

ISAF World Sailing Rankings

Regulation 27.1

A submission from the Chairman of the Events Committee

Purpose or Objective

To implement a single ISAF Sailing World Rankings for sailors competing in Olympic Class events, based on a 12 month period, and incorporating Sailing World Cup events.

To allow for a transition from the current Rankings and Standings systems to the new Rankings system during 2012.

Proposal

Amend Regulation 27.1.1(c) and 27.1.1(d) as follows:

27.1.1 Criteria applying to all grades of events

- (c) ~~In principle the event shall be sailed using a~~ **The Notice of Race shall be published at least 6 months before the event. The** Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions **shall be** in line with the Notice of Race Guide and the Sailing Instructions Guide in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* and the event ~~should~~ **shall** be organised according to the principles laid out in the ISAF Race Management Manual.
- (d) **Within 24 hours of the last race** results shall be **entered into the ISAF website provided for this purpose, or** faxed or emailed to the ISAF Secretariat ~~within 24 hours of the last race and be available on the International Class website or event organizer website which is linked to the Class website,~~ in a format as stipulated by the ISAF, so that they can be entered into the Rankings.

Insert new Regulations 27.1.6 to 27.1.8 to specify the criteria for 200-point events, 100-point events and 50-point events that are similar to the current criteria for Grade 1, Grade 2 and Grade 3 events respectively:

27.1.6 200-Point Events

Sailing World Cup events

Olympic Class World Championships

Additional Criteria

- (a) The event shall take place either within the host continent's window, or in the free window, in the ISAF calendar;**
- (b) An International Jury shall be appointed and the Chairman shall be an International Judge, not from the host country;**
- (c) At least three races shall be completed in the series;**
- (d) The event shall have a media plan; a well equipped press office should be available for the international press, and tracking and TV coverage should be included;**
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(e) Bow numbers and seeding, if used, shall reflect competitors' positions on the ISAF Sailing World Rankings.

27.1.7 100-Point Events

Olympic Class World Championships (when non-compliant with 200-point criteria)
Olympic Class Continental Championships (other than those run in conjunction with a 200-point event)

Other major international Olympic Class events

Additional Criteria

- (a) The event shall take place either within the host continent's window, or in the free window, in the ISAF calendar (or shall be a Class World Championships);**
- (b) The event shall be either a World or Continental Championships, or shall meet the minimum fleet size and spread requirement for a 100-point event (which shall be specified by ISAF and may vary by class and continent), or shall be declared by ISAF to be a 100-point Event;**
- (c) Where an International Jury cannot be established, the Chairman of the Protest Committee shall be an International Judge, not from the host country;**
- (d) At least three races shall be completed in the series.**

27.1.8 50-Point Events

Olympic Class Continental Championships (when non-compliant with 100-point criteria)

Other international Olympic Class events (when not 100-point Events)

Additional Criteria

- (a) The event shall meet the minimum fleet size and spread requirement for a 50-point event (which shall be specified by ISAF and may vary by class and continent), or shall be declared by ISAF to be a 50-point Event;**
- (b) Where an International Jury cannot be established, the Chairman of the Protest Committee shall be an International Judge.**

Add new Regulation 27.1.9 to define the transition from the current Rankings and Standings to the new ISAF Sailing World Rankings.

27.1.9 Transition

ISAF shall continue to run the 2009-2012 Rankings and Standings systems based on events graded according to regulations 27.1.2 to 27.1.5 until the end of the 2012 Olympic Sailing Competition. ISAF shall start recording points for the new ISAF Sailing World Rankings based on events graded according to regulations 27.1.6 to 27.1.8 at the start of the 2012 Sailing World Cup, and shall switch to publishing Sailing World Rankings based on these events on September 1st 2012. Regulations 27.1.2 to 27.1.5 and 27.1.9 shall be deleted in November 2012, and regulations 27.1.6 to 27.1.8 shall be renumbered accordingly.

Current Position:

As above.

Reasons

1. The proposal allows for the implementation of a new single annual ISAF Sailing World Rankings system in accordance with the Olympic Commission recommendations and earlier Events Committee decisions.
 2. The title “ISAF Sailing World Rankings” is the appropriate title and order of words; it mirrors “ISAF Sailing World Championships” and “ISAF Sailing World Cup”.
 3. The transition allows MNAs and media to continue to use the current Rankings until the end of the Olympic regatta in August 2012. Starting to record results against the new Rankings from 1st November 2011 ensures there is nearly a full year of results in the new Rankings system on transition on 1st September.
 4. The proposed points score calculation itself is, as with the 2009-2012 system, recommended separately by the ISAF Sail Rankings Sub-Committee.
 5. Regulation 27.1.1(d) is amended to allow results to be passed to ISAF automatically using an ISAF-developed web service.
 6. Regulation 27.1.1(c) is amended to improve consistency and implementation of ISAF best practices across ISAF Ranking events.
 7. The event grading criteria are modelled on the current Grade 1, Grade 2 and Grade 3 criteria with the following differences:
 - Continental calendar “windows” are included consistent with Olympic Commission recommendations and decisions of Council
 - Event Grade labels are changed to conform to the recommendations of the Olympic Commission
 - ISAF Sailing World Cup events and Class World Championships scheduled in the appropriate calendar windows are 200-point events
 - 100-point events also have to be scheduled in the appropriate windows
 - Some 100-point event requirements have been changed (from Grade 2 events):
 - the regulation gives ISAF the flexibility on which events are 100-point events to ensure there is an appropriate spread globally;
 - the minimum number of races requirement for 200-point events has also been applied to 100-point events;
 - the Chairman of the Protest Committee shall not be from the host country.
 - ISAF is also given the same flexibility on which events are 50-point events. This will allow ISAF to ensure that all sailors who start to compete internationally can gain ranking points.
 - The Olympic Sailing Competition and associated Test Events are not included in the Rankings for two main reasons: they do not take place annually; and they are not open events.
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