are filled. AIODA will select a team coach and make a contribution to the coaching costs at the world Championships. Each sailor accepting a place will pay their portion of the remaining coaching costs. Each sailor accepting a worlds place must become a member of the AOST.
 - b. AOST, placed 1-15 at Australian Nationals. If not all places are accepted, then the next highest placed sailor will be offered the place until all places are filled. AOST membership requires attendance at AIR and one international event.
 - c. Continental Championships, attendance at Australian Nationals, number of competitors based on event and country allowance. Ultimate selection discretion AIODA Committee
 - d. Bermuda Cup, the highest placed sailor at the Australian Nationals who is continuing on in the class next season.

All selections are subject to parent and sailor commitment to the events, execution of the relevant deeds of release and indemnity and code of behaviour form (if not already signed), and confirmation of the AIODA committee, who have ultimate discretion on selection.