

ISAF Match Race Grading Criteria – Grade 3 (Open and Women)

Regulation 27.2.3(c)

A submission from the Chairman of the Match Racing Committee

Purpose or Objective

To amend the ISAF Grading Criteria for Grade 3 (national level) match racing events.

Proposal

Amend ISAF Regulation 27.2.3(c) as follows:

Grade 3 - Open and Women

Satisfies the criteria for a Grade 4 event and: -

The boats shall have a minimum crew of three.

There shall be a minimum of eight skippers entered for the match racing. For Principal National Championships (27.2.3(c)(i)&(ii)), there shall be a minimum of six skippers of which a minimum of four skippers shall be from the host nation.

The boats shall have a minimum 5.9 m LOA

There shall be a minimum of four boats available throughout the event, except when a boat that was available at the start of the event is subject to major breakdown or damage.

The boats shall be capable of carrying spinnakers.

Acceptable Race Committee practices.

Acceptable Race Committee and umpire boats.

The event shall be one of the following:

Either:

- (i) The principal national championship - only one per nation per year
- (ii) The principal youth national championship - one per nation per year
- (iii) An international event with a minimum of 30% of the skippers of a different nationality than the host nation, or
- (iv) an event, for countries whose Member National Authority is in Groups H to Q, where at least 30% of the skippers are either of a different nationality than that of the host nation, or are nationals of the host nation but have travelled more than 500 km from their ordinary place of residence to the event venue.

For national championships there shall be at least one International Umpire.

For ~~international~~ events **designated in Regulation 27.2.3(c)(iii)&(iv)** there shall be at least two International Umpires.

Current Position

As above.

Reasons

1. These changes are consistent with the changes proposed for Regulation 27.2.3(b). And clarify that a minimum of three crew and eight skippers are required for Grade 3 events.
 2. By decreasing the number of skippers required, it gives the opportunity to more nations to organize national championships. In some nations there may not be as many match race skippers, but all the nations shall have the opportunity to hold their principal National Championships as ISAF Grade 3 events.
 3. To clarify that the exemption allowing only one International Umpire applies only to the principal national championship and principal national youth championship.
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