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Subj: IOM USA National Ranking System Policy

From: Chairman, IOM USA Class Secretary

Ref: (1) IOMICA Championship Rules 2020 [https://www.iomclass.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/IOMICA_2020-Class-Championship-Rules-Final.pdf]

Definitions:

AMYA	American Model Yachting Association
IOMICA	International One Metre International Class Association
NCA	IOM USA National Class Association
NCA Chairman	IOM USA Class Secretary
System	IOM USA National Ranking System
Restricted Event	Any event (regatta) with a restriction on the amount of permissible entries submittable by the governing NCAs

Section A - Background

A.1 PURPOSE

A.1.1 The IOM USA National Ranking System (“System”) serves to allow the IOM USA NCA to select eligible and participating members for restricted events.

A.1.2 The System shall give due consideration to class growth, event participation, and traveling restrictions.

A.1.3 The System shall set forth policy regarding the application, eligibility, and approval for all NCA ranking events.

A.2 CANCELLATION

A.2.1 This policy supersedes “IOM USA National Ranking System Policy (January 2023)”

A.3 EFFECTIVE DATE

A.3.1 This policy shall be effective beginning on January 1, 2023.

Section B - Authority & Compliance

B.1 IOMICA

B.1.1 This policy coincides with requirements set forth by ref (1) "IOMICA Championship Regulations 2020" and will be subject to any updates to policy or guidance changes to the aforementioned regulation.

B.2 AMYA

B.2.1 The IOM Class is considered a Developmental Class by the AMYA; however, the IOM USA NCA shall rank skippers, not boats, to determine national ranking.

Section C - Administration, Framework, & Scoring

C.1 SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION

C.1.1 Upon public announcement of each restricted event schedule and entry deadline, a ranking list shall be created, posted, and maintained on the NCA website for that event.

C.1.2 The ranking list(s) shall be maintained and updated with current results by an individual(s) designated by the NCA Chairman.

C.1.3 When there are no restricted events officially scheduled, a current USA skipper ranking list shall be posted on the NCA Website adhering to specifications listed in C.3. This list shall be maintained and represent a restricted event ranking that's hypothetical entry deadline is current time.

C.1.4 Restricted event rankings and current USA skipper ranking list (when applicable) and corresponding ranked event results shall be publicly displayed on the appropriate channels (NCA Website).

C.1.5 Changes to this policy are only permissible with a simple majority vote during an official IOM USA NCA quorum.

C.2 SYSTEM CYCLE

C.2.1 The System cycle shall encompass all Regional and Annual Championship Regattas in a 24-month period, ending 5 days prior to the announced entry deadline for any restricted event. In addition, the System cycle shall include the two most recent National Championship Regattas.

C.2.2 Any ranked event that is on-going at the prescribed System cycle end date detailed in C.2.1 shall be allowed to complete and be applied to the current System cycle.

C.3 SYSTEM SCORING

C.3.1 A skipper's total ranking score shall consist of the following scores:

- (a) Highest score from 1 National Championship Regatta
- (b) Highest score from 1 Regional Championship Regatta
- (c) Highest scores from 3 previously uncounted Regional Championships, Annual Regattas or National Championship Regattas (uncounted National Championship Regattas will be counted at a 1.1 multiplier).

C.3.2 A maximum of three events from a single AMYA apportioned region are permitted to be counted in a skipper's total ranking score.

C.4 EVENT SCORING

C.4.1 The formula for determining the awarded points for a participant in a ranked event shall be:

$$\text{Points Awarded} = \text{TP} * ((\text{S} - \text{F}) + 1) / \text{S}$$

C.4.2 Definitions for the awarded points formula are as follows:

- TP = Total points awarded for a 1st place finish at the subject ranked event
- S = Number of starting skippers at the first race of the subject ranked event
- F = Finishing place of skipper in the subject ranked event

C.4.3 Total Points (TP) calculation shall be $\text{TP} = (100 * \text{W}) + (\text{S} - 10)$

C.4.4 "W" (weight) in the TP Calculation shall be set along the following:

Best National Championship Regatta Finish	=	1.2
Regional Championship Regatta	=	1.1
Annual Ranked Regatta	=	1.0
Additional National Championship Regatta Finishes	=	1.1

C.4.5 Points awarded shall be rounded to the nearest whole integer, with the exception of event redress scoring, which shall be rounded to the nearest tenth decimal.

C.4.6 If a skipper sails both National Championship Regattas in an event cycle, the regatta multiplier for that skipper's worse score shall be 1.1 instead of 1.2.

C.5 EVENT REDRESS

C.5.1 Many of our skippers that are scored by the System also partake in the organization and administration of ranking events. To accommodate and appeal to this critical aspect of keeping our class running effectively at the national level, skippers can request what is called "Event Redress" if they are the Race Director (RD), or nominated by the RD as indispensable to the efficient procession of a ranking event.

C.5.2 Event redress scoring requests must be submitted in writing by the RD of the ranking event and sent through appropriate channels (Electronic Mail) to the NCA Chairman prior to 30 days of the event's scheduled starting day of racing.

C.5.3 Event redress scoring shall be calculated as the average of all of their finish positions at all ranking regattas they have participated in during the System Cycle, not including other event redress scores.

C.5.4 Event redress can be requested at any point during the System cycle, but shall only be applied to a skipper's total ranking score when they have a minimum of five non-event redress scores during the applicable System cycle.

C.5.5 The event type of an event redress score shall coincide with the type of event being administered.

C.5.6 The region of the event redress score shall coincide with the region of the event being administered.

C.6 RESTRICTED EVENT REDRESS

C.6.1 A skipper that is nominated by the NCA and participates in a restricted event can request restricted event redress" for any US ranked event occurring within 30 days before or after the midpoint of the restricted event they had participated in.

C.6.2 Section C.5.2 applies to restricted event redress as written, replacing "RD" with the skipper requesting redress.

C.6.3 Section C.5.3 through C.5.6 apply to restricted event redress as written.

Section D - Event Eligibility

D.1 RANKED EVENT REQUIREMENTS

D.1.1 All NCA ranked events must be pre-approved by the NCA Event Committee, and given final approval by the NCA Chairman.

D.1.2 Ranked events that will be hosted during a period that will not encompass the current NCA Chairman's term shall additionally be approved by the prospective NCA Chairman.

D.1.3 A ranked event shall be posted on the NCA website 60 days prior to the first day of the event, except under unusual circumstances when an event may be posted to the NCA website 30 days prior to the first day of the event as determined by the NCA Chairman at his/her discretion.

D.1.4 All ranked events shall consist of a minimum of 2 scheduled racing days.

D.1.5 National championship regattas shall consist of a minimum of 3 scheduled racing days.

D.1.6 All ranked events shall utilize the NOR and SI that is prescribed by the NCA. Any changes to these require approval by the NCA Chairman, or by an individual appointed by the NCA Chairman to facilitate such requests.

D.1.7 All ranked events are subject to the following minimum required processes, to be administered by the event organizers: hull certificate check, keel weight check, "all-up" weight check with each rig a skipper intends to possibly use during the event, and an IOMICA CCR conformance check of sail identification.

Section E - Skipper Eligibility

E.1 USA RANKED EVENT SKIPPER REQUIREMENTS

E.1.1 Ranked skippers must be AMYA members in good standing at the time of any ranking event to qualify.

E.1.2 Nationality requirements will be in accordance with the relevant IOMICA regulations prescribed in ref (1).

E.2 RESTRICTED EVENT SKIPPER REQUIREMENTS

E.2.1 In addition to regulations set forth in section E.1, skippers wishing to participate in a restricted event must complete an expression of interest form in accordance with Section F below.

Section F - Expression of Interest (EI) Applications

F.1 EI APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

F.1.1 Expression of interest forms shall be available on the USA NCA website.

F.1.2 The form shall be accompanied with an announced closing date by which all applications must be received by the NCA.

F.1.3 Forms received after this date will be placed on a waiting list.

F.1.4 Within fourteen days following the announced closing date for the receipt of EI applications, the NCA Chairman will confirm and publish the entrants on the NCA website.