The Match Racing Committee met at 09:30 – 13:00 hours on Sunday 8 November 2009 at the Paradise Hotel, Busan, Korea

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Present:

Henry Menin (ISV) - Chairman
Lotte Meldgaard Pedersen (DEN) – Vice-chairman
Miquel Allen (POR)
Elizabeth Baylis (USA)
Shane Borrell (NZL)

Walter Cavallucci (ITA)
Yana Dobzhitskaya (RUS)
Nadine Stegenwalner (GER)

David Irish – Vice President

Apologies:

Henri van der Aat (NED)
Gerard Bosse (FRA)
Leo Kuret (CRO)
Annie Lush (GBR)

In Attendance:

Helmut Czasny – ISAF Competitions Manager
Craig Mitchell – WMRT Tour Director
Peter Gilmour – WMRT Tour President

1. Welcome & Introductions

The Chairman welcomed the members of the Match Racing Committee as well as Vice President David Irish. The committee noted apologises from members not attending.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

(a) Minutes

The committee noted the minutes of the Match Racing Committee meeting of 9 November 2008. The minutes can be downloaded at www.sailing.org/meetings.

(b) Minutes Matters Arising

There were no matters arising not covered elsewhere on this agenda.

3. ISAF Women’s Match Racing World Championship 2009

(a) Event report
The ISAF Technical Delegate gave a brief verbal report in addition to the written report previously submitted. It was felt that the championship which took place in Lysekil, Sweden was of exceptional standard with more than 30,000 spectators and EUR 50,000 prize money. The organisers and the ISAF appointed race officials did an outstanding job in running this event.

The chairman thanked the organisers on behalf of the Match Racing Committee.

4. **ISAF Women’s Match Racing World Championship 2010**
   
   (a) **Update**
   
   The ISAF Technical Delegate reported that the preparations for the championship are well underway. A pre event visit will be arranged for the first weekend of December 2009. The New York Yacht Club will provide outstanding facilities ashore at their clubhouse in Newport, Rhode Island and will provide 10 Sonars to be sailed with a crew of 4 with brand new sails.
   
   (b) **Invitations and Format**
   
   The committee discussed the different options for allocating entries in order to ensure the maximum quality of the championship. The committee approved the following quotas:
   
   1 invitation for the defending champion
   5 invitations to the top ranked skippers of the Sailing World Cup standings (date tbc)
   12 invitations to the top ranked skippers of the ISAF Women’s Match Race Ranking list, not already invited (date tbc)
   2 Wild Cards to be agreed between ISAF, host MNA and the organisers
   
   The committee noted the proposed format as follows:
   
   The 20 competitors will be divided in to two groups to sail a Round Robin each; the top three in each group will be promoted into the “Gold League”, a mini round robin to determine the winner of the First Round Robin and winner of the Nucci Novi Ceppellini Trophy. The skippers ranked 4 and above will sail a repechage for the remaining two places in the Quarter Finals. The number of skippers eligible for the repechage will be determined in cooperation with the organisers. The next stages will be the Quarter Finals, Semi Finals and Finals including as many sail offs as possible.

5. **ISAF Women’s Match Racing World Championship 2011**

   The committee received a short progress report on the preparations for the ISAF Worlds 2011 in Perth. Further discussion was held under item 8(b).

6. **World Match Racing Tour**

   (a) **Update report**
   
   The World Match Tour Director gave a report about the successful running of the 2009 Tour. The tour consisted of 9 events on 3 continents with an overall prize money of 1.35 million USD. 16 qualifying events allowed for 150 teams from 28 nations.
   
   For 2010, there will be a change in the overall strategy of the World Match Tour. It is intended to increase the value of the Tour and to put the tour in the league of
the top events in sport.

(b) Invitation system

The WMT used an invitation system for 2009 which was developed in cooperation with several stakeholders and the World Tour Advisory Board. For 2010 minor adjustments were made.

(c) Deferred Submission 118-08

The committee reconsidered submission 118-08 from the Federation Francaise de Voile about the invitation system for the World Match Tour. It was felt that the invitation system for the World Match Tour has been improved and is working more equitably and that the implementation of the submission would have some additional negative impact on the entry requirements for all Match Racing events, particularly involving the need to change ISAF Regulations.

**Recommendation to Council**

*Reject.*

Since the date of the original submission in 2008, the World Match Race Tour has developed a clear and understandable invitation policy for 2009 and 2010 which is designed to bring the best match racing sailors to the World Championships.

**Vote: unanimous**

7. **ISAF Nations Cup**

(a) ISAF Nations Cup 2009 Grand Final

The ISAF Technical Delegate gave a short verbal report on the highly successful Nations Cup Grand Final 2009. The organisers, Velerios do Sul in Porto Alegre, Brazil, provided an outstanding event. Both titles were successfully defended by France.

The chairman thanked Veleiros do Sul on behalf of the Match Racing Committee for their hospitality.

(b) ISAF Nations Cup 2011 – Strategy

Liz Baylis, chair of the working party, reported on the preparations for the Nations Cup 2011. The working received very positive feedback from all continents to host either a Regional Final or the Grand Final. The working party agreed on similar criteria as in the past for the evaluation of the bids.

(c) ISAF Nations Cup 2011

ISAF received 13 bids to host an event of the ISAF Nations Cup 2011. The committee approved the following recommendation subject to successful allocation of entries.

**Grand Finals:**

*Sheboygan, USA*

*Sonars for Open (crew of 3) and Elliott 6ms for Women (crew of 3).*

**Regional Finals:**

*Cape Town, RSA for Africa (Open and Women), J/22s for both Open (crew of 3) and Women (crew of 4)*
Sydney, AUS for Oceania (Open and Women), Elliott 6s for both Open (crew of 3) and Women (crew of 3 or 4).

Fort Worth, USA for the Americas (North, Central and South) (Open and W), J/22s for both Open (crew of 3) and Women (crew of 4).

Neusiedl, AUT for Europe (Open), Sprinto with a crew of 4

Porto, POR for Europe (Women), Platu 25 with a crew of 4.

Gdynia, POL for Europe (Open and W), Blu 26 for Open (crew of 4) and Skippi Match for Women (crew of 4).

Vote: 6 in favour, 1 abstain

8. Women’s Match Racing as an Olympic Event

(a) Update report

The chairman reported on the activities around the implementation of Women’s Match Racing as an Olympic event. Match Racing had been part of the majority of Sailing World Cup events although it was noted that the entry fee was significantly higher than to other Match Race Grade 1 events. The Competition Manager for the 2012 Olympic Sailing Competition visited the 2009 ISAF Women’s Match Racing World Championship in Lysekil where meetings took place to ensure the maximum exposure for spectators.

(b) Issues arising

A joint task force from Events Committee and Match Racing Committee was appointed to develop a discussion paper about entry and format for the Olympic Sailing Competition and the 2011 ISAF Sailing World Championships. The committee discussed the paper.

Recommendation to Council

The MRC supported the Task Force document with the following recommended changes:

a) there should be no preliminary elimination round in the Olympic Qualifiers if the organisers can accommodate more entries;

b) the ISAF Women’s Match Race Rankings shall be used for the allocation of “Additional Places” for Perth 2011;
   i) use of the SWC standings would favour the more affluent MNAs which are able to afford sending more than 1 team to SWC events;
   ii) the event in Perth is not only an Olympic Qualifier, but also the ISAF Women’s Match Racing World Championship 2011. There are highly ranked women skippers who are not involved in Olympic campaigns and who do not attend SWC events. They would be disadvantaged by the use of SWC standings for entry to the 2011 World Championship.

c) the schedule should be optimized so that the finals can be sailed on the day before the first fleet Medal race day.

Vote: 6 in favour, 1 against

(c) Submission 093-09
The committee considered submission 093-09 from the Deutscher Segler-Verband about the Ranking list for Olympic Women’s Match Racing.

**Recommendation to Council**

 Reject.

The ISAF Women Match Race Ranking list already provides for this purpose and another ranking list would create an additional and unnecessary layer of rankings.

*Vote: 1 approve, 6 reject*

9. **Match Racing Grading and Ranking**

(a) Match Racing Rankings Sub-committee

The committee noted the written report from the Chairman of the Match Race Rankings Sub-committee. The committee

(b) Submission 101-09

The committee discussed submission 101-09 from the Chairman of the Race Officials Committee about regulation 24.2 and the grading criteria. It was felt that a mandatory requirement for an international jury at Grade 2 events would put another burden on the organisers.

**Recommendation to Council**

Approve with the following amendment:

Change the underlined sentence in 24.2.3(d) and 24.2.4 to "as produced by the Match Racing Committee in consultation with the Race Officials Committee."

Change last row in the table in 24.2.3 (d) to read: “Yes” for 1-O and 1-W and “Recommended” for 2-O and 2-W.

*Vote: unanimous*

(c) Standard Guidelines for Grade 1 and Grade 2 events

The committee noted the Standard Guidelines for Grade 1 and Grade 2 events.

(d) Not attending competitors

Bruce Hebbert recommended the introduction of an “Attendance Deposit” to reduce the number of competitors not attending events. Such deposit is common for Team Racing event and works well.

The committee recommended drafting final wording which then should become part of the ISAF Standard Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions for Match Racing.

10. **Race Officials**

(a) Umpire Appointments

The ISAF Competitions Manager reported on the difficulties on the appointments of International Umpires made by the Appointments Working Party in 2009. The cancellation and the change of dates led to difficult situations for the working party and the International Umpires.

For 2010, event dates were requested earlier and preliminary appointments were already circulated. This was appreciated by umpires and event organisers.

(b) Umpire Development
The chairman of the International Umpires Sub-committee reported that 4 International Umpires’ Seminars were held in 2009 but no clinic. For the next year 3 to 4 Seminars or Clinics should be organised. It is noted that an Umpires Match Racing clinics will take place in conjunction with the Regional Finals for the ISAF Nations Cup 2011.

(c) Race Officials Working Party
The committee noted the written report from Gerard Bosse as chairman of the working party. There has been the first draft of an Organisers’ manual which will be finalized during 2010.

The committee expressed its gratitude for this important tool for the development of the sport.

(d) Submission 010-09
It was noted that submission 010-09 from the Chairman of the Race Officials Committee about regulation 18.16 and the umpire fees for Women’s Match Racing events had been withdrawn.

11. Match Racing Development

(a) Youth Development
The chairman stressed the need to develop Youth and Junior Match Racing around the world. It was noted that the chairman will develop a partnership with the chairman of the Development and Youth Committee.

(b) Match Racing Clinics
Discussed under 10 (b).

(c) Women’s Match Racing
Lotte Meldgaard Pedersen made a report about the development of women’s match racing. There have been 76 women’s events in 25 countries on all continents with almost 300 skippers represented in the Women’s Match Race Rankings. There has been an increase in the total prize money as well as in events with prize money. In general, Women’s Match Racing is still growing.

12. Racing Rules of Sailing
The committee discussed the following submissions about the Racing Rules of Sailing – Appendix C and the Call Book for Match Racing and make a recommendation to Council:

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13. **Committee’s Terms of Reference**

(a) **Submission 003-09**

The committee noted submission 003-09 from the Executive Committee about regulation 15.12.6 and the Terms of Reference for the Match Racing Committee. It was felt that this submission reflects the current areas of responsibilities and activities.

**Recommendation to Council**

Approve.

**Vote: unanimous**

14. **Any Other Business**

The committee noted the Annual Report from the chairman to the ISAF Council about activities of the Match Racing Committee.

15. **Summary of Meeting**

The chairman thanked the members for the contribution throughout the year and during this meeting.
Match Racing Committee Agenda (cont.)

The chairman closed the meeting at 13.48.