

EurILCA RANKING LIST

I. BACKGROUND

The ISAF World Sailing Rankings rate skippers based on their performances over the last two years. The European Region of International Laser Class Association performs a very similar project with the present Ranking List system.

The Rankings for Laser Classes are administered by the European Region of ILCA (by now EurILCA). Every year in November the Rankings Sub-Committee meet to review the method of calculation of the Rankings and to grade events to be included in the Rankings.

That project will produce a standard ranking system where each sailor can find his own position both at Fleet level or District level and at Regional level.

2. EVENTS INCLUDED IN THE RANKING LIST

2.1. INTERNATIONAL – REGIONAL RACES

- 2.1.1. European championships, Europa Cup series races, Euromaster series races will be part of the Ranking list.
- 2.1.2. ILCA compliant Notice of Race (NoR) to be used and distributed at least 1 month before the event.
- 2.1.3. International Jury to be appointed and the Chairman shall be an International Judge, not from the host country, if possible.

2.2. DISTRICT RACES

- 2.2.1. A District Race is a race where the majority of a district's fleet meets.
- 2.2.2. Each district can apply for
 - A District Championship
 - A maximum of 5 major district races
- 2.2.3. Districts applying for grading a race for the first time will be requested to send a history of the regatta to the Regional Offices before the regatta can be considered.

2.3. FLEET RACES

- 2.3.1. Districts will approve the "Fleet rankings" and the regattas that can be considered.
- 2.3.2. Each fleet can apply for a maximum of 8 races per year
- 2.3.3. Fleets applying for grading a race for the first time will be requested to send a history of the regatta to their Districts before the regatta can be considered.



2.4. THE LIST OF THE CLASSIFIED RACES

- 2.4.1. The publication of the official list will be available by the end of January of each year.
An exception is in place only for the current year, where that list will be published and can be upgraded until April the 1st, 2012.
- 2.4.2. Applications should be agreed with the EurILCA office before January 15th of the year the event will take place. For the current year, 2012, before March 15th.

3. GRADING CRITERIA FOR RANKED EVENTS

3.1. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- 3.1.1. The event shall be sailed broadly according to the principles applied in the current ILCA events format and shall be of a uniformly high standard.
- 3.1.2. In principle the event shall be sailed using a notice of race and sailing instructions in-line with the Notice of Race Guide and the Sailing Instructions Guide in The Racing Rules of Sailing and the event shall be organized according to the principles laid out in the ISAF Race Management Manual. Standard Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions applied in European Championship are the principal reference where Europa Cup Standard NOR and Sailing Instructions still reference for district events.
- 3.1.3. An event will not be entered into the rankings if it has less than four competitors (even if the women raced with the men).

3.2. INTERNATIONAL EVENTS REQUIREMENTS

- 3.2.1. Organizers of all graded events must ensure the publication on the event website of the daily results without delay, updating the organizer's own webpages (hyperlinked on the EurILCA or ILCA event pages); or providing the EurILCA office the results with an e-mail including an attachment in HTML or text format.
- 3.2.2. A high level of organization on the water as well as on shore is required.
- 3.2.3. A well equipped press office should be available for the international press
- 3.2.4. TV and or internet streaming coverage should be encouraged
- 3.2.5. In order to be entered into the rankings
- at least two (2) races must be completed in the series
 - 15 or more competitors from at least 3 districts in each class otherwise the event will be downgraded by one step.

3.3. CRITERIA APPLYING TO GRADE "0" EVENTS

- 3.3.1. European Championships
- 3.3.2. High grade Europa Cup, no more than 3 events per year

3.4. CRITERIA APPLYING TO GRADE “1” EVENTS

3.4.1. District Championships.

- No more than one District championship per year per each District can be included in to the Ranking Ladder as grade 1

3.4.2. Europa Cup series

- No more than 12 events per year can be included in to the Ranking Ladder as grade 1

3.4.3. Euromaster series

- No more than 15 events per year can be included into the Ranking Ladder as grade 1

3.5. CRITERIA APPLYING TO GRADE “2” EVENTS

3.5.1. National races at district level

- A maximum of 5 events per year may be classified Grade 2 in each District including District Master championships or other “closed” events.

3.6. CRITERIA APPLYING TO GRADE “3” EVENTS

3.6.1. Local Fleet races

- A maximum of 8 events per year may be classified Grade 3 in each Fleet. A District can have many Fleets, each one of those fleets can add into the system no more than 8 races a year.

4. SINGLE RACE RANKING’S SCORE POINTS CALCULATION

Each single race has a final result. That position (1st, second etc.), in a ranking list, that’s weighting different races with different numbers of competitors, and where the top sailors are not always the same, the value of the final result has to be corrected with some factors.

4.1. THE REGATTA POINTS SCORE (R) CALCULATION

Beginning from the final position, we can calculate the score point value for each competitor. That score is called Regatta Points “R” and is calculated with the formula: $101 - \text{final position}$. The winning competitor in each regatta scores 100 points, the second 99 points and so on.

The single exception is for the regattas where the number of competitors is more than 100 where the difference between the 1st and 2nd (and so on) is not 1 entire score point (100/100) but a fraction of it coming from the fraction $100/n$ where n is the number of competitors.

4.2. THE QUALITY FACTOR “Q”

In addition each event is ascribed a Quality factor, 'Q'. This is calculated according to the number of top competitors attending the regatta. It can only be calculated when the entry list is closed.

Q is determined by the formula $Q = 1 + n/30$, where n is the number of competitors occupying the 30 top places in their respective most recent ranking list prior to the event at Regional or District level. The limits of Q are set between 1.0 and 1.5.

4.3. THE QUANTITY FACTOR “QT”

In addition each event is ascribed a Quantity factor, 'QT'. This is calculated according to the number competitors attending the regatta. It can only be calculated when the entry list is closed.

Q is determined by the formula $Q = 1 + n/100$, where n is the number of competitors entering the race. The limits of Q are set between 1.0 and 1.5.

4.4. YEAR WEIGHTING FACTOR 'YWF'

The two year period is calculated on a rolling basis (from today's date to the same date two years previously). Results less than 1 year old are multiplied by factor 1.5. That in fact means that we can observe the career of each sailor, but, only the best last year result will really count to define the top sailors.

4.5. THE GRADE FACTOR "F"

Taking into account continental distribution, regattas meeting the basic criteria have been awarded a grade by the EurILCA Rankings Sub-Committee. Points for each grade of event are multiplied by a factor to reflect the importance of the event. This multiplier is called factor 'F'.

	Grade	"F" factor"
Regional Championships	0	3,3
High Level Europa Cup	0	3.3
Europa Cup	1	3
Euromaster	1	3
District Championships	1	3
District Race	2	2
Local Race	3	1,3

4.6. THE RANKING SCORE POINTS (P) CALCULATION

Each competitor's regatta score is multiplied by QT, Q, YWF and F to give the ranking points. Ranking Points (P) are calculated using the following method.

$$P = R \times Q \times QT \times YWF \times F$$

Where

P = Ranking Points

R = Regatta Points

Q = Quality Factor

QT = Quantiy Factor

YWF = Year Weighting Factor

F = Event Grading Multiplier

Every calculated point (P) will be rounded up 1/1000.

- For victory in a European Championship or major Europa Cups (Grade 0) a sailor can expect to score around 1, 100 points, dropping to around 750 points if over twelve months ago.
- Victory at a Grade 1 event would be rewarded between 1000 points, depending upon the strength and depth of the fleet, dropping to around 730 if over twelve months ago.
- Victory at a Grade 2 event would be rewarded between 750 points, depending upon the strength and depth of the fleet, dropping to around 450 if over twelve months ago.
- Victory at a Grade 3 event would be rewarded between 250 points, depending upon the strength and depth of the fleet, dropping to around 180 if over twelve months ago.

5. FULL SCORE POINTS CALCULATION

The full score point in the EurILCA Ranking List is calculated at each single level.

5.1. GENERAL RANKING

Add the seven highest values of P over the last two years to determine the competitor's total ranking score.

5.1.1. EUROPA CUP RACES TO COUNT

No more than the 4 highest values of P over the last two years, related to the Europa Cup Races, will be counted to determine the competitor's total ranking score.

5.1.2. EUROMASTER RACES TO COUNT

No more than the 4 highest values of P over the last two years, related to the Euromaster Races, will be counted to determine the competitor's total ranking score.

5.2. DISTRICT RANKINGS

Add the 7 highest values of P over the last two years related to Races held in their districts including the local (fleet level) races to determine the competitor's total ranking score. Europa Cup and Euromaster series races will be counted only if held in that District.

5.3. FLEET RANKINGS

Add the 7 highest values of P over the last two years collected including only the local (fleet) races to determine the competitor's total ranking score.

5.4. CATEGORIES

In addition to the overall ranking per rig, the ranking list system will show the sailor's categories as shown in the following table.

2012 Categories		Age in years		11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-100
Class/Rig	Sex / Birth Year	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993	1992	-	1977 - 1968	1967 - 1958	1957 - 1948	1947 - 1912		
Laser 4.7	Boys	No	Under 16			Under 18		No						No				
	Girls	No	Under 16			Under 18		Open Female						Apprentice	Master	Grand Master	Great Grand Master	
Laser Radial	Boys/Men	No			Under 17	Under 19	Open											
	Boys/Ladies	No			Under 17	Under 19	Under 21 F	Open										
Laser Standard	Boys/Men	No			Under 19		Under 21 M	Open										

5.5. ISSUES

5.5.1. The European Laser Class Rankings are issued approximately after each regional event including Europa Cup, Euromaster events and Championships.

6. SCORING

- 6.1. Each single sailor will be ranked in an event.
- 6.2. Where a class is split into Gold and Silver fleets, it is correct to rank 1st place in the silver behind the last place in the gold; that concept is extended when we have more groups, red, emerald.
- 6.3. Where men and women fleets sail together (in Radial and Laser 4.7 classes) the men and women will be ranked separately by simply extracting the women's positions from the overall positions and ranking them in order, i.e. 1,2,3 ... etc.
- 6.4. Nationality is assigned according to the ISAF Sailor ID linked to the competitor. A competitor can only ask to change Districts at the beginning of each year.

7. RESULTS MANAGEMENT

- 7.1. In relation to ISAF Regulation 24.1.1 (e) all results should include ISAF Sailor IDs, forenames, surnames and, when competing in mixed fleets, gender. All results should include overall finishing positions.
- 7.2. "Closed" events or events for a defined category like youth and masters should be graded and the scores will be counted only for the competitor in their single age group as defined in Item 5.4.

7.3. ENTRIES

- 7.3.1. For Europa Cup Entries will be managed by a centralized entry system at: www.eurilca.org/europacup/entriesonline.html.
- 7.3.2. That Entry system will be available for all the graded races, for every District to facilitate the results collection.
- 7.3.3. A sailor who wants to be scored in the EURILCA Ranking list is recommended to enter each race by the entry system as per 7.3.1
- 7.3.4. Where a different entry system will be applied, the District organizing the race will provide the list of final result of each race in a file (csv, xls, etc) in conformity of item 7.1 above.

7.4. RESULTS SUBMISSION

- 7.4.1. Final Results are the key of the "game" therefore the quality of the result data is the key to maintaining a properly upgraded EURILCA Ranking List. At the end of each race classified as a ranked event, the final results list has to be added in to the website as soon as possible.
- 7.4.2. To facilitate the results collection, the Districts / Organizers using the entry system shown at 7.3.1 above will have a username and password that will provide access to a web page from where:
- *Districts / Organizers can download: A full list of competitors ready to be imported in to the ZW scoring system, and pre-competed entry forms. Results managed by the ZW scoring system may be directly elaborated by the Regional office and added to the Ranking List system*
 - *Districts / Organizers can access a filling system where the list of competitors is available and by just typing the ISAF sailor ID of the competitors, the results will be added to the Ranking List system. This is the best way to add data from the Fleet level races.*
- 7.4.3. As an alternative results can be emailed to the EurILCA office within 24 hours of the last race in the format stated by the EurILCA office to be easily entered into the Rankings.
- 7.4.4. Where results are forwarded late to the EurILCA office (more than 2 weeks late) the event may be downgraded the following year.



8. SAILOR'S RIG CHANGE MANAGEMENT

- 8.1. Considering that the Laser Class is unique, and the use of a different rig can't be a good reason to forget the experience gained in the previous rig, when a Sailor moves from a Rig to another one, like from Laser 4.7 to Radial or from the Radial Rig to the Standard rig, there will be a "welcome card" to encourage the change of rig.
- 8.2. At the 1st week of January the Ranking List will be closed to assign the prizes of the previous year. At that stage the top 50 Junior sailors Ranked in Laser 4.7 Female, in Laser 4.7 Male, Radial Male, Radial Female, who are old enough to move to the next Rig, will be assigned a "welcome card". A welcome card consists of a score of 10% of their final score. They have 4 welcome cards, therefore, will carry with them the 40% of their score.
- 8.3. Welcome cards will be assigned at European level and at District level too.
- 8.4. A "personal" score can be assigned from a District to a sailor coming to the Laser Class from another Olympic class to encourage him to take part in the Europa Cup Trophy. That score will be called a "wild card" and it will consist of 4 scores of 150 score points.
- 8.5. All of those cards, the welcome and the wild, will be valid until the 31st December of the year of assignment.

9. OVERALL EUROPA CUP TROPHY PRIZES

- 9.1. At the end of each yearly season, each laser rig overall winner and the winner of each category noted in 5.4 above will be awarded with a wild card for the next European Championship of his or her choice.
- 9.2. ILCA prizes (cubes and plaques) will be awarded for at least the first 3 overall places in each rig and in each category noted in 5.4 above subject to ILCA Honor Awards By Law during the first Grade "0" event of the subsequent year.
- 9.3. Additional prizes may be added.