

Match Racing Committee Minutes



The Match Racing Committee met between 09:30 – 13:30 hours on Monday 11 November at the Al Bandar Hotel, Muscat, Sultanate of Oman

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Present:

Liz Baylis (USA) – Chairman

Miguel Allen (POR) – Vice-Chairman

Stratis Andreadis (GRE)

Marc Bouet (FRA)

Yana Dobzhitskaya (RUS)

Russell Green (NZL)

Michael O'Connor (IRL)

Michael Rölllich (FIN)

Adrienne Greenwood – Vice-President

Apologies:

Martin Kaye (HKG)

Walter Cavallucci (ITA)

1. Opening of the Meeting

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed the new Committee to Oman. The Committee members each gave a short introduction.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

(a) Minutes

The Committee noted the minutes of its meeting of 4 November 2012 (circulated and approved after the meeting).

(b) Matters Arising

There were no matters arising not covered elsewhere on this agenda.

3. ISAF Women's Match Racing World Championships 2013

The Committee received the report of the ISAF Technical Delegate.

4. ISAF Women's Match Racing World Championships 2014

The Committee received a progress report from the ISAF Technical Delegate.

5. ISAF Women's Match Racing World Championships 2015

The Committee received bids for the 2015 Championships and received presentations from Lysekil (SWE), Middelfart (DEN) and Szczecin-Swinoujscie (POL). The Committee then conferred in closed session.

Decision

The Committee recommends to Council that the 2015 ISAF Women's Match Racing Championship be awarded to Middelfart (DEN) subject to a successful site visit and contractual arrangements.

6. ISAF Nations Cup

- (a) To receive a final report from the ISAF Technical Delegate.
- (b) To receive a report from the Nations Cup Working Party.
- (c) To discuss and agree intentions for future editions of the Nations Cup.

The Committee received the report of the ISAF Technical Delegate and the Working Party and then discussed items (a) to (c) together.

Decision

The recommendations of the Working Party are approved (Appendix 1).

Decision

The Working Party is to continue for the next edition of the Nations Cup and is to consist of:

Michael O'Connor (IRL) – Chairman

Yana Dobzhitskaya (RUS)

Soren Laugesen (DEN)

Flavio Naveira (ARG)

7. ISAF Youth Match Racing World Championships 2014

- (a) To receive a report from the ISAF Competitions Manager.
- (b) To receive a report from the Youth Match Racing Working Party.
- (c) To make any recommendations to Council.

The Committee received the report of the ISAF Competitions Manager and the Working Party and then discussed items (a) to (c) together.

Decision

The Committee recommends to Council that the Championship should be held annually and a bidding process for 2015 should be run after Conference with the Executive Committee to decide bids in February 2014.

8. World Match Racing Tour

- (a) The Committee received a report from the Executive Director of the World Match Racing Tour on the 2013 season and plans for the 2014 season.
- (b) The Committee received a report from the ISAF Competitions Manager on the new contractual arrangements with the World Match Racing Tour.
- (c) The Committee received a verbal report from the WMRT Advisory Committee
- (d) To make any recommendations to Council.

There were no recommendations to make.

9. Match Racing Gradings and Rankings

- (a) The Committee received a report from the Chairman of the Match Race Rankings Sub-committee.
- (b) To review and amend, if necessary, the ISAF Standard Guidelines for Grade 1 and 2 Events.
The Guidelines were reviewed and confirmed.
- (c) To make any recommendations to Council.

Decision

The Committee recommends to Council that a review should be conducted by Match Racing Committee and the International Umpires Sub-Committee with respect to costs for Grade 1 organisers.

10. Race Officials

- (a) The Committee received a verbal report from the ISAF Competitions Manager on behalf of the Event Appointments Working Party on the appointments of International Umpires.
- (b) To receive any report from the Chairman of the International Umpires Sub-committee.
No report was received.

11. Submissions November 2013

Please refer to the 2013 Submissions Booklet for details of all submissions also available online at www.sailing.org/meetings

- (a) To consider submissions for which the Match Racing Committee is the Reporting Committee:
 - i) None
- (b) To consider submissions for which the Match Racing Committee is an Other Committee:
 - i) Submission 010-13 – ISAF Advertising Code from US Sailing
Opinion: No recommendation
 - ii) Submission 011-13 – ISAF Advertising Code from International 49er Class Association
Opinion: No recommendation
 - iii) Submission 012-13 – ISAF Advertising Code from International Kiteboarding Association
Submission withdrawn
 - iv) Submission 013-13 – Payment for Umpires from the Chairman of the Race Officials Committee
Opinion: Approve
 - v) Submission 034-13 – ISAF Regulations from the Chairman of the Constitution Committee
Submission withdrawn
- (c) To make recommendations on any other submissions
 - i) Submission 130-13 - Racing Rules of Sailing - New MR Call C3 from the Chairman fo the Racing Rules Committee
Opinion: Approve

- ii) Submission 131-13 - Racing Rules of Sailing - Additional Question in New MR Call C3 from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee

Opinion: Approve

Approve alternative answer 1. Wording should be amended throughout to be more consistent.

- iii) Submission 132-13 – MR Call E3 from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee

Opinion: Reject

The rule should be fixed.

12. Reports from Working Groups

- (a) The Committee received reports from the following working groups:
 - i) Women's Match Racing Worlds
 - ii) Match Racing Rules
 - iii) Sailor Development
 - iv) Race Management and Organization
- (b) To make any recommendations to Council

Decision

The Committee strongly recommends that work be undertaken by both the Racing Rules Committee and the Match Racing Committee to harmonise the various and growing versions match racing rules

13. Annual Report

The Committee approved the Chairman's report to be given at the ISAF Council meeting of 15 November 2013 on the activities of the Match Racing Committee since the meeting of Council in November 2012.

14. Any Other Business

There was no other business.

Appendix 1

Nations Cup Working Party Recommendations

1. Recommendations

- 1.1 Continue for 2014 – 2015 and review after next edition.
- 1.2 Keep the Regional Final structure to keep the costs down – teams will not willingly travel between continents.
- 1.3 Lower the risk with the Regional Finals to select more proven venues.
- 1.4 Use the Regional Final more as a coaching platform in the round robin phases and have deep debriefs.
- 1.5 Streamline the communications with the aim to move the onus towards the OA.
- 1.6 Revert back to 10 + 10 teams for the Grand Final.
- 1.7 Expand the scope to support growing youth match racing and the building of skills for the ISAF Youth Match Racing World Championship. Have an additional prize for youth teams in the Nations Cup existing event structure. This would celebrate the top youth nation (MNA) with the result extracted from the existing formats of the Open and Women's Divisions.
- 1.8 Mark or extract a calendar of ISAF events (where ISAF is the OA) which have priority of date allocation once published. Aim to clarify amongst third parties the seniority of ISAF events over ISAF graded events where another party is the OA.
- 1.9 Apply the deadlines more strictly when an MNA does not respond or go direct to the sailors and organisers earlier.
- 1.10 Provisional timetable:
 - (a) November 2013 – ISAF approval and gain preliminary sailor/venue interest – Appoint WP
 - (b) January 2014 – Issue bid documentation
 - (c) February – April 2014 – Assess bids and clarifications
 - (d) May 2014 – Executive Committee decision on final bids
 - (e) June 2014 – Issue NOR
 - (f) Late 2014 and first half of 2015 – Regional Finals
 - (g) Second half of 2015 – Grand Final