

24. ISAF WORLD RANKINGS - GRADING CRITERIA FOR GRADED EVENTS

ISAF World Match Race Rankings

Ranking Divisions

- 24.2.1 There shall be two divisions - Open and Women. The Women's Division is limited to events which specify that all crew members, including the skipper, shall be women. All other events are Open. Points scored in Women's events shall count only towards the Women's ranking list. Points scored by an all women team in an Open event shall count towards the Open list and the Women's list, without any adjustment.

Administration

24.2.2 (a) Application for Grading

ISAF will provide grading application forms on request.

The form shall be completed by the event organizer, endorsed by the relevant Member National Authority and received by the ISAF office at least four months prior to the event. This may be by electronic mail. An event grading will then be allocated by ISAF.

When Grade 1 is requested and the event clashes with an existing Grade 1 event, the latest event to submit its application will be requested to change its dates. Failure to change dates may result in downgrading. An event applying for Grade 2 may be notified of other Grade 1 or 2 events being held at the same time as soon after application as practical and be given the option to select alternate dates. Event organizers are requested to avoid clashes by checking their dates with other events shown on the ISAF Website.

Events that submit a grading application for Grade 1 prior to 30 November for the following calendar year will be informed of other events applying for the same dates and given the opportunity to select alternative dates. If the event elects to retain the original dates, ISAF may approve two Grade 1 events with the same dates provided that all Grade 1 criteria are achieved.*

Events that submit a grading application for Grade 1 after 30 November for the following calendar year will not be approved if the event dates clash with a Grade 1 event previously approved.*

After the dates of the ISAF Match Racing World Championship have been declared and posted on the ISAF Website, no event will be approved as Grade 1 if the dates clash.*

These criteria apply equally, but separately to both Women's and Open Match Racing Events.*

The allocation of gradings by the ISAF office will be checked on a sample basis, as directed by the Chairman of the Match Racing Committee. A report of event gradings will be made annually to the Match Race Committee.

(b) ISAF Event Report

The organizers shall submit an ISAF event report, including the results and other specified information, checked and signed by the Chief Umpire. The event report shall then be sent by fax or e-mail to the ISAF Secretariat. It shall be submitted within 5 days for events graded 3, 4 or 5, or within 24 hours for events graded 1 or 2.

(c) Re-grading of Events

Events may be re-graded retrospectively when there is clear reason to do so. An event applying to be up-graded retrospectively must satisfy ISAF that it clearly meets all the criteria of the higher grading.

Application for upgrading shall be made at the time of submission of the results and be accompanied by an application form completed in full. The application form will be similar to the initial application form appropriate to the grade of event.

An event will only be downgraded when it fails to meet the criteria by a substantial margin, or when it does not comply with the administration requirements.

(d) Invitations and acceptances

A skipper accepting an invitation but withdrawing within two months of the event may be reported by the organizer to the ISAF. After review by ISAF late withdrawals may receive a "zero" score, which must be counted for the competitor's ranking.

Invitations should be in writing and include the following statement:

"Should you accept this invitation and later withdraw within two months of the event it is possible for a zero score to be applied to your Ranking points for that event by ISAF."

(e) Umpire Insurance

In signing the Grading Form, Events confirm that all umpires will be covered by comprehensive liability insurance in an amount of not less than US \$1,000,000 per occurrence covering legal liability in respect of personal injury and property damage. The cover should include (but not be limited to) liability directly or indirectly arising from the ownership, possession or use of any watercraft in connection with the umpire's duties.

(f) ISAF Sailor ID

As from 1 January 2003, Results from Graded Match Race Events shall be sent to ISAF with Skippers ISAF Sailor ID's included. Skippers may register for ISAF Sailor at: www.sailing.org/isafsailor

(g) Media Rights

ISAF Graded Events may be licensed as detailed in Regulation 18.15.2(c).

24.2.3 Grading of Events

Event grading will normally be based on the following criteria, but will take into account the overall event package. During the transition from the previous criteria a reasonable time shall be allowed for events to comply. Percentage calculations shall be rounded up to the nearest whole number.

(a) Grade 5 - Open and Women

Any match racing event using boats of the same design.

When provided by the organizers each pair of boats shall be of equal performance.

The notice of race shall be based on the current ISAF standard.

The sailing instructions shall be based on the current ISAF standard.

The event shall comply with the current ISAF advertising regulations.

Matches shall be umpired.

The maximum average crew weight limit for open events is 87.5 kg.

The maximum average crew weight limit for women's events is 68 kg.

(b) Grade 4 - Open and Women

Satisfies the criteria for a Grade 5 event and: -

The boats shall have a minimum crew of three.

There shall be a minimum of eight skippers entered for the match racing.
There shall be a minimum of two days scheduled for racing.

(c) Grade 3 - Open and Women

Satisfies the criteria for a Grade 4 event and: -

The boats shall be keel boats and 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.

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) When the distance from the event venue to each of the closest three (3) other nations is more than 500km, the minimum requirement for "different nationality" participation is waived, provided that at least 30% of participating skippers have travelled in excess of 500km from their place of residence to the event venue or are of a different nationality than the host nation.

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

For international events there shall be at least two International Umpires.

(d) Grade 1 and Grade 2 - Open and Women

Satisfies the criteria for a Grade 3 event and meets the following requirements (O = Open, W = Women, Pref = Preferred):

Description	Event Grade			
	2 - O	1 - O	2 - W	1 - W
Competitors				
Skippers - only top 12 minimum total points (* See below)	50	120	35	80
Skippers - max % from host MNA	60%	40%	60%	40%
Skippers - max % from same MNA except host.	40%	30%	40%	30%
Skippers - max % from host continent	100	85%	100	85%
	%		%	
No of skippers to be invited from a qualifying event specified in the Notice of Race (max. grading of qualifying event is Grade 3)	1	2	1	2
Maximum average crew weight (kg.) (when boats are provided)	87.5	87.5	68	68
Boats General				
Minimum number of boats (** See below)	6	6**	6	6**
Minimum overall length (metres)	6.8	6.8	5.9	5.9

Boats - Provided by organizing authority

Equal in performance or paired for performance

Breakdown/spare service on the water

Equipment suitable for match race manoeuvres

Organization

Format scheduled to include round robins and knock out semi-finals and finals

Quarter finals may be round robin (preferred) or knock-out

Knock out rounds to be scheduled to be the first to win

minimum number of races

Days of scheduled racing

Description	Event Grade			
	2 - O	1 - O	2 - W	1 - W
No of scheduled practice hours per competitor + or - 1 hour	3	3	3	3
Min number of International Umpires - per match #	1	1	1	1
Expenses and conditions for umpires to conform to ISAF standard.				
Umpire boats to conform to ISAF spec				
International Jury required				
Race committee to accepted International Standard				
Race Committee boats of acceptable standard.				

** For Grade 1 and 2 events the minimum number of boats should be 50% of the number of skippers.

For Grade 1 Open and Women's events Umpires shall be appointed by ISAF. For details please see ISAF Regulation 18.12 Please e-mail umpires@isaf.co.uk for information

Description	Event Grade			
	2 - O	1 - O	2 - W	1 - W
Accommodation for crews provided free	Pref	Pref	Pref	Pref
Minimum Prize Money (after deductions)				
Division of prize money as ISAF scale				
Media office with Fax and Telephone	Pref		Pref	
Clearly visible from shore or spectator boats provided	Pref		Pref	Pref
Commentary available for spectators	Pref	Pref	Pref	Pref
Daily press conference	Pref		Pref	
National TV coverage	Pref	Pref		
International TV coverage		Pref		

*** As ISAF ranking list 4 months before the first day of the event: -**

For each skipper ranked	1 - 10	20 points
For each skipper ranked	11 - 20	15 points
For each skipper ranked	21 - 30	11 points
For each skipper ranked	31 - 40	8 points
For each skipper ranked	41 - 50	6 points
For each skipper ranked	51 - 60	5 points
For each skipper ranked	61 - 70	4 points
For each skipper ranked	71 - 80	3 points
For each skipper ranked	81 - 90	2 points
For each skipper ranked	91 - 100	1 point

Maximum of 12 skippers to count.

America's Cup Skipper Points

Upon application top ISAF, Skippers involved in the previous America' Cup may carry the following Skipper Points depending upon the stage that they reached in the competition:

Stage of Event	America' Cup Skipper Points	(2003 America' Cup)
America' Cup Finalist	20	Team New Zealand - Alinghi
Challenger Series Finalist	15	Oracle BMW Racing
Challenger Series semi-finalist	11	Prada - One World
Round Robin	8	All other syndicates

Skipper Points are not cumulative for each round.

There may be only two registered skippers per America' cup syndicate

America' Cup Skipper Points may account for a maximum of 50% of the total Skipper Points required by an event.

The target will be:

Grade 1 - open 120 points, women 80 points

Grade 2 – open 50 points, women 35 points

(e) Grade - WC Open and Women

Meets all the criteria for an ISAF World Championship and particularly the ISAF Match Racing World Championship.

(f) Grade – ISAF Nations Cup Open and Women

Meets the criteria for the Nations Cup Regional or Grand Final.

Regional Finals will score points equivalent to a Grade 2 event.

Grand Finals will score points equivalent to a Grade 1 event.

24.2.4 Prize Money

It is desirable to optimize prize money for competitors. Distribution of prize money should be as follows:

<u>Position</u>	<u>% Total Prize Money</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>% Total Prize Money</u>
1	24	6	8
2	15	7	7
3	12	8	5
4	10	9	4
5	9	10	3

Appearance money is discouraged in favour of optimizing prize money

24.2.5 Appointment of Umpires

<u>Race Officials</u>	<u>Event Grade</u>			
	<u>2 - O</u>	<u>1 - O</u>	<u>2 - W</u>	<u>1 -W</u>
No. of ISAF selected and appointed IUs to include the Chief Umpire:				
Eight-member umpire team	0	4	0	3
Exceeding eight in number	0	6	0	3
Chief Umpire shall <u>not</u> be from host nation	Pref.	Yes	Pref.	Yes
Max. % umpires from host MNA	-	50%	-	see below
Minimum no. umpires from outside host MNA	2	see above	2	3
Minimum % of umpires from outside continent / or ISAF Group (in case of groups I - Q)	-	20%	-	-
Figure to be rounded down, (i.e. 8 person team = 1 from off-continent, 10 person team = 2 from off-continent)				
Minimum % of umpires to be international umpires	-	50%	-	N/A
Minimum no of international umpires per match	1	1	1	1
International Jury required	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Important Note: With reference to Regulation 18.12.8, all other umpires not selected by ISAF for Grade 1 events must be submitted to the Federation for approval and final appointment of the full umpire team. Names shall be submitted to the Race Officials Co-ordinator at the address umpires@isaf.co.uk