Other Committees -

Match Race Rankings

A submission from the Chairman of the Match Racing Committee

Current Position

Match Race rankings are determined from performance over the immediate past two years at ISAF graded events.

Proposal

The Ranking and Grading Sub Committee are requested to investigate permitting a skipper to retain a 'dummy' ranking position for an agreed period of absence from graded events. If accepted this should be implemented as soon as practical.

Reason

There are a number of reasons why a skipper will have a period of absence from match racing events (Olympic campaigns, illness or injury, America's Cup). Their ranking position inevitably drops making it difficult to re-join the circuit and if an event does offer a 'wild card' entry the quality of the event may not be properly reflected in the event grading which is determined solely on current ranking position.

Tennis and golf both use a similar system.