The Match Racing Committee will meet at 09:00 – 13:00 hours on Sunday 7 November 2010 at the Divani Caravel Hotel, Athens, Greece

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Present:

Henry Menin (ISV) – Chairman
Lotte Meldgaard Pedersen – Vice Chairman
Henri van der Aat (NED)
Shane Borrell (NZL)
Jane Correia (BER)
Annie Lush (GBR)
David Irish (USA) – Vice President

Walter Cavallucci (ITA)
Yana Dobzhitskava (RUS)
Elizabeth Baylis (USA)
Gerard Bosse (FRA)
Leo Kuret (CRO)
Nadine Stegenwalner (GER)

Apologies:

Miguel Allen (POR)

1. Welcome & Introductions

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting
   (a) Minutes
   The committee noted the minutes of the Match Racing Committee meeting of 8 November 2009. The minutes can be downloaded at www.sailing.org/meetings.
   (b) Minutes Matters Arising
   To consider any matters arising not covered elsewhere on this agenda.
   No matters arose.

3. ISAF Women’s Match Racing World Championship 2010
   (a) Event report
   To receive the report from the ISAF Technical Delegate
   A report was given by the Chairman. It was noted The ISAF Women’s Match Race World Championship 2010 was an outstanding event. The Organising Authority – the New York Yacht Club – gave all their input to make an unforgettable event for both the competitors and Race Officials. The standard of competition was very high and the competitors showed Match Racing on a true world championship level.
   20 Teams representing 15 nations from took part in the event including the defending
World Champion, 5 teams were invited using the World Cup Standing and 12 using the Women’s MR Ranking list.

The winner and new Women’s Match Racing World Champion was Lucy Macgregor.

4. **ISAF Women's Match Racing World Championship 2011**
   (a) Update
   To receive a progress report from the ISAF Technical Delegate
   
   The Women’s Match Racing World Championship will take place in Perth, AUS, along with the 2011 ISAF Sailing World Championships. The event will be the first Olympic 2012 qualifier and 8 MNAs of the 32 participants will get a place for the Olympics.

5. **ISAF Women's Match Racing World Championship 2012**
   (a) Update
   To receive a progress report from the ISAF Technical Delegate
   
   ISAF Secretariat has not received bids for the 2012 World Championship.
   
   It was decided to send a letter to all MNAs asking for bids by 31 January. If the event takes place before the Olympic Competition the recommended equipment will be the Elliot 6m. There is no recommendation regarding the equipment if the event takes place after the Olympics.

6. **World Match Racing Tour**
   (a) Update report
   To receive a report from the World Match Tour Director about the 2010 Tour and plans for the 2011 Tour
   
   An exhaustive report was given by the WMRT Director, including the number of participants in the Qualifier Tour Events, the media coverage and the total prize money for 2010. It was noted that Tour prize money and the number of competitors has increased significantly.
   
   Though in a future the number of events will be increased, no changes are expected for 2011 Tour.
   
   (b) Invitation system
   To discuss the invitation system
   
   The invitation system will not be changed for 2011.
   
   The Committee expressed their significant concerns about the way in which Tour Cards are distributed. Many different complaints were noted.
   
   *The MRC strongly recommended that it must have more influence on the operations of the World Match Racing Tour and the criteria for issuing Tour Cards in order to fulfill its obligations under the Committee’s Terms of Reference.*

7. **ISAF Nations Cup**
   (a) ISAF Nations Cup 2010
   To receive an update from the ISAF Nations Cup Working Party
Liz Baylis gave an updated report on the Nations Cup. All the Regional Finals will take place in 2011, starting in March. Cape Town (South Africa), Manama (Bahrain), Porto (Portugal), Gdynia (Poland), Fort Worth (Texas, USA), Sydney (Australia) and Porto Alegre (Brazil) are the venues for the Regional Finals of the ISAF Nations Cup. The Grand Final will take place in Sheboygan, Wisconsin (USA) in September 2011.

It was noted that in order to help the organizers with the event costs, it would be most prudent and desirable for ISAF to look for sponsors for future Nations Cup editions.

8. Women's Match Racing as an Olympic Event

(a) Update report

To receive a report from the Chairman

The Chairman reported on the current status of Women’s Match Racing in the 2012 Olympics, the status of the Qualifiers and the supply of equipment, as well as issues concerning the selection of match racing for the 2016 Olympics.

9. Match Racing Grading and Ranking

(a) Match Racing Rankings Sub-committee

To receive a report from the Chairman of the Match Race Rankings Sub-committee.

The Chairman of the Sub-committee, Shane Borrell, filed a written report on the activities of the Sub-committee in 2010.

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

To update the Standard Guidelines for Grade 1 and Grade 2 events.

The Sub-committee decided to undertake a complete review of the standards and point systems used for all graded match racing events during 2011.

(c) Not attending competitors

To discuss a report from the Bruce Hebbert about measures to reduce the number of competitors not attending events.

Not discussed.

10. Race Officials

(a) Umpire Appointments

To receive a verbal report from the ISAF Competitions Manager on the appointments of International Umpires made by the Appointments Working Party in 2010 and plans for 2011

Not discussed.

(b) Umpire Development

To receive a verbal report from the Chairman of the International Umpires Sub-committee on the development of International Umpires in 2010 and plans for 2011.

Not discussed.
11. **Olympic Commission**

To discuss the Olympic Commission draft report.

The Olympic Commission report and Submission 097-10 were discussed.

The Committee received an extensive report and power point presentation of the work and conclusions of the Olympic Commission from Council Member and OC member, Cory Sertl. Vigorous discussion followed.

**Opinion: Reject**

1. The Match Racing Committee strongly recommends to Council to first await the results of the Women’s Keelboat-Match Racing Event at the 2012 Olympic Sailing Competition and take a decision on the future of Olympic Women’s Match Racing in November 2012, after the Olympic Sailing Competition. The Committee believes that match racing will be very successful at the Games as it has been at the ISAF Sailing World Cup as it clearly represents each of the five “rings” as mentioned by the Olympic Commission:

   i) Match Racing increases the number of nations into the Olympics through a well developed clinic program and uses Continental Qualifiers through the Nations Cup Model

   ii) Match Racing presents the sport better to the public: First to finish wins the gold medal

   iii) Event Presentation: Most match racing events already have event villages and are used to public interest with racing close to the shore and spectated.

   iv) Match Racing has a clear established event structure

   v) Match Racing is the most athlete focused and least equipment focused part of the current Olympic programme. Furthermore, match race sailors cover a wide weight range of women between 45 to 85 kg.

2. The MR Committee disagreed with the Olympic Commissions’ note that a Women’s circuit similar to the men’s Tour is incompatible with the Olympics being the pinnacle event for women’s match racing.

3. The MR Committee strongly felt that retaining women’s match racing in the Olympics will not detract from the expansion of women’s match racing, but instead will help in that expansion, for the reasons mentioned in 1 above.

4. As match racing has proven to attract substantial sponsorship and media coverage at events worldwide, the Committee felt that, contrary to the Olympic Commission’s statement, match racing will in the future enhance the ISAF Sailing World Cup (as it does for the Olympics) and will enhance it’s commercial viability. Moreover, the Committee strongly feels that match racing could also develop outside the ISAF Sailing World Cup events, however this would be more of a loss to the SWC than to Match Racing.

5. The Committee expressed its concern that despite its several offers to assist the Olympic Commission with information regarding the match racing discipline in terms of organization, costs, formats, statistics, etc., it never received any response from the Olympic Commission and that had there been some communication between the entities, perhaps some errors in the conclusions and recommendations of the Olympic Commission might have been avoided.
12. Racing Rules of Sailing

(a) To consider the following submission and make a recommendation

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(b) Number From About Recommendation


To receive a report from Gerard Bosse on the Match Race Organizers Manual.

The Manual will be a part of the Race Management Manual and is almost finalized. It was decided to review the document and send it to ISAF Secretariat in order to be standardized as per ISAF layout before posting on the website.

14. Youth Development

To discuss youth development in match racing.

The chairman advised that Jane Correia would be appointed to chair a Youth Development Task force and that he would name additional members of the Task force shortly.

15. Any Other Business

(a) The Committee considered submission 012-10 ISAF Appointments - ISAF Appointment of Umpires and Judges

Opinion: Approve with the following amendment

18.12.9 (a) When ISAF appoints and/or approves the International Jury, it may, in consultation conjunction with the relevant class association and Organizing Authority, appoint/approve national judges to the extent permitted by the Racing Rules of Sailing.
(b) When ISAF appoints and/or approves the Umpire Team, it may, in consultation conjunction with the relevant Organizing Authority, appoint/approve national umpires to the extent consistent with guidelines adopted by the International Umpires Subcommittee.

(b) The Committee considered submission 127-10 Grading of Events - Regulation 24.2.3(c)

Recommendation to Council: Approve.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 1800h.