

NEISA Proposals and Judge Coordinator Report
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Proposal 1 – Extend Judge Pay

Paying umpires at select team race events \$100/day was successful in the spring for increasing participation. We extended this to Match Race New Englands in the fall and increased our umpire number year over year from 1 to 6. *I propose extending this pay to all NEISA Championships including:*

- *Womens and Mens Singlehandeds*
- *Schell and Urn*
- *Womens and Coed New England Fleet Race Championships*

Proposal 2 – Match Race Qualifiers and Format

The current ladder of qualifying for Match Race New Englands through the Pine and Harmon does not make sense as those are fleet racing events. Furthermore, the ladder events limit the flexibility in having more hosts for Match Race New Englands. *I propose the following:*

- *Terminate current qualification system for Match Race New Englands*
- *Increase berths at Match Race New Englands from 8 to 10*
- *Top 4 finishers from prior year championship get berths at following year, next 6 by resume*
- *Event format*
 - *Single round robin of 10*
 - *Single round robin of top 6, record carries from round of 10*
 - *Final round of 4, double if time allows, all prior round scores carry*
 - *Alternatively, seed 1 to 4 and have a first to 2 wins*

Proposal 3 – Officer Stipends

The current stipends for the Treasurer and Commissioner are not commensurate with the time demands of these positions. *I propose that the Treasurer and Commissioner stipends be increased to the level of Scheduling Coordinator at \$1500 per semester.*

Judge Coordinator Summary

Judge and umpire participation has improved year over year. Paying umpires has increased the pool, and made the process less of a begging exercise. A few of points to consider for securing judges as a host:

- You know when your event is, begin the search for judges well before it
- Communicate to the JC if you are having difficulty finding judges – danjrabin@gmail.com. This communication would ideally happen before the week of the event; that is not the case right now
- Communicate to the JC when you have secured judges and who they are

Please note that we still have a limited number of “regular” judges. I have to prioritize championship events and balance the number of weekends that we pull on these people. As a reminder, I do not work to secure judges for events that are not deemed “A” level.