

World Sailing

#7 Match Racing Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 2.9.2025

Location: Online, [Open](#)

Commencement Time: UTC 19.00

<u>Agenda Items</u>
1. <u>Opening of the Meeting</u> a. Chair's Opening Remarks b. Apologies for Absence for Russel Green, Nelson Ilha, Marios Zisimatos c. Minutes of the 30.7.2025 meeting approved. d. No matters Arising
2. <u>Board greetings</u> a. Cory Sertl presented an update from the Board.
3. <u>Match Racing Committee</u> a. The proposals issued by the Match Racing Committee to clarify the following policies were approved and will be submitted to the Board. a. Policy Number: H1 – 8.2, 8.7, 8.8 - 8.2 Grade 5 - Open, Women and Youth (g) The weight limit for open events AND YOUTH EVENTS may be either: (i) a maximum average crew weight limit of 87,5kg; or (ii) a maximum total crew weight limit of 'Y' (where Y = 87,5kg x the number of standard crew members for the boat (X)) and the organizing authority may permit the boat to be raced with X, X-1 or X+1 crew members. - 8.2 Grade 5 - Open, Women and Youth (g) The weight limit for women's events AND YOUTH WOMEN'S EVENTS may be either: (i) a maximum average crew weight limit of 68kg; or (ii) a maximum total crew weight limit of 'Y' (where Y = 68kg x the number of standard crew members for the boat (X)) and the organizing authority may permit the boat to be raced with X, X-1 or X+1 crew members. b. Policy Number: H1 – 8.2 (g) Women weight to be increased. - Proposal 1 - to increase the maximum weight limit per female crew member in all-female Match Racing competitions from the current 68 kg to 70 kg. - Proposal 2 - to increase the maximum weight limit per female crew member in all-female Match Racing competitions from the current 68 kg to 73 kg. - The committee voted to make a proposal for proposal 2

c. Policy Number: H1 - 8.7 The event meets the requirements in Appendix A (O = Open, W = Women, Y = Youth) d. Policy Number: H1 - 8.8 When determining Skipper Points for an Open event the best skipper ranking across Open, Women or Youth rankings shall be used. For a Women's event, the Women skipper ranking shall be used when determining Skipper Points. For a Youth event, the Youth skipper ranking shall be used when determining Skipper Points. b. Objective 6 – to grow match racing worldwide – KPI's This item is being followed up by the office. c. Actions based on feedback and advice	
4. <u>Team updates, actions, needs for support and decisions</u> a. Progress: Sailor Experience Need to identify a way for sailors to report issues in person or anonymously. b. Progress: Rules – input on Match Racing Calls The MRC Rapid Call Response group answered 4 cases. c. Progress: Ranking & Grading, World Sailing IT This is being addressed by the identifying solutions and timeline. d. Progress: Youth Match Racing The WG is reviewed the NoR with a first draft sent to the 2026 host. The WG also reviewed the Youth World's selection criteria. The age limit was discussed but no new strong argument to make any changes, same for the weight. The WG and the committee agreed that all Youth events need to comply with the date of birth stated in the policy. The office is to send a communication to the Youth Events organisers. All events should communicate on time as per policy. e. Progress: Women's Match Racing, WWMRT The TD gave a report on the upcoming Women's Worlds in Chicago. Questions on the ideal number of events on the WWMRT were raised. f. Progress: Blind Match Racing The WG has distributed a survey to the community. It should be shared widely around. It will close on October 15. g. Progress: Special Events h. Progress: Race Management & Organisation manual In progress. i. Progress: 2025 Women's MR WC – September 17-20 report given by TD j. Progress: 2026/ 2027 WS Nations Cup bid process – The bid deadline was pushed back one month to October 20. The office to update and circulate again. k. Progress: 2027-2029 Youth & Women's WC – bid process in progress l. Presentation: Media & Communication, Event Calendar – <u>Team plan</u>	

5. Practical things

- a. Possible need for proposals
- b. Deadlines and expected deliverables - World Sailing yearclock
- c. Status - Team WhatsApp group
- d. Upload - Team plans to Dropbox
- e. Attendance - World Sailing Annual Conference, Dún Laoghaire Ireland – Match Racing Committee 3.11.2025, 13.30-16.00 local time

6. Any Other Business

- a. Matters arising – identified in opening of the meeting
- b. Any other business: The Youth Worlds TD reported the needs for a coach at large during training and the event to even up teams, especially when 16 teams are present. Need to insure all race officials appointed by WS have gear and need a branded bib to cover life jackets.
- c. Next meeting September 30 at 19.00 UTC