

World Match Racing Tour

Consistency of System of Invitations Within World Match Racing Competition

A submission from the Fédération Française de Voile

Proposal:

To Amend Regulation 24.2 in order to organise World Match Racing competition in 3 main levels:

- Level 1: WMRT – Match Racing World Championship
- Level 2: World-wide Circuit for access to WMRT – Grade 1 (access being based on ISAF Ranking List)
- Level 3: Continental, Regional and National Circuits for access to Level 2 events – Grade 2; 3; 4; 5

Current Position:

The current system of invitations on the World Tour de Match Racing relies too much on organisers' decision for the choice of skippers to be invited. Therefore, some of the choices made by organisers may alter the result of the ISAF MRWC or deny it of participation of present or future talents. We changed suddenly from a qualification system based on ISAF ranking to an invitation system that may imperil the sport hierarchy of this ISAF World Championship, therefore making it less attractive on sport and media aspects.

Reason:

To adapt the current system in order to make it consistent and logic, in particular for the access of skippers at upper level of competition.

1. To insure fairness of the circuit leading to ISAF World Champion title. The WMRT should not become a circuit open only to a small number of co-opted skippers.
2. To revalorize ISAF ranking list to stand comparison with WMRT « Leaderboard ».
3. Give again interest to be top ranked in ISAF ranking list, including for best world-wide skippers.
4. Allow a turnover among skippers taking part to the WMRT.

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COUNCIL DECISION – NOVEMBER 2008

Council received Submission 118-08 from the Fédération Française de Voile

Decision

Council deferred Submission 118-08. *(23 in favour, 6 against, 2 abstain)*

RECOMMENDATION FROM THE REPORTING COMMITTEE

Match Racing Committee

Recommendation to Council: Defer

OPINION FROM THE OTHER COMMITTEES

Constitution Committee

Opinion: No Recommendation

The Constitution Committee has reviewed this submission and is satisfied with the proposed wording.

The Constitution Committee notes that if approved regulations will need to be drafted.

Women's Sailing Committee

Opinion: Did not discuss