ISAF Ranking Points Calculations

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Amend the ISAF ranking system

A submission from the International 470 Class Association, International 49er Class Association, International RS:X Class Association, International Finn Class Association, International Nacra 17 Class Association, International Laser Class Association

Purpose or Objective

To increase the accuracy of the ISAF ranking and perceived true reflection of fleet quality without changing Regulation 27.1

Proposal

Amend the current ISAF ranking system to improve the ISAF ranking system by:

- (a) Counting the past two World Championships as 200 point events.
- (b) Counting the ISAF SWC Final as a 200 point event.
- (c) Counting the most recent Class Continental Championships, annual Sailing World Cup qualifying events and annually one event per continent selected by the relevant Continental Federation as 100 point event. The Laser and Laser Radial may add another event per continent per year to reflect the strength of their fleets and regattas worldwide.
- (d) Count every other event as 50 points.
- (e) Maintain the 1000 point maximum ranking via maximum of 6 total events, of which up to 4 can be 200 point events.

Current Position

The current position has only one World Championship as a 200 point event and does not give any guidelines on the number and identification of 100 point events.

Reasons

- 1. Improve the quality of the rankings, and therefore the perceptions.
- 2. Avoids a temptation to implement a quality factor for Sailing World Cup events.
- 3. Avoids upgrades and/or downgrades to events based on participation.
- 4. Enables elite athletes that are doing lighter schedules to maintain a reflective ranking.
- 5. Simplicity, ease of calculation, no complicated formulas.
- 6. Clearly communicate the available points and drive scheduling.