A Submission to Authorize a Youth World Match Racing Championship

Regulation 25.8.10, 25.8.13 and 25.8.17

A submission from the Chairman of the Match Racing Committee

Purpose or Objective

To add a Youth World Match Racing Championship as an ISAF event to foster the development of match racing among youth sailors

Proposal

Amend Regulation 25.8.10:

25.8.10 ISAF shall exercise the right to appoint the International Jury or the Umpire Team for the following events:

America's Cup Series, America's Cup Challenger Series, America's Cup Defender Series,
America's Cup Match;
Grade One Match Racing Events
ISAF Events as follows:

- ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship
- ISAF Sailing World Championships
- ISAF Offshore Team World Championship
- ISAF Match Racing World Championship
- ISAF Women's Match Racing World Championship

**ISAF Youth Match Racing World Championship**

ISAF Team Racing World Championship

...In addition, any other ISAF Events that are introduced.

World Championships of the Olympic Classes;
Olympic Qualifying Events;
The Olympic Sailing Competition (See Regulations 16.3 and 16.3.1);
Regional Games Category I
The Volvo Ocean Race.

Amend Regulation 25.8.13:

25.8.13 ISAF shall exercise the right to appoint the Race Officer(s) and/or Course Representatives for the following events:

ISAF Events as follows;

- ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship;
- ISAF Sailing World Championships;
- ISAF Offshore Team World Championship;
- ISAF Match Racing World Championship;
- ISAF Women's Match Racing World Championship;

**ISAF Youth Match Racing World Championship**

ISAF Team Racing World Championship;
ISAF Sailing World Cup

...In addition, any other ISAF Events that are introduced.
World Championships of the Olympic Classes;
Olympic Qualifying Events;
The Olympic Sailing Competition.

Amend Regulation 25.8.17:

25.8.17 Major and Recognized Events

(a) Major Events are as follows:
America’s Cup Series, America’s Cup Challenger Series, America’s Cup Defender Series, America’s Cup Match;
Global Ocean Races;
Grade 1 Match Racing Events;
Grand Prix Match Racing Events;
ISAF Events as follows:
   ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship;
   ISAF Sailing World Championships;
   ISAF Offshore Team World Championship;
   ISAF Match Racing World Championship;
   ISAF Women’s Match Racing World Championship;
   **ISAF Youth Match Racing World Championship**
   ISAF Team Racing World Championship;
   …. And any other ISAF Events that are introduced,
Events of the Olympic Classes (at the discretion of the ISAF Executive Committee);
World Championships of the Olympic Classes;
Olympic Qualifying Events;
The Olympic Sailing Competition;
Professional Windsurfers Association Events (PWA);
Trans-Oceanic Races;
Regional Games Category I;
Volvo Ocean Race.

Current Position

As above (currently there is no mention of a Youth Match Racing Championship in the ISAF regulations)

Reasons

There are an increasing number of national, continental and regional youth match racing championships. A World Youth Match Racing Championship is needed to bring together the best Youth match racers from around the world who are competing in this discipline.

The authorization of the World Youth Match Racing Championship as an ISAF event will help to develop match racing among youth sailors around the world, to recognize their skills in match racing and to keep them active and developing in match racing by providing a pathway into organized adult match racing, and helping them learn skills that will be useful to them and to fellow sailors during their sailing lives.