ISAF Match Race Grading Criteria – Grade 1 and Grade 2 (Open and Women)

Regulation 27.2.3(d)

A submission from the Chairman of the Match Racing Committee

Purpose or Objective

To amend the ISAF Grading Criteria for Grade 1 and Grade 2 match racing events.

Proposal

Amend ISAF Regulation 27.2.3(d) as follows:

Grade 1 and Grade 2 - Open and Women

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

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* Recommended

** For Grade 1 and 2 events the minimum number of boats should be 50% of the number of skippers.

*** Skippers total points requirement does not apply for Grade 2 Continental Championships. Only Member National Authorities of that specific Continental Association may participate in such Grade 2 Continental Championships.

# For Grade 1 Open and Women’s events Umpires shall be appointed by ISAF. For details please see ISAF Regulation 25.8.10. Please e-mail umpires@isaf.com for information

Current Position

As above.

Reasons

1. As the number of Grade 1 events has been greatly diminished in recent years and it is effected by the increasing of number of the World Match Racing Tour (WMRT) events, a reduction of the skippers points would encourage Organizing Authorities to hold more Grade 1 events and it will give the skippers that do not participate in the WMRT an opportunity to advance up the grading.

2. In some continents there are not enough high-ranked skippers to meet the Skippers total points requirement. Also the participants of the Continental championships are selected by their MNAs and there is often not highest ranked skippers. Nevertheless, the Continental
Championship should stay as a Grade 2 event (there is the same principle, as National Championships are Grade 3 events).