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To: SCIRA Board of Governors  
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Subject: Proposed Revision to the Hayward Western Hemisphere & Orient Entrant Qualification  
Reference (a): 2005-2008 SCIRA Official Rulebook – Deeds of Gifts for International Championships – Hayward Western Hemisphere Trophy Deed of Gift

The purpose of this proposed change is to increase the fleet size to a consistent number of approximately 50 entrants. The current entrant restrictions have resulted in a decline in the level of interested participants over the last 10 years, and a reduction in the prestige of the championship. The following proposed changes are designed to increase the fleet size, establish a consistent fleet size and effect the following benefits:

- Increasing the quality and depth of the fleet, thus raising the event's prestige and attractiveness to top quality sailors;
- Make the event more attractive to host clubs, thereby broadening the pool of potential host bidders;
- Reduce the fixed costs per entrant;
- Reduce the per-entrant shipping costs through economies of scale;
- Generate additional participation in women's sailing;
- Generate additional participation in regional championships;
- Generate additional revenues for the host club; and
- Increase exposure to a broader audience thereby creating additional sponsorship and revenue opportunities.

The 50 entrant limitation is recommended to contain the complexity of race management and operations. A 25 to 50 boat regatta requires relatively the same level of race management and support crews. This increase in fleet size also provides minimal impact on launching and storage areas for most venues.

Please review the attached proposal for immediate consideration, voting and approval. If approved this proposal would take effect for the 2006 Western Hemisphere and Orient Championships.

Respectfully Submitted,

Hal Gilreath

The following proposed revision applies to the Open to: section of Reference (A); Reference (A) germane.

Open to: Five qualified teams from each country in the Western Hemisphere & Orient in good standing with SCIRA.

1. Preference including the national champion and runner-up for the current year.
2. All competing skippers must be members in good standing with fleet, country and Association.
3. All skippers must be citizens or bona fide residents for at least one year, of the countries they represent.
4. Each skipper must present credentials signed by its National Secretary attesting that skipper is the entrant.
5. The current champion automatically qualifies for entry to defend its title. The champion's participation is accretive to its country's other entries.
6. The current World Champion (providing it represents a Western Hemisphere and Orient nation) automatically qualifies. The champion's participation is accretive to its country's other entries.
7. The prior year North American and South American champions (providing each represents a Western Hemisphere and Orient nation) automatically qualify. Each champion's participation is accretive to its country's other entries.
8. One top junior qualifier each from: South America, North America, & Orient. These qualifiers' entries are accretive to their countries' entries.
9. One top woman qualifier each from: South America, North American, & Orient. These qualifiers' entries are accretive to their countries' entries.
10. If three months prior to the official start of the championships Western Hemisphere and Orient countries in good standing with SCIRA have not registered five eligible skippers, and the number of registered entrants has not reached 50 teams, those entry slots will be reallocated to a pool of qualified entrants, as provided in item 11 below.
  - a. "Registered" is defined as a skipper has satisfied requirements 2-4 above, and paid to the regatta organizing authority a pre-registration fee as identified in the notice of race (NOR).
  - b. These entrants shall constitute the fleet of "qualified entrants". The organizing authority shall make a NOR available to national secretaries of countries in good standing at least six months prior to the official start of the championship.
11. A country may submit additional reallocated entrants up to its percentage of the entire fleet of qualified entrants. For the purpose of calculating the percentage, entrants qualified in 5-9 above shall be included.
12. Reallocated entrants will not count against, nor be limited, the initial per country limit.
13. The sum of qualified and reallocated entrants shall constitute the fleet of "total entrants".

Example for illustrative purposes:

Six countries register teams to enter as follows:

Country	5 Qualifier Allotment	Champions World, NA, SA, Women, WH, Jr	% of Qualified Fleet	Reallocated Qualifiers Entrants	Total Entrants
A	5	2	21.21%	4	
B	5	2	21.21%	4	
C	4	3	21.21%	4	
D	4	2	18.18%	3	
E	3	1	12.12%	2	
F	2	0	6.06%	1	
Total	23	10	100%	17	50
Max Fleet Size	50				