World Sailing

#16 Match Racing Committee Meeting Agenda

Meeting Date: 8.9.2026

Location: Online, Open

Commencement Time: UTC 19.00

Agenda Items

1. **Opening of the Meeting**
   a. The Chair welcomed the committee members after a break of two months since the last meeting.
   b. Apologies for Absence received from Annika Carlunger, Marios Zisimatos, Russell Green and VP Corinne Migraine. Absent from the meeting: Ute Monnin-Wagner
   c. The minutes of the 23.6.2026 meeting were approved.
   d. There was no matters Arising

2. **Board greetings**
   a. VP Cory Sertl welcomed and thank the committee members for their work.
      - She reminded every one about the importance to attend the Conference for the in-person meeting. The Board is asking all the committees to present their workplan for 2027 for approval by the Board in December.
      - She explained the work done by the WS stakeholders towards the reinsertion of sailing in the paralympics and that Blind Match Racing was a great event and asset in the strategy.
      - The Board is leading on the Neutrality policy aligning with the IOC guidance.

3. **Match Racing Committee**
   a. Match Race Committee Working Plan 2026-2028 – actions
      The 2027 Working plans will need to be done by the next October meeting before being presented officially during the November Annual Meeting for endorsement by the Board in December.
      Committee members commented on several areas for improvement for 2027 including updating data on the website, keep improving the rankings searchability, looking for hosts for MR events…
   b. World Sailing Match Racing World Championships
      i. 2026 Youth & Women
         The Women's Worlds are in a good place with 12 strong teams from 8 nations. On the media side there has been meetings between the WS office and the host to

share content. The WS media team will share the preview with all the MNA PR so they know how to relay the information.

ii. 2027-2029 Youth & Women – bid progress

The 2027 Worlds are advancing well with the hosting agreement close to be finalised.

For the 2028 and 2029 bids, both Youth and Women working teams should meet to discuss next steps.

c. 2027 Nations Cup

No request for invitation have been received to date and another email has been sent to MNA's. Some emails have been received from MNA asking for clarifications in the process. The committee chair presented a paper that can be used to bring clarification and answers on the skipper selection process.

4. <u>Team Working Plans 2026</u>

a. Progress reports

Nations Cup: work is being done to clarify the qualification system and communication to the MNA.

Youth: work needs to continue to select a host for 2028. The working team chair indicated that to have both events in the same venue offers many advantages and that this should be investigated.

Women: with the absence of the Working Team chair, the udate will be circulated

Blind: ongoing work with several committees working group to finalise CBS.

IT : there has been considerable work done to improve the website functionalities. Sailors who have passed the Youth age are automatically removed from the Youth rankings, the rankings are searchable by nations and continents. It needs improving with search by name.

Calendar: a clear and timely updated calendar is vital for the teams planning. We also need to make sure that the major events are avoiding clash with regular events. It is an ongoing work.

The chair reminded the committee members the importance to get their 2027 working plan ready for the next meeting.

5. <u>Update from World Sailing</u>

a. Actions, needs for support and decisions have been addressed earlier in the meeting.

6. <u>Any Other Business</u>

a. There were no other matters arising

b. There was no other business

c. The next meeting will be on the 13th of October at 1900 UTC