



The Sail Rankings Sub-committee met at 14:30 – 18:30 hours on Sunday 8 November 2009 at the Paradise Hotel, Busan, Korea

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Present:

Dan Ibsen - Chairman

Peter Hall

Gary Bodie

Maja Lesny

Apologies:

Vincenzo Pottini

1. Opening of the Meeting

The Chairman opened the meeting by asking each of the Committee Members to give a short introduction on themselves. Olympic Class representatives were welcomed to the meeting.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

(a) Minutes

The Sub-Committee noted the minutes of the Sail Rankings Sub-committee meeting of Sunday 9 November 2008. The minutes can be downloaded at www.sailing.org/meetings.

(b) Minutes Matters Arising

There were no other matters arising not covered elsewhere on this agenda.

3. Rankings Software

(a) The ISAF News Editor gave a verbal update on the ISAF website and rankings software.

(b) Short term testing results: the Sub-committee noted the results of the tests and expressed an interest in conducting more tests as soon as possible.

The three factors tested so far are:

- i) Changing the number of events counting in the Points total (from 5-7)
- ii) Adding in additional Regatta Points for competitors finishing in the top 10 of an event (see below)
- iii) Changing the date range for events included from 24 months to 12 months

(c) Introduction of the ISAF Sailing World Cup Standings.

Several testing scenarios were completed to produce Ranking tables with variations on the number of events counted in the rankings, the points awarded to sailors at events and how long points from past events continue to count in a sailor's points total.

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In addition, the Technology Working Party has developed the ISAF XRR, an XML language for transferring results between events. The Beta version of the XRR was successfully tested at six of the seven 2008-2009 ISAF Sailing World Cup events.

4. Ranking List

The Sail Rankings Sub-committee discussed the future and purpose of the rankings. It was also noted the ISAF Secretariat often experienced problems with gathering the necessary dates and results from MNAs, the Olympic Classes and event organisers.

5. 2010 Ranked Events

The Sail Rankings Sub-committee received and considered the applications for events to be ranked and graded for 2010. The proposals by the Secretariat are based on grading application forms received with advice from the relevant classes.

In October all Olympic Classes were asked to give a response to the Secretariat on regattas and proposed grading'.

6. Future of the World Sailing Rankings

The Olympic Classes Sub-committee considered the purpose of the World Sailing Rankings in the future, alongside the ISAF Sailing World Cup standings.

The Chairman of the Events Committee, Chris Atkins joined the meeting and gave an update on the deliberations of the committee. It was noted that this was an important issue but that until the Olympic Commission and Events Committee had completed their work on setting out a future strategy it was premature to make recommendations on the future of the Rankings.

It was agreed that a paper should be prepared for the Events Committee Mid-Year meeting in 2010.

7. ISAF Sailing Word Cup

The ISAF Events Manager gave a progress report on the ISAF Sailing World Cup. It was noted that the SWC Managing Group had made a recommendation that the scoring system be changed for the 2009/2010 SWC:

For the overall SWC series score 5 out of 7 events will be counted; at least one of the discarded events shall be a European SWC event. The Top 20 scoring system used during the 2008/2009 SWC will remain the same for the 2009/2010 SWC.

8. Recommendations

The Sail Rankings Sub-committee made the following recommendation to the Events Committee on Wednesday 11 November 2009.

(a) Submission 093-09

Recommendation to the Events Committee

The Sail Rankings Sub-committee supports the Match Racing Committee's opinion to reject submission 093-09.

9. Annual Report

The Sub-committee noted the Chairman's report to the Chairman of the Events Committee on

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the activities of the Sail Rankings Sub-committee for the period 1 January 2009 to date.

10. Any Other Business

There being no further business the meeting was closed.