Grading of Events

Regulation 24.2.3(c)

A submission from the Russian Yachting Federation

Proposal
24.2.3 Grading of Events
(c) Grade 3 - Open and Women
Satisfies the criteria for a Grade 4 event and:
- The boats shall be keel boats and 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  $\uparrow$ 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 international events there shall be at least two International Umpires.

Current Position

As above

Reason

1. Russia and other countries in Group H represent a huge territory with up to 13000 km from the west to east borders, covering 11 time zones.

2. Over the years match racing has grown and 15-20 match race events from Grade 5 to Grade 1 have been run in Group H with 7-8 ISAF Grade 3 events annually.

3. It would be normal for teams to have to travel 2000 – 4000 km to take part in an event.