Youth Match Racing Rankings

Regulation 27.2

A submission from the Chairman of the Events Committee

Purpose or Objective

To update the Regulations to expand the World Sailing Match Race Rankings to include a ranking system for youth match racing.

Proposal

27.2 World Sailing Match Race Rankings

27.2.1 Ranking Divisions

There shall be three divisions – Open, and Women and Youth. The Women’s Division is limited to events which specify that all crew members, including the skipper, shall be women. The Youth Division is limited to events which specify that all crew members, including the skipper, shall be under 23 years old on 31 December of the year in which the event is held. 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 and/or all youth team in an Open event shall count towards the Open list and the respective Women’s list / Youth list, without any adjustment.

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27.2.3 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 and Youth

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 World Sailing standard.
The sailing instructions shall be based on the current World Sailing standard.
Matches shall be umpired.
The maximum average crew weight limit for open events is 87.5 kg.
The weight limit for women’s events may be either:
(i) a maximum average crew weight limit of 68kg; or
(ii) a maximum total crew weight limit of ‘Y’ (where Y = 68kg x the number of standard crew members for the boat (X)) and the organizing authority may permit the boat to be raced with X, X-1 or X+1 crew members.

(b) Grade 4 – Open, and Women and Youth
Satisfies the criteria for a Grade 5 event and:
The boats shall have a minimum crew of two.
There shall be a minimum of six skippers entered for the match racing.
There shall be a minimum of two days scheduled for racing.

(c) Grade 3 – Open, and Women and Youth

Satisfies the criteria for a Grade 4 event and:
The boats shall have a minimum crew of three.
There shall be a minimum of eight skippers entered for the match racing.
If the event is a principal national championships (Regulation 27.2.3(c)(i) & (ii)):
1. There shall be a minimum of four skippers from the host nation; and
2. The minimum number of skippers is four.
The boats shall 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.
Acceptable Race Committee practices.
Acceptable Race Committee and umpire boats.
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) an event, for countries whose Member National Authority is in Groups H to Q, where at least 30% of the skippers are either of a different nationality than that of the host nation, or are nationals of the host nation but have travelled more than 500 km from their ordinary place of residence to the event venue.
For national championships there shall be at least one International Umpire.
For events designated in Regulation 27.2.3(c)(iii) & (iv) there shall be at least two International Umpires.

(d) Grade 1 and Grade 2 – Open, and Women and Youth

Satisfies the criteria for a Grade 3 event and complies with the World Sailing Standard Guidelines for Grade 1 and Grade 2 Match Racing events as produced by the Match Racing Sub-committee in consultation with the Race Officials Committee. In addition, the event shall meet the following requirements (O = Open, W = Women, Y = Youth):

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<td>Skippers - only top 12 minimum total points (* and ***) see below</td>
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<td>Skippers - max % from host MNA</td>
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<td>Skippers - max % from same MNA except host.</td>
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<td>No of skippers to be invited from a qualifying event specified in the Notice of Race (max. grading of qualifying event is Grade 3)</td>
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### Boats General

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<th><strong>Minimum number of boats (</strong> See below)**</th>
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<td><strong>Minimum overall length (metres)</strong></td>
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### Boats - Provided by organizing authority

Breakdown/spare service on the water

### Organization

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| Knock out rounds to be scheduled to be the first to win minimum number of races | 2  | 3  | 2  | 3  |
| Days of scheduled racing | 3  | 4  | 3  | 4  |
| Min. number of scheduled practice hours per competitor | 2  | 2  | 2  | 2  |
| Min. number of International Umpires - per match # | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1  |
| International Jury required | *R | Yes | *R | Yes |

* *Recommended
** For Grade 1 and 2 events the minimum number of boats should be 50% of the number of skippers.
*** Skipper total points requirement shall not apply for Grade 2 continental championships. Only Member National Authorities of that specific Continental Association may participate in such Grade 2 continental championships.

* As World Sailing 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

The ranking position of women skippers on the World Sailing Women’s Ranking List shall be used for Open events when determining Skipper Points for the event.

(e) Grade - WC Open, and Women and Youth

Meets all the criteria for a World Sailing World Championship and particularly the World Sailing Match Racing World Championship.

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### Current Position

As above.
Reasons

1. The World Sailing Youth Match Racing World Championship was established in 2014 and youth match racing has been growing worldwide. A separate ranking list for youth match racing is necessary to:

2. Further develop youth match racing and give a platform for recognizing and promoting the youth athletes,

3. Extend the quality of youth match racing events worldwide by better defining the ranking of the sailors amongst themselves,

4. Identify youth sailors to aid event organisers in targeting invitations, and

5. Encourage youth match racing skippers to participate in youth events and achieve higher ranking position while beginning to establish a position on the Open and/or Women’s lists (which can take upwards of two years to become accurate due to weighting of two years of results).