

Performance Ranking Committee Report 2014 Annual Meeting

Several considerations were brought the committee's attention this year, which are outlined on page two. After much discussion amongst the committee and some discussion with other coaches on a conference call, the committee recommends no changes to the performance ranking system at this time.

Although the approval of the slate of regattas and number of scores to be kept is usually voted on at the annual meeting, we also recommend waiting until the spring meeting to vote on that. With further discussion needed to make sure we continue to accurately rank all teams in NEISA, the current system isn't ready to be passed at this time.

The committee would like to extend our membership and ask the conference commissioner to appoint Stan Schreyer (Boston University) and Mike Komar (Salve Regina University) as new members.

To align with what other NEISA committees are doing, we'll also be starting a rotation of our membership. We will have six members, one rotating out and one rotation in at each year's annual meeting. The current rotation is listed below. (Number of years on the committee has been modified to fit into the new rotation.)

We encourage all coaches and other interested parties to closely look at the items on page two for discussion during the winter and spring and expect official proposals from the committee at the spring meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Bern Noack – Harvard University – 5 (number of years on committee)

Brian Swingly – US Coast Guard Academy – 4

Amanda Callahan – Roger Williams University – 3

Frank Pizzo – Bowdoin College – 2

Mike Komar – Salve Regina University – 1

Stan Schreyer – Boston University – 0

Description of what the committee discussed this year, with further discussion planned this winter and spring:

1. Should we increase the value of the Match Race New England Championship?
 - a. Due to its fleet size the MR Champs has the smallest weight of any of the championships, and is ranked lower than any other Interconference regatta.
 - b. No schools used the MR Champs in their total score.
 - c. The committee's opinion is that since we are picking mostly dinghy regattas the MR Champs value should remain what it currently is.
2. Should we count Singlehanded National Championships?
 - a. With the Hap Moore going to a B-Level event, teams who send sailors to Singlehanded Nationals no longer have a disadvantage over teams who do not.
 - b. The berths to Singlehanded Nationals are very limited. Ranked events are chosen to give maximum opportunities for teams to score.
3. Should we decrease the number of kept scores?
 - a. This relates to #4 below in an effort to give teams the ability to give their sailors additional weekends off. However, decreasing the number of kept scores does not fix this problem, as teams will continue to chase a better score than they already have.
4. How do we tweak the rankings to allow teams to give sailors weekends off?
 - a. There has been much discussion about this amongst coaches and committee members during the past several years.
 - b. We have changed the coed rankings significantly twice for this reason:
 - i. Three years ago we allowed for multiple scores to be kept on a weekend.
 - ii. Two years ago we decreased the number of kept scores from seven to six (five plus the NEISA Fall Championship).
 - c. The committee looked into the possibility of removing all regattas on one or two weekends from the slate of ranked regattas. This seemed to be a favorable beginning of a solution for some teams, but certainly not refined at this point.
 - d. If we were to decrease the number of total weekends on which you can score, we would then follow up with looking at the number of kept scores and the value of each level of regattas – specifically how B-Level regattas compare to A-Level.
5. Counting regattas after the NEISA Fall Championship (Schell/Urn/Tourney).
 - a. There was little discussion about removing regattas from the slate that are after the NEISA Fall Champs.
 - b. The major point of discussion was whether or not to continue to count the Atlantic Coast Championship
 - i. Some feel that you get a “double bonus” by sailing well and the Schell and guaranteeing a good score at ACCs.
 - ii. Some feel that ACCs should definitely be counted, both on the coed and women's side.