



International Sailing Federation



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1. Introduction

The Nations Cup will have two divisions; Open and Women.

Depending on demands for participation, there will be qualifying events. These are called "Regional Finals". These Regional Finals will qualify competitors to the Grand Final. The Regional Finals will be ISAF Grade 2 events and the Grand Final will be Grade 1.

Entries may be submitted to ISAF by the national federations. In the event that a federation makes no submission, a competitor from that MNA may submit an individual entry, subject to approval from the MNA. ISAF will allocate entries to the Regional Finals.

The winning team or the first XX ranked teams (depending on number of Regional Finals) in each Regional Final (Open and Women) will qualify for the Grand Final. An Open and Women's team from the host nation, as well as the teams from the defending nation, are pre-qualified for the Grand Final.

2. Proposed Schedule: Regional Final

Each Regional Final should be scheduled to have racing for a minimum of 3 days.



One to three days prior to the event should be set aside for a clinic, practice and briefings.

Example of a possible schedule:

Day 1, Tuesday:	Site preparation / Boat equalization
Day 2, Wednesday:	Registration / Practice Day / ISAF Match Racing Clinic
Day 3, Thursday:	Registration / Practice Day / ISAF Match Racing Clinic
Day 4, Friday:	First Racing Day
Day 5, Saturday:	Second Racing Day
Day 6, Sunday:	Final Racing Day, Prize Giving

3. Proposed Schedule Grand Final

The Grand Final should be scheduled to have racing for a minimum of 4 days, providing high-level Match Racing and Race Management for both competitors and spectators.

Day 1, Monday:	Registration / Practice Day / Opening Ceremony
Day 2, Tuesday:	Racing
Day 3, Wednesday:	Racing
Day 4, Thursday:	Racing
Day 5, Friday:	Racing
Day 6, Saturday:	Final Day of Racing / Prize Giving / Closing Ceremony

4. Event dates

The Regional Finals should be finished at least three months before the Grand Final.

5. The Teams & Crews

Entries will be limited to one per MNA.

Each boat will have a crew of 3 or 4, depending on the boats used at each Regional Final and at the Grand Final. Total weight of the crew will be based on an average of 87.5kg per crew member for the Open division and 68kg average for the Women's division.

Eligibility of all team members is per ISAF Regulations 17 and 19. Crew members must be nationals of the country entering him/her.

The crews are expected to transport themselves to and from the venue at their own cost. The provision of reasonable quality, low cost, conveniently located accommodation would be viewed very favourably by ISAF when deciding which bids to accept.

6. The Boats

At least six race boats should be available for the Regional Finals, with an additional spare boat. The proposed boats should be described when making the bid.

Boats should have the following characteristics:

- 3 or 4 crew
- equality
- robust equipment
- wide range of wind speed
- spinnaker



If the number of teams applying from a particular area is low, ISAF would consider a four boat event if a six boat event is not possible.

7. Venues

Venues for the Regional Finals will be selected to give the widest possible access to the MNAs, globally.

Venues should have a race area capable of handling a 0.8 nm windward/leeward course, close to the event base. Excellent spectator access is a high priority.

An international airport within 1 hour of the venue is preferred. Cost of transportation is a significant factor.

8. The Organization

ISAF will provide a detailed organization manual to be used as a guide for all Nations Cup events. Significant deviations from this manual will require the approval of ISAF.

Each event should form an organizing committee and have a single point of contact with ISAF.

The Regional Finals present a unique opportunity to start the organization of Match Racing in that area. The establishment of a Match Racing Clinic will help to build a Match Racing programme through the training and instruction of sailors, umpires, race committees and organizing authorities.

The organisers for the Grand Final will require experience with the organization of high-level Match Racing events, such as the hosting of Grade 1 or 2 events in the last one or two years.

The event organisers must have the full support and endorsement of their MNA.

The organisers will sign a contract with ISAF before the Notice of Race will be released from ISAF. The involvement of the MNA will give a legacy for Match Racing in this area for the future.

9. Race Committee

Each event will be expected to provide a race committee, boats and equipment.

The recommended equipment is:

- race committee boat with 4 personnel, flags and sound signals
- 2 mark laying boats with 2 personnel in each
- 4 marks visible at 0.8 nm (1 of which is of a different colour for changing course)
- A method for crew changes

10. Umpire Team

ISAF will appoint the IUs and will make every effort to minimize the travel costs for the Regional Finals. The event will be responsible for the travel, accommodation and subsistence costs for the umpire team.

If an Umpire Seminar or Match Race Clinic is scheduled immediately prior to the event, then ISAF will provide an IU Instructor and will pay the travel costs. This IU will also be appointed as one of the IUs for the event thus reducing the overall costs to the organisers.



The event will be required to provide at least 3 good quality umpire boats (Grand Final: 5), with a minimum L.O.A of 5 metres preferred.

10.1 Regional Final:

An umpire team of 6 will be required (based on a six boat event; wing boats are desirable but not required in the Regional Finals). The umpire team should comprise half International Umpires and half non-IUs.

10.2 Grand Final:

An umpire team of at least 10 will be required. This team will comprise 8 - 10 International Umpires plus some National Umpires who will get experience with the IUs both as umpires and on the wing boats.

11. ISAF Technical Delegate

For the Grand Final, ISAF will appoint a Technical Delegate to assist the organisers. The TD will work closely with them, starting with the preparation of the Notice of Race and providing assistance through the conclusion of the event. A pre-event visit at the venue will take place approximately one year before the Grand Final. The event will be responsible for the travel expenses, accommodation and subsistence costs for the Technical Delegate during the pre-event visit and during the Grand Final.

12. Advertising & Sponsorship

ISAF may seek an overall sponsor. In principle ISAF will retain the advertising rights to the hulls and the event will retain the rights to the sails booms and masts, but each qualifying event will be required to seek ISAF approval of any sponsorship and advertising rights. In accordance with ISAF regulations the competitors will have the sole rights to advertising on their clothing.

ISAF will publish a Notice of Race covering all Regional Finals and the Grand Final. There will be a set of standard Sailing Instructions providing consistency for the events around the world. These sailing instructions may be altered in consultation with the appointed Chief Umpire in order to accommodate local needs.

13. Entry Fees and Damage Deposits

A modest entry fee may be charged by the organizing authority, payable with team's entry. The entry fee is non-refundable and is for the exclusive use of the organizing authority. There is no entry fee payable to ISAF.

It is suggested that the entry fee will cover some part of the social program for the event and will cover the competitors' lunches afloat.

A reasonable damage deposit (usually the amount of the insurance deductible for property damage) may be levied and deductions will be made in accordance with ISAF standard Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions. The damage deposit will normally be required to be replaced if a deduction is made by the organisers due to damage caused by a competitor.

14. Prizes

ISAF will provide and award the Nations Cup trophies for the winners of both the Open and Women's division. ISAF will also provide gold, silver and bronze medals for the top three teams in the Grand Finals.



The organisers should provide prizes for the first three places in the Regional Finals and a memento for all competitors. Furthermore, ISAF will honour all participants with a certificate of participation.

15. Bids

Bids should be submitted by completing the attached bid proposal; however further information is highly welcomed.

Bids should be sent to ISAF via email or fax as soon as possible but at least by 15 October 2009.

Supporting documentation is attached for your assistance, but should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Helmut Czasny at ISAF or Liz Baylis (Chair of the Nations Cup Working Party) at the address or telephones listed below.

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