

2015 NEISA Competition Committee Report

The Competition Committee met on 12/2/15 to consider three issues that had been referred to the Committee by the NEISA Exec Com:

- 1) Conference Championship contingency plans. Use of "resumes" does not comply with Procedural Rules.
- 2) Re-visit spring TR scheduling rules to address specific concerns related to wording of Wknd 7 (Graham Hall/SNETR); Wknd 9 (Marchiando); and new TR events.
- 3) Review 10-race/day maximum limit, especially on Sundays, as it is under review by ICSA.

Competition Committee recommendations are as follows:

Conf Champ Contingency Plans:

Comp Com to report back to NEISA prior to ICSA Winter Meeting. Further work is necessary to determine ICSA's stance on using Performance Ranking and the possibility of ICSA no-show penalty exemptions when/if Conf Champs are rescheduled.

Spring TR Scheduling Rules:

The Competition Committee unanimously* supports the following changes. Each of these should be considered as ***motions*** (see 2013 Comp Com Report for rules references):

- 1) General Principle - All teams vying for NEISA TR Championships berths (top 10 Perf Rank + Staake-scheduled teams) receive scheduling priority in team racing.
- 2) Wknd 6 - Add Rudkin to list of restricted events; make Tufts event unrestricted.
- 3) Wknd 6 - Add phrase OPEN BERTHS after "schedule" in first sentence.
- 4) Wknd 7* - Replace first bullet with "Teams shall not sail in 3 or more of the regattas listed above unless the NEISA Alternate list has been exhausted. If accepts a berth off the Alt List to the Hall or the SNETR they must drop the their other Hall/SNETR berth and they are then placed at the end of the alternate list for that regatta.
- 5) Wknd 7 - add phrase OPEN BERTHS after the word "schedule" in second bullet
- 6) Wknd 8 - Add TR Inv @ BU to list of regattas in parentheses
- 7) Wknd 9 - All 12 Fowle Trophy teams get the Marchiando or the Camel TR before 2nd teams and/or the 13th+ teams get either event.

* - a minority opinion, Mollicone, contended that this Wknd 7 rule should be applied to all TR wknds. The majority opinion of the Committee was that each wknd was handled separately in original 2013 rules by design and that depth of Conference had not changed enough to warrant a change since 2013.

10-Race Daily Limit, including Sundays:

The Competition Committee unanimously supports the following:

- ***Motion – ICSA should keep/adopt the 10-race daily limit.***

The Committee also considered the following New Business

NEISA Match Race Champs:

The majority* of the Committee does *not* support the proposed the format change. Instead, the majority of the Committee supports the following:

- No resume berths
- If field expanded to 10, 4 pre-qualified (previous year) is OK
- NEISA should not change the format until ICSA changes the format
- NEISA should consider proposing that ICSA changes the format of MR Nationals to be a series of Round Robins, with no knockout rounds and with scores carrying.

* - Minority opinion, Wilkinson, supports proposed format change

New Fall Schedule: see presentation, no recommendation from the Committee.

Owen Trophy:

The Committee unanimously supports the following:

- ***Motion – Centrally locate the regatta, removing Dartmouth and Cornell***
- ***Motion – Effective immediately, for this year’s draft, teams with “automatic” berths to Owen must select the event via the draft, exactly as hosts must draft host berths.***

10:30a Saturday Report Time:

The Committee unanimously supports a 10:30a report Saturday report time for NEISA events.

Season Limits (offshore teams):

The Committee recommends offshore teams use PR A1(b)(ix) to handle season limit issues.

Respectfully Submitted,

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