

NEISA Competition committee minutes

Meeting 11 AM Nov. 30th

The NEISA competition committee met for an hour to discuss the questions Below:

1. Tiebreakers in team racing. When 2 teams have the same record, do they need to sail off? When three teams are tied, do they need a sail off? Points?

The committee was unanimous that these ties should not be sailed off. If a three way tie is unbreakable there should be a single 3 team round and if there is still an unbreakable tie then it should go to points.

2. What constitutes a team race regatta? Is it a full round robin? 80% of a full RR? 70%?

The committee was unanimous that 50% of a round robin should constitute a regatta.

3. For subsequent rounds, do we need to complete the round? 80% of the round? (During the meeting, there was not much consensus on this)

The committee agreed that a round should be complete to move on to a new round unless time is running out and it's clear a round cannot be completed so it is abandoned in favor of a smaller round. In this case completed races from an abandoned round can be used as races for the smaller round that replaces it or for tie breakers if only a previous round stands.

4. Do we want to consider alternate rules than the 720 in fleet racing?

The committee feels that the league should focus on proper enforcement of existing rules to get better compliance rather than watering down penalties. Suggestions that judges use video in crowded parts of the race course and initiate more protests were viewed favorably by the committee.

5. Do we want to allow boats to delay their spin if they foul at mark 1 until after the offset in fleet racing? Does this matter if the course is a w/l or a trapezoid.

The committee feels that the existing rules do not cause any problem in this case. If the marks are close together it would be logical that extending past mark 2 would be the fastest way to get clear. If the marks are farther apart sailing upwind of the rhumb line to spin would make sense. Gybing from the rhumb line risks fowling upwind boats so it's not the best course of action.

6. When should the fleet switch happen for fleet racing?

The committee thinks the fleet switch should happen at the time that is most convenient for completion of the desired number of races. Ideally this is at some point between races 6 and 8 but if holding off until race 10 allows more racing then that is OK.

7. Should Hosts or Neisa ultimately be responsible for having judges at A Level events?

Hosts have ultimate responsibility and Neisa should strongly consider a penalty if A Level regatta hosts do not secure judges for their events.