

Racing Rules of Sailing

Rule D4

A submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee

Purpose or Objective

To clarify the scoring rules for team racing.

Proposal

D4 SCORING A ~~SERIES~~ SERIES STAGE

D4.1 Terminology

(a) The racing format at an event will comprise one or more stages.

(b) In a round-robin ~~series~~ stage teams are assigned to one or more groups and scheduled to sail against all other teams in their group one or more times. one or more round-robins; a round robin is a schedule of races in which each team sails once against each other team in the same group.

(c) In a knock-out ~~series~~ stage teams are scheduled to sail in matches; a match is one or more races between two teams.

(d) The sailing instructions may specify other formats and scoring methods.

D4.2 Terminating a ~~Series~~ Series Stage

(a) The race committee may terminate a ~~series~~ stage at any reasonable time taking into account the entries, weather, time constraints and other relevant factors.

(b) When a round-robin ~~series~~ stage is terminated, any round-robin in the ~~series~~ stage in which 80% or more of the full schedule of races has been completed shall be scored as complete; if fewer races have been completed, the round-robin shall ~~be excluded from the results~~ **not be scored**, but may be used to break ties.

D4.3 Scoring a Round-Robin ~~Series~~ Series Stage

(a) In a round-robin ~~series~~ stage the teams shall be ranked in order of number of race wins, highest number first. If the teams ~~in a round-robin group~~ have not completed an equal number of races, they shall be ranked in order of the percentage of races won, highest number first.

(b) If a round-robin in the stage is not completed, teams shall be ranked according to the results from all completed round-robins in the stage.

D4.4 Ties in a Completed Round-Robin ~~Series~~ Series Stage

Ties in a completed round-robin ~~series~~ stage shall be broken using only the results in the ~~series~~ stage, in order,

- (a) the highest number of race wins in all races between the tied teams;
- (b) the lowest total points scored in all races between the tied teams;
- (c) if two teams remain tied, the winner of the last race between them;
- (d) the lowest average points scored in all races against common opponents;
- (e) a sail-off if possible, otherwise a game of chance.

If a tie is partially broken by one of these, the remaining tie shall be broken by starting again at rule D4.4(a).

D4.5 Ties in an Incomplete Round-Robin ~~Series~~ Stage

~~If a round-robin series is not completed, teams shall be ranked according to the results from all completed round-robins in the series.~~ Ties **in an incomplete round-robin stage** shall be broken whenever possible using the results from races between the tied teams in ~~the~~ **any** incomplete round-robin. Other ties shall be broken in accordance with rule D4.4.

D4.6 Scoring a Knock-Out ~~Series~~ Stage

The winner of a match is the first team to score the number of race wins stated in the sailing instructions.

D4.7 Incomplete Knock-Out ~~Series~~ Stage

If a match in a knock-out ~~series~~ **stage** is not completed (including 0-0), the result of the match shall be determined using, in order,

- (a) the higher number of race wins in the incomplete match;
- (b) the higher number of race wins in all races between the teams in the event;
- (c) the higher place in the most recent ~~round-robin series~~ **stage**, applying D4.4(a) if necessary;
- (d) the winner of the most recent race between the teams.

If this rule fails to determine a result, the ~~series~~ **stage** shall be tied unless the sailing instructions provide for some other result.

Current Position

As above.

Reasons

1. Throughout 'series' is replaced by 'stage' which is now preferred and less open to alternative interpretations.
 2. D4.1 is extended to define a stage and to permit the sailing instructions to specify other formats.
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3. D4.1(b) defines a 'round-robin' as a single round-robin for a single group. This avoids the need for several changes to clarify subsequent paragraphs.
 4. The first sentence in current rule D4.5 becomes D4.3(b) because it is about scoring, not ties.
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