

ISAF Racing Rules Question and Answer Service



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Situation

The notice of race specifies that there shall be three rankings for an event: Boy's, Girl's and Team Overall. The Team Overall ranking would be made by adding the final scores of the competitors of each team.

The race committee ranked the teams first, second and third as follows:

		Individual place	Total score
Team A –	Girl A1	1	6
	Girl A2	2	
	Boy A1	1	
	Boy A2	2	
Team B –	Girl B1	6	28
	Girl B2	9	
	Boy B1	7	
	Boy B2	6	
Team C -	Girl C1	5	29
	Girl C2	7	
	Boy C1	5	
	Boy C2	11	

By calculating using the individual race scores, the result would have been as follows:

		Individual Race Score	Total Score
Team A –	Girl A1	9	63
	Girl A2	16	
	Boy A1	17	
	Boy A2	21	
Team C –	Girl C1	48	225
	Girl C2	53	
	Boy C1	58	
	Boy C2	66	
Team B –	Girl B1	50	231
	Girl B2	67	
	Boy B1	57	
	Boy B2	57	

Question

Did the race committee comply with the notice of race when it determined each sailor's individual score as their ranking places and not as their individual points?

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Answer

No. Under rule A4 (Low point and Bonus Point Systems), a boat is scored points according to finishing place in each race. Rule A2 states that a boat's series score (final score) shall be the total of her race scores, excluding any discards.

The notice of race specifies that the Team Overall ranking would be made by adding the final scores of the competitors of each team. To establish the Team Overall Ranking, the race committee should have added the number of points each boat had in the series and not their positions in the ranking list.