

Match Racing Sub-committee

Regulation 27.2

A submission from the Events Committee

Purpose or Objective

To update the Regulations to clarify that there can be three principal national championships, open, women and youth.

Proposal

27.2 World Sailing Match Race Rankings

27.2.3 Grading of Events

Event grading will normally be based on the following criteria, but will take into account the overall event package. During the transition from the previous criteria a reasonable time shall be allowed for events to comply. Percentage calculations shall be rounded up to the nearest whole number.

- (c) Grade 3 - Open, Women and Youth
Satisfies the criteria for a Grade 4 event and: -
The boats shall have a minimum crew of three.
There shall be a minimum of eight skippers entered for the match racing.
If the event is a principal national championships (Regulation 27.2.3(c)(i) & (ii)):
1. There shall be a minimum of four skippers from the host nation; and
 2. The minimum number of skippers is four.
- The boats shall 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 **open, women and youth** national championships - only one per **division and** nation per year
 - (ii) ~~The principal youth national championship – one per nation per year~~
 - (ii) An international event with a minimum of 30% of the skippers of a different nationality than the host nation, or
 - (iii) an event, for countries whose Member National Authority is in Groups 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 events designated in Regulation 27.2.3(c)(iii) & (iv) there shall be at least two International Umpires.

Current Position

As above.

Reasons

1. To clarify the wording in (i) that there is one national championship for open, women and youth
 2. To be consistent with the three divisions (open, women, youth)
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