



SAILOR RANKING POLICY

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Introduction

The objective of the ranking system is to allow local sailors to compare their performance against others. Singapore Sailing Federation (SSF) will use the ranking as the basic criteria to invite deserving sailors to its national training squads as well as other suitable selection purposes.

Currently, the Ranking System is only in place for the Optimist, **ILCA 4** and **ILCA 6** fleets. The same robust ranking system will also be applied to the Windsurfing and 29er fleets when there are sufficient numbers to ensure an effective ranking system.

Ranking Regatta

Each year, a series of regattas will be identified as Ranking Regatta. **SSF will exercise their best efforts to conduct 4 such Ranking Regattas for each fleet in every 6 month period (Jan-Jun / Jul-Dec).**

For a regatta to be identified as a Ranking Regatta, the regatta must have at least 5 scheduled races held over 2 days. Points will be awarded to each sailor based on their regatta results and the number of entries. The results of the Ranking Regatta would only be used if 3 or more races are conducted in those 2 days.

Awarding Points

Sailors need to compete in at least one race of the regatta to be awarded points (i.e. a score other than a DNC). There are currently two different ranking points systems used in the National Ranking.

A 'High Ranking Points' System is used to compute the rankings for **ILCA 4** and **ILCA 6** fleets. For example, in a regatta with 30 entries, the first placing will be awarded 30 points; the second placing 29 points; the third placing 28 points and so forth.

A 'Low Ranking Points' System will be used to compute the rankings for the **Optimist** Fleets only. For a regatta with 125 entries, the first placing will be awarded 1 point; the second placing 2 points; the third placing 3 points and so forth. Foreign sailors' results, if any, will **not** be excluded from the computation of ranking points. The rankings will be reviewed bi-annually (normally at the end of June and December).

Overseas Commitment

For sailors on SSF supported overseas regattas/training commitment during the ranking regatta, points will be awarded accordingly to them based on their current ranking. For example, if the sailor's ranking is 2nd just before his overseas trip, he would be awarded 2 points (Low Ranking Points) or 29 points (High Ranking Points based on 30 entries) in the regatta that he missed.

Double-Handed

If the partnership of a double-handed boat splits up, the helm will carry the ranking points and the crew will follow that of the new helm. This does not imply that the crew is less important than the helm but it is computed in this manner solely for ease of implementation.

Ranking

All sailors, except for the Optimist Gold Fleet, need to compete in at least one (1) Ranking Regatta in the 6 months prior to each review to remain in the ranking.

Sailors in the Optimist Gold Fleet ranking will need to compete in at least two (2) Ranking Regattas in the 6 months prior to each review to remain in the Optimist Gold Fleet ranking.

After each regatta, the sailor's ranking will be computed based on the last four (4) Ranking Regattas' results with the best three (3) regattas' results to count. This method will provide a moving average which better reflects the sailor's current competence.

In the event there are two (2) or less Ranking Regattas conducted 6 months prior to each review, the sailors will remain in their current Fleet, except for sailors voluntarily requesting to be removed or have progressed.

Optimist Fleet

The Optimist Fleet is split into a maximum of 100 sailors in the Gold Fleet and the remainder in the Silver Fleet to encourage a higher level of competition in the Gold fleet and for progressing sailors the opportunity to race at the head of their fleet.

The number of boats from the Optimist Silver Fleet progressing into the Optimist Gold Fleet will be determined by the number of sailors moving out of the Optimist Gold Fleet after each review.

An email will be sent out to all Gold Fleet sailors before the end of each review for their response if they wish to stay in the Gold Fleet for the next 6 months.