



Australia 2022
Para
World Sailing
Championships



for Athletes with Intellectual Impairment

The Inaugural Para World Sailing Championships for athletes with intellectual impairment will be held at Southport Yacht Club on Queensland's Gold Coast, Australia, from 5-11 November 2022 as part of the Virtus Oceania Asia Games 2022.



EVENT STRUCTURE

- The 2022 Para World Sailing Championships are sanctioned by World Sailing and are being held in conjunction with the Virtus Oceania Asia Games 2022 (OA Games 2022)
 - Open to athletes from any nation
 - Championship Divisions will include:
 - Hansa 303 One Person World Championship
(athlete must be on the Virtus Master List)
 - Hansa 303 Two Person World Championship
(both athletes must be on the Virtus Master List)
 - Hansa 303 Two Person Supported International Championship
(one athlete must be on the Virtus Master List)
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EVENT LOCATIONS

- Venue - Southport Yacht Club, Hollywell, Queensland, Australia
- Racing Area – The Broadwater (approx. 2km south of SYC)
- Accommodation - (within 15 minutes from venue)
- Opening & Closing Ceremonies – Brisbane Venue TBC
- Distance and travel time from Brisbane - 75 km - approximately 1 hour



KEY EVENT DATES

- **Saturday 5 November** - Registration, Equipment Inspection, Training, Virtus OA Games 2022 Opening Ceremony
 - **Sunday 6 November** - Registration, Equipment Inspection, Training & Practice Races
 - **Monday 7 November** - Racing
 - **Tuesday 8 November** - Racing
 - **Wednesday 9 November** - Racing
 - **Thursday 10 November** - Racing & Sailing Prizegiving
 - **Friday 11 November** – Virtus OA Games 2022 Closing Ceremony
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COMPETITION EQUIPMENT

- Hansa 303 class sailed by one-person and two-person crews
- World Sailing Class with World, Regional and National championships open to people of all ages and ability
- 3m keelboat with two sails and removeable keel
- A substantial but limited number of boats are available for charter by international competitors. These are not new boats but will be checked ahead of the event to ensure they are in good condition and comply with Class Rules



COMPETITION EQUIPMENT

- **Sails** – recommended that competitors provide their own sails with national letters and a sail number registered in their country. Alternatively, use the sails provided
 - **Lifejackets / Personal Floatation Devices** – competitors are required to provide their own lifejackets and these must be worn at all times when afloat
 - **Equipment Inspection** – Inspection will be completed ahead of the event and on November 5 & 6. Spot checks may be conducted at any time
 - **Support Boats** – Southport Yacht Club will provide boats to be shared by registered coaches / support personnel
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SAILING ELIGIBILITY

- Virtus and World Sailing eligibility criteria are required
 - Competitors must be a member of a club or other organisation affiliated to their World Sailing Member National Authority (Racing Rules of Sailing 75). To find your Member National Authority, visit www.sailing.org/about/members/mnas
 - Virtus groups II1 and II2 are eligible for the Para World Sailing Championships
 - The procedure for obtaining Virtus eligibility is available via the Virtus Website www.virtus.sport/applying-for-athlete-eligibility
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VIRTUS ELIGIBILITY

Virtus manages the Eligibility process globally for athletes wishing to compete at international levels of sport.

The **eligibility criteria** is based upon the **World Health Organisation and American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities research and guidance**, and in simple terms the criteria state that an athlete must show:

II 1 Eligibility (Intellectual impairment)

- Full-scale IQ score of 75 or lower;
- Significant limitations in adaptive behaviour;
- And onset before age 22

II 2 Eligibility (Significant additional impairment)

- Athletes with intellectual disability who have:
 - Satisfied the II-1 eligibility criteria, and
 - meet the FAST test requirements
- Down Syndrome is one of these and is the most common form of genetically identified intellectual impairment.

VIRTUS ELIGIBILITY PROCESS

- Athletes should contact their Virtus National Member Organisation to apply for eligibility. To find your National Member Organisation, visit www.virtus.sport/member
 - Where athletes are from a country which does not have a Virtus National Member Organisation, they should apply for eligibility through sport@siasport.org
 - The procedure for obtaining eligibility typically includes:
 - contact with the National Member Organisation
 - downloading the Athlete Eligibility Guidance
 - downloading, completing and submitting the Athlete Eligibility Application Form to the National Member Organisation or if no organisation through sport@siasport.org
 - *All athletes entering the Para World Sailing Championships must appear on the Virtus Master List no later than 5 September 2022*
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REGISTRATION

- Registration of athletes as part of a National Team will be completed by the Virtus National Member Organisation.
 - Where athletes are from a country which does not have a Virtus National Member Organisation, contact sport@siasport.org – we will help you!
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EVENT FEES & COSTS

The Event Package Per Person includes:

- Gold Coast Accommodation at 3+ Star for seven nights and all meals (from lunch on 5 November to breakfast on 12 November 2022).
- Transport to and from Gold Coast Airport, Competition and Training, Accreditation (please discuss if arriving at Brisbane Airport).
- Ticket to attend the Opening and Closing Ceremonies, including transport to and from the hotel to the venue.
- A welcome pack.
- Government taxes and the Virtus Capitation Fee for all members of the delegation (athletes and team officials)

Optional add-ons:

- Boat Charter & Damage Deposit
- On-water coach/support person

For athletes as part of a National Team registered by the Virtus National Member Organisation, fees payable are likely to include:	Event Package	Airfares	Team Uniform
Competitors registering as an individual athletes and be responsible for paying:	Event Package	Airfares	

Event Fees are outlined in Notice of Race (section 5)

The image shows a screenshot of a document titled '5.1.2 Event Fees - Overview - Athletes'. It lists various fees and costs for athletes, including:

- Event Package: \$280
- Airfares: \$240
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Below the screenshot is a promotional banner for the 'World Sailing Australia 2022 Para World Sailing Championships'. The banner features the Virtus logo and the text 'for Athletes with Intellectual Impairment'. The dates '5 - 11 NOVEMBER 2022' are also displayed.

COSTS

- Where athletes are part of a National Team registered by the Virtus National Member Organisation, fees payable are likely to include:
 - Return economy airfares for the athlete and any support person/s
 - Shared accommodation and 3 meals per day for the athlete and any support person/s during the Games period
 - Designated land transport during the Games period
 - National team uniform for the athlete
 - Attendance at the OA Games 2022 Opening & Closing Ceremonies
 - Sailing competition fees
 - Boat charter fees & damage deposit
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COSTS

- Where there is not a National Team, athletes may register as individual athletes and be responsible for:
 - Airfares for the athlete and any support person/s
 - Accommodation
 - Meals
 - Land transport during the Games period
 - Tickets for the OA Games 2022 Opening & Closing Ceremonies
 - Sailing competition fees
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BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION

- This will be the first Sailing World Championships for Athletes with Intellectual Impairment.
 - It is a significant step toward making sailing more inclusive and creating opportunities to grow and develop the sport of sailing.
 - Unlike most Para Sailing World Championships which are stand-alone events, this event will be conducted as part of the Virtus OA Games 2022.
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BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION

The Games Experience:

- Athletes will compete for individual achievements and be part of an international multi-sport Games event.
 - Athletes will be able to represent their country and see their national flag represented at the Opening and Closing ceremonies.
 - Athletes will celebrate with other athletes from other sport and nations.
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An aerial photograph of Brisbane, Australia, at dusk. The city skyline is visible with various skyscrapers, some of which are illuminated. The Brisbane River flows through the center of the city, with several bridges crossing it. The sky is a mix of purple, blue, and orange, indicating the time is either early morning or late evening. The logo for the Oceania Asia Games 2022 is overlaid in the center of the image.

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FURTHER INFORMATION

OA Games 2022 Information & Documents

Games Information (Sailing and all sports) is available from oagames2022.org and you can contact us at info@oagames2022.org

Sailing Information & Documents

Para World Sailing Championship specific information, race documents and notices to competitors is available from southportyachtclub.com.au

Eligibility

sport@siasport.org



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