

CSR Update & Championship Seeding

Championship/Competition Committee

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Competitive Strength Ranking

First, some faults

- “Ranking” in the name caused confusion with Sailing World rankings. We overlooked the potential confusion when discussing it last year.
 - Recommend changing from “ranking” to “rating” for F22 and beyond
- Over-communication
 - We wanted to publicize this new system mid-year to let people see how it was working and to become familiar with it before selection in the spring
 - We wanted to let people see the data before the explanatory meeting the following day so they could bring their questions
 - Though this body (ICSA Board) had a proper background, the public at large, and many within the ICSA, did not
 - The way we announced on Instagram contributed to the aforementioned “ranking” confusion
 - While we tried to explain the partial-completeness in the announcement, and linked to the appropriate documents, we overlooked how much nuance there is to CSR for people coming to it the first time.

How does CSR work?

A refresher

- Teams earn points at each regatta based on their finishing position multiplied by a grade modifier. Their total score comes from only the top 6 regatta scores.
- We decided to make it a sum, rather than an average, to reduce randomness and ensure teams were committed to competing in the discipline.
- It is based entirely on *past performance* and does not represent where teams may end up by selection date at the end of the Spring.
 - It is not yet a complete set of data. We released it at the end of the Fall so people could see where they were *so far*. As teams with short Fall seasons sail more, they will move toward appropriate positions.
- It *does not* set the field for Nationals; it is a tool the Selection Committee members can use to help *them* set the field for Nationals.
- It is a year-long system and cannot be changed at this meeting
 - We have heard people's initial comments and have taken notes for consideration in the spring

How does Fleet Race Selection work?

A refresher

- Round 1: Most Conference Championships
 - Top 2 from each MA, MC, NE, PC, SA
- Round 2: Direct vote
 - Each Selector provides a list of the teams they are confident should be in the field without discussion. If a team is on 80% of the lists, they get added to the field.
- Rounds 3+: Consideration and vote
 - CSR provides Selectors with the next [available slots * 2] teams not yet in the field
 - Selectors can add to consideration any additional team, regardless of CSR position, with 80% agreement
 - Selectors discuss these teams and rank them
 - The top [available slots * 2/3, rounded down] teams get added to the field

Championship Seeding

Fleet and Team Racing

Seeding

Fleet Racing

- After selecting the field, the Selectors must seed the teams 1-36. This determines the composition of each Semifinal regatta.
- Seed #1 to Semis A
- Seeds #2, #3 to Semis B
- Alternate 2 teams per regatta from there until
- Seed #36 to Semis A

Example: <https://www.printyourbrackets.com/pdfbrackets/36teamsingleseeded.pdf>

Seeding

Team Racing

- After selecting the field, the Selectors must seed the teams 1-16. This determines the composition of each subgroup within the regatta.
 - As a reminder, these subgroups let teams sort themselves for the Second Round if there is not enough time to complete the entire first round robin.
- Seed #1 to Subgroup A
- Seeds #2, #3 to Subgroup B
- Alternate 2 teams per subgroup from there until
- Seed #16 to Subgroup A