



Temporary ILCA Australia Ranking Policy Change for 2028 ILCA Worlds

ILCA Australia is implementing a **one-off exception** to its standard World Championships Ranking Policy. This ensures that top Australian Sailing (AS) team members competing in the upcoming Olympic qualification events are not penalized for missing the domestic selection event.

Background & Rationale

- **The 2027 Olympic Qualification:** World Sailing is hosting the 2027 World Championships in Fortaleza, Brazil (January 12–23, 2027), where 16 of 43 Olympic places are up for grabs.
- **Team Preparation:** Australian Sailing is sending maximum squads to Fortaleza and will compete in the Brazilian National Championship (January 4–10) right before.
- **The Conflict:** Because of these overlapping dates, top Australian sailors cannot compete in the 2027 Australian Open & Youth Championships in Sandringham which is the ranking event for 2028 Worlds.
- **The Problem:** Under the current policy, missing the Sandringham event means these elite sailors would not be ranked, potentially blocking them from entering the **2028 ILCA World Championships in Takapuna, Auckland**—just six months before the LA Olympics.

Temporary Ranking Order for 2028 ILCA 7 & ILCA 6 Worlds

To resolve this scheduling conflict, the 2028 ranking order will be modified into three tiers:

1. **Tier 1 (AS Fortaleza Team):** Sailors selected by Australian Sailing for the 2027 Fortaleza Worlds who apply for the 2028 Takapuna Worlds will be ranked **first**, ordered by their finishing position in Fortaleza.
2. **Tier 2 (Sandringham Competitors):** Sailors not selected for Fortaleza who compete in the 2027 Australian Open & Youth Championships at Sandringham will be ranked **next**, ordered by their finish position at Sandringham.
3. **Tier 3 (General Applicants):** All other applicants for the 2028 Worlds will be ranked **last**, ordered by the date and time of their application.