

# RANKING EVENT REGULATIONS

To encourage good competition & set up selection for international events.

## 1 Terminology & definitions

A term used in its defined sense is printed in “**bold**” type if defined in the Regulations for Ranking Events and in “*italic*” type if defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

**Ranking Series** A rolling system of **ranking events** usually covering the last 12 months.

### **Organising Authority**

The organising authority for each **ranking event** is the host club and for the ranking series is the MYA.

**Ranking event** A designated event including the national championship, for an IRSA international class. It is governed by the Standard Sailing Instructions (SSIs) and listed as a **ranking event** in the MYA racing calendar at the beginning of the current **calendar year**.

**Qualifying event** Any one of the most recent **ranking events** from which a competitor may gain points.

### **Number of qualifying events**

Equal to the number of **ranking events** in the current calendar year except in certain circumstances.

### **Number of counting events**

The maximum number of **ranking events** from which a competitor’s best **ranking points** may be summed.

**Ranking points** Competitor's points calculated for a **qualifying event**.

**Ranking list points** At any time a competitor’s **ranking list points** are equal to the sum of a competitor's best **ranking points** subject to the upper limit on the number of counting events.

## 2 Purpose

2.1 **Ranking events** provide opportunities for competitors to race together, in addition to the National Championship, to improve the standard of the GBR fleet.

2.2 The order of precedence for a future international limited entry event is found from the **ranking list points** for the relevant class, 20 weeks before the scheduled start of racing in that event as advertised in the Notice of Race.

### **3 General**

- 3.1 These regulations apply to all **ranking events**. There are additional regulations for national championships.
- 3.2 Annually for the IOM, M and 10R classes the MYA Racing Officer and Class Captains, with such assistance and advice as they find necessary, may arrange for no more than 7 **ranking events** including the national championship, to be held for each class.
- 3.3 Additional **ranking events** may be scheduled, but are restricted to those permitted in 3.2.
- 3.4 The organisation and management of **ranking events** shall be entrusted to the host club.
- 3.5 To retain the **ranking event's** status as a **qualifying event** the host club shall comply with these regulations.

### **4 Change of Venue and Cancellation**

- 4.1 When the MYA Racing Officer is satisfied that all of the following conditions are met the change of venue shall be permitted:
  - (a) the venue is, in the opinion of the MYA Racing Officer, suitable in all respects,
  - (b) the date remains unchanged, and
  - (c) all the competitors can be informed.

If it is impossible to hold a **ranking event** where originally scheduled and the conditions above cannot be met, the event shall be cancelled.

### **5 Event Administration**

- 5.1 Entries may be made, in order of preference:-
  - (a) online, using the entry system via the MYA website,
  - (b) by e-mail to the address specified in the NoR,
  - (c) by phone.
- 5.2 There shall be no limit on the number of entries.
- 5.3 The host club may set an entry fee, normally payable on the day.
- 5.4 Except where agreed by the class captain and amended in the Notice of Race, the closing date shall be no more than seven days before the event.
- 5.5 Entries shall only be accepted from competitors who are members in good standing with their IRSA Delegated National Member or WS National Member Authority.

### **6 Duties of the Race Committee**

- 6.1 The race committee shall be responsible for the management of the event as directed by the host club.
- 6.4 The race officer and members of the race committee shall not compete in the event.

## 7 Ranking points at an event

7.1 **Ranking points** shall be awarded only to competitors who, at the time of the event, are MYA Affiliated members.

7.2 A competitor's **ranking points** shall be calculated using the formula below:

$$\text{Ranking points} = \frac{(S-F) \times 100}{S-1}$$

S is the number of competitors that are listed as having competed in the event.

F is the competitor's *finishing* position.

S & F are adjusted to take into account competitors not affiliated to the MYA.

7.3 As an exception to 7.2, **ranking points** for the last placed competitor shall be 1.

7.4 **Ranking points** shall be rounded to the nearest whole number.

7.5 Where the result of an appeal may affect the results of an event, the appeal decision shall be used to adjust the **ranking list points** provided that it is available before the closing date for entries to a restricted entry international event.

Where the result of an appeal is not available before the closing date for entries to a restricted entry international event, the results of the event shall stand as published for the purposes of that International event. Subsequently the **ranking list points** shall be adjusted to take account of the appeal decision.

## 8 Ranking points of race committee members

8.1 Each member of the race committee for a **ranking event** shall score **ranking points** as follows: the average of his/her **ranking points** gained at other **qualifying events** in which he/she has competed.

8.2 **Ranking points** of race committee members shall be re-calculated after each **ranking event**.

## 9 Number of events

9.1 The number of **counting events** used to determine a competitor's **ranking list points** is given as:

<b>Number of qualifying events</b>	6 or more	5, 4	3, 2	1
<b>Number of counting events</b>	4	3	2	1

9.2 The number of **qualifying events** is equal to the number of **ranking events** in the current calendar year, except when the **qualifying events** do not include a national championship. In this case, the number of qualifying events shall be increased by one and the most recent national championship shall be included.

## 10 Cancelled events and number of counting events

- 10.1 Where a **ranking event** has its status withdrawn it shall be treated as a cancelled event.
- 10.2 Where a **ranking event** is cancelled:
  - (a) The number of **counting events** shall be reduced by one for a period of time, until the time when the event, had it not been cancelled, would no longer be a **qualifying event**.
  - b) Where a subsequent **ranking event** is cancelled 10.2 (a) is applied again.
- 10.3 Regardless of 10.1 and 10.2, in no case shall the number of **counting events** be reduced below 1.

## 11 Ties

- 11.1 If a tie needs to be broken between two or more competitors they shall be ranked:
  - (a) by their *finishing* positions in the most recent national championship and, if the tie remains,
  - (b) by the number of **qualifying events** competed in and, if the tie remains,
  - (c) by their best *finishing* position in any **qualifying event** in which they have competed and, if the tie remains,
  - (d) by the toss of a coin or drawing of lots adjudicated by the MYA Racing Officer and/or the MYA International Officer in the presence of the competitors involved or their proxies.

## 12 Advice to competitors and race committee

- 12.1 The ranking system is a 'series' of events. The MYA as organizing authority may be subject to requests for redress under RRS 62. Any protest brought under RRS 62 after the event shall include one national judge in its protest committee.
- 12.2 The following are grounds for redress under RRS 62:
  - (a) Where the organisers of the event fail to supply sufficient details of the competitors and race committee to the person responsible for allocating **ranking list points**.
  - (b) Where the MYA as organising authority for the **ranking series** fails to comply with these regulations for **ranking lists points** and the allocation of points.
- 12.3 Any competitor wishing to enter future international limited entry events is reminded that he/she shall be an MYA Affiliated member at the time of entry to those events.

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