

**ISAF Match Race Grading Criteria – Grade 4 (Open and Women)**

Regulation 27.2.3(b)

A submission from the Chairman of the Match Racing Committee

Purpose or Objective

To amend the ISAF Grading Criteria for Grade 4 (regional level) match racing events by reducing the minimum number of crew and the minimum number of skippers required for this grade.

Proposal

Amend ISAF Regulation 27.2.3(b) as follows:

Grade 4 - Open and Women

Satisfies the criteria for a Grade 5 event and: -

The boats shall have a minimum crew of ~~three~~ **two**.

There shall be a minimum of ~~eight~~ **six** skippers entered for the match racing.

There shall be a minimum of two days scheduled for racing.

Current Position

As above

Reason

1. By allowing boats sailed by two crew, it will encourage organizers to hold events using smaller boats that are currently being sailed by more youth sailors (including dinghies and smaller keelboats). This will encourage youth sailors familiar with these boats to participate in these regional events.
  2. An event with a field of 6 skippers is as competitive as a field of 8. By decreasing the number of participants required at this grade, it will help in increasing the number of Grade 4 events (regional level) giving the sailors opportunities to compete at more higher level than Grade 5 events (Club level) before moving on to national level events.
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