

CHAMPIONSHIP RULES – ATTACHMENT 1

REGATTA FORMAT – GROUP RACING [NP]

GR1

- (a) Men may compete in qualifying and final series with sub-division into Groups.
- (b) If the number of entries is 80 or less they shall compete as one fleet.
- (c) If the number of entries is between 81>99 it shall be the decision of the Class Representative if they compete as one fleet or in groups.
- (d) If the number of entries is 100 or more they shall race in groups.

GR2 [DP]

While racing in groups, each board shall display a coloured ribbon - yellow/gold fleet has yellow ribbon and blue/silver fleet has blue ribbon - attached to her top batten. Ribbons and instructions for attachment will be available at registration.

GR3

For the qualifying series boards will be assigned to two groups - Yellow and Blue. Initial ranking for group assignment will be based on results of the (*previous years*) Raceboard World Championship, competitors not attended to (*previous years*) Worlds will be ordered by national letters and sail number.

GR4

In the qualifying series boards will be reassigned to groups after each day of racing, except if only one race is completed. If both groups have completed the same number of races, boards will be reassigned on the basis of their overall ranking in the series.

GR5

Assignment/reassignment to groups, based on the ranking, will be made as follows:

- First Yellow
 - Second Blue
 - Third Blue
 - Fourth Yellow
 - Fifth Yellow
 - Sixth Blue
 - Seventh Blue
- and so on.

GR6

- (a) Assignments will be based on the ranking available at 21:00 that day regardless of protests or requests for redress not yet decided.
- (b) If both groups have not completed the same number of races by the end of a day, the group with fewer races will continue racing the following day until both groups have completed the same number of races. All boards will thereafter race in the new groups.

GR7

- (a) Boards will be assigned to final-series fleets Gold and Silver on the basis of their overall ranking in the qualifying series. The final-series groups will be as nearly as possible of equal size, but so that the Silver group is not larger than the Gold group. Boards with the best qualifying-series ranking will race all final-series races in the Gold fleet, boards with the next-best qualifying-series ranking will race in the Silver fleet.
- (b) Any recalculation of qualifying-series ranking after boats have been assigned to final-series groups will not affect the assignments except that a redress decision may promote a boat to a higher fleet.

GR8

- (a) At least five (5) races are required to be completed by each group to constitute a qualifying series. There will be maximum of eight (8) races in the qualifying series.

(b) If five (5) races are not completed by 21:00 on the second day of racing, the qualifying series will be extended to the next day.

(c) If five (5) races are not completed by 21:00 on the third day of racing, the qualifying series will be extended to the next day.

(d) If qualification is extended to the fourth day of racing, GR8(a) is changed to: three (3) races are required to be completed by each group to constitute a qualifying series.

(e) If qualification series is not completed by 21:00 on the fourth day of racing, the qualifying series is dismissed and all competitors promoted to a final-series. In this case there will be no division to the groups in final-series.

GR9

For the qualifying series, rule A4.2 is changed so that the scores are based on the number of boards assigned to the largest group.

GR10

Except for race scores excluded under instruction GR11, a boards series score for the regatta will be the total of her race scores from qualifying races and her final races.

Different final-series groups need not have completed the same number of final races. The boards in the Gold fleet will be ranked highest in the regatta except for a board disqualified from a final race under rule 5 or 69.

GR11

(a) When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boards series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When from five (5) to eleven (11) races have been completed, a boards series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

(c) When twelve (12) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding:

- her worst score from the qualifying series; and
- her worst score from the final series.