

ISAF Events Calendar & Requirements for Ranked Events

Regulations 25.7 & 27.1

A submission from the Executive Committee

Purpose or Objective

To ensure that dates for regattas whose results count towards ISAF Sailor Rankings are finalised and publicised earlier, and that the organiser confirms the ranking of the regatta to sailors and submits the results to ISAF.

Proposal

Amend 25.7.5 as follows:

25.7.5 **The dates of ranked events** for the Classes selected by ISAF to be the **Equipment** ~~equipment~~ at the next Olympic Sailing Competition **shall be presented to ISAF in accordance with Regulation 27.1.1(a).** ~~the hierarchy of events shall follow the grading system for the ISAF Rankings~~

Amend 27.1.1 as follows:

27.1.1 **Requirements** ~~Criteria~~ applying to all **ranked** ~~grades of~~ events

- a. ~~Dates should be agreed with the ISAF Secretariat before 1 April of the current year (Southern Hemisphere) and 1 August of the preceding year (Northern Hemisphere) to avoid possible clashes (this will be strictly enforced in the case of World Championship Grade and Grade 1 events).~~ **The dates of the event shall be agreed with ISAF and published on the ISAF website prior to the following dates:**
 - i. **200-pointers: 1st January of the preceding calendar year;**
 - ii. **100-pointers: 1st July of the preceding calendar year;**
 - iii. **50-pointers: 1st January of the year of event, and not fewer than 6 months before the start of the event.**

However ISAF may at its discretion agree a ranked event date after the specified date when there is good reason.

When there is conflict between event dates, it shall be resolved in favour of the higher ranked event, or, when events have the same rank, the event which agreed its date with ISAF first.

- b. The event shall be **organised and** ~~sailed broadly according to the principles applied in the current Olympic classes events format and shall be of a uniformly high standard~~ **in accordance with the policies of ISAF and the Class, and have the necessary event management on and off the water for this.**
- c. **The ranking points of the event shall be stated in the Notice of Race.** The Notice of Race shall be published at least 6 months before the event. The Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions shall comply with the Notice of Race Guide and the Sailing

Instructions Guide in the Racing Rules of Sailing and the event shall be organised in accordance with the ISAF Race Management Policies.

- 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, in a format as stipulated by the ISAF, so that they can be entered into the Rankings.
- e. ~~Organisers of all graded events must ensure the publication on the event website of the Daily results~~ **shall be published on the event website** ~~without delay~~ using one of the following methods:
 - i. updating of the organizer's own webpages (hyperlinked on the ISAF event pages);
 - ii. using the e-mail function of the ISAF Regatta Package (as soon as available);
 - iii. e-mail transmission of HTML-edited results to the ISAF News Editor;
 - iv. e-mail transmission of result text files to the ISAF News Editor
- f. In restricted entry events, ~~at least the top three competitors on the appropriate class ranking list immediately prior to the event shall be entitled to enter~~ **if a ranking list is used to allocate places, it shall be the ISAF World Sailing Rankings.**
- ~~g. High level of organization on the water as well as on shore is required.~~

Current Position

As above.

Reason

1. Top sailors are now planning their Olympic campaigns around ranked regattas. It is important that the dates of the high point regattas are known earlier, and that ISAF is informed about and publicises all ranked regattas consistently. In 2014 sailors attended a class continental championships expecting it to be ranked, but the NoR did not state this, ISAF was not informed so the regatta was not publicised as a ranked regatta, and the results were not forwarded to ISAF. As a result, the next Ranking List did not include the regatta results.
 2. Where regattas restrict entry in Olympic Class fleets and use a ranking list to determine who receives an entry, the ISAF World Sailing Rankings should be used. Multiple conflicting ranking systems are not helpful to sailors or the sport.
 3. Other minor changes are proposed to update the text.
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