

ISAF Racing Rules Question and Answer Service



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In a championship, there were 47 entries received, 44 paid but only 40 boats were present on site, had their equipment inspected and were scored at least once in a race (even if only as DNF...)

In Appendix A, boats are "scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats entered in the series".

The organising committee calculated scores based on 44 boats entered, and rejected the request of the class to score based on 40 boats entered. This affects the ranking of several competitors.

Question 1:

Does it comply with Appendix A to score 44 boats when only 40 were on site and passed the equipment control?

Answer 1:

For the purposes of rule A4.2, the number of boats entered in a series is the number of boats that have complied with the eligibility and entry requirements stated in the notice of race. Rule 75 refers. Any boat whose entry has been rejected or cancelled in accordance with rule 76 shall be deducted from this number.

Question 2:

In case of a split into Gold and Silver is it correct to use 44 boats (i.e. 22 in Gold and 22 in Silver)? This would create a Gold Fleet with 22 and a Silver Fleet with 18 boats?

Answer 2:

The Racing Rules of Sailing do not state any requirement for a split of the entries into two or more fleets. There is guidance in the optional appendix LE. Any split is entirely a matter for sailing instructions and should be described in detail there.