**Snipe Super Series**

The SSS document

*Draft 1.0*

**1. Goals**

1.1 Snipe Super Series (SSS) Ranking aims

* to promote the Snipe Class,
* to promote wide participation at the regattas in each SCIRA country and continents,
* to allow an appropriate evaluation of the technical skills of the athletes members,
* to represent a simple and attractive tool of communication,
* to promote the popular regattas to sailors, the general public and the media,
* to promote SCIRA membership.

**2. Validity**

2.1. The rules for the year 2016 have been approved by the Promotional Committee and will be valid with retroactive effect since January 1st 2016. During the first year the Promotion Committee is the sole body authorised to define the rules of the SSS Ranking, to resolve disputes relating thereto, and to legislate on cases not included in this regulation.

2.2. Without exceptional circumstances, the rules cannot be modified during the year. The first year (2016) is considered a “test year” and the rules can be adapted and amended at the discretion od the Promotion Committee.

2.3. At the end of the year 2016 the rules will be adopted or amended by the SCIRA Board. The SCIRA Board, listened the Promotion Committee and Technical Committee, is the sole body authorised to define the rules of the SSS Ranking, to resolve disputes relating thereto, and to legislate on cases not included in this regulation. Each year, the SCIRA Board may modify the rules if it considers that some improvements are useful or necessary.

2.4 The SSS Ranking:

* Proposes a continuous classification that is updated each week.
* Is not reset at the start of each year.
* Remains valid for 7 days.
* Will be posted each week on SnipeToday and at the end of the year also on the official SCIRA website snipe.org

**3. SSS Athlete Ranking**

3.1. The SSS Ranking produces only one Ranking with no distinction between skippers and crews.

3.2. If a skipper sails some regattas as crew (or vice versa), he/she will get the points according to the position in that regatta.

3.3. On December 31 the best athlete will be awarded as Snipe Super Series Champion.

**4. Athlete Admission**

4.1 All athletes have to be SCIRA members and have to respect SCIRA rules and regulations.

4.2 An athlete will not add points to the SSS until he/she is in good standing with SCIRA for the year.

**5. Regattas Admission Criteria**

5.1 The regattas must respect the SCIRA rules.

5.2 The Notice of Race of the Regattas selected for the SSS shall establishes that:

* Rules of Conduct will apply
* Competitors and boats to be in good standing with SCIRA.

5.2. The regattas must have been announced via e-mail to editor@snipetoday.org possibly 30 days before the beginning of the first scheduled race. (Wide adaptation of this rule for 3 years in order to allow fleets to get themselves organised).

5.3. The results of the regatta must have been transmitted via e-mail to editor@snipetoday.org and published by the website [www.snipetoday.org](http://www.snipetoday.org) no later than 6 days after the end of the competition. (Wide adaptation of this rule for 3 years in order to allow fleets to get themselves organised). Failing to do so, the regatta will be considered **NOT AWARDED REGATTA**.

**6. SSS Regattas**

6.1. The regattas included in the SSS are:

* Worlds Championships or Continental Championships (depending on the year)
* National Championships
* 4 regattas selected by each country through the National Secretary.

6.2 At the end of each regatta, all athletes (with the requirements of point 4 of the SSS Regulation) are awarded a number of SSS points according to their final classification.

6.3 The "Table of SSS points" (below) firmly indicates the number of points allocated to each rank according to the regatta category.

6.4 The table below shows the distribution of points allocated to competitions.

6.5. Whatever the category of regatta, if the final classification shows less than three boats having completed at least one race, no SSS points are allocated for this competition.

6.6. Whatever the category of regatta, no SSS points are allocated to boats not having completed at least one regatta.

6.7. In case of a “circuit” (for example “Winter Circuit” in Florida or “South Europe Summer Circuit”), or in case of a Fleet or Disctrict Championships or Winter Championship (formed by more regattas in different weekends or venues), each single regatta is considered for the SSS points, but the circuit or championship or the whole series are not considered for the SSS points.

**7. Method of addition**

7.1. The DETERMINING TOTAL, namely the total points retained for the compilation of the SSS Ranking of each athlete, represents the sum of all regattas in which the athlete took part.

7.2. If there is a series-score tie between two or more athletes, each athletes’s regatta scores shall be listed in order of best to worst, and at the first point(s) where there is a difference the tie shall be broken in favour of the athlete(s) with the best score(s).

**7. Definitions**

*Bonus:* Coefficient appllied to the Base Point to improve or take in consideration the level or the interest of the athlete.

*Main Regattas*: To be consider a Main Regatta the participation shall be above 40 boats.

*Limited age / Cat:* A regatta where the elegibility is limited to an age (Junior or Master) or category (Junior or Women)

*Out of Country (OC):* It is applied to those athletes that are not from the Country where the regatta is held.

*POINTS TABLE:*

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| **Final Position in the Regatta** | **Base Points (BP)** | **BONUS COEFFICIENTS** |
| First | 120 | WORLDS  | BP x 2,0 |
| Second | 119 | CONTINENTAL | BP x 1,8 |
| Third | 118 | NATIONALS | BP x 1,5 |
| Fourth | 117 | MAIN REGATTAS | BP x 1,3 |
| Fifth | 116 | OUT OF COUNTRY (OC) | BP x 1,1 |
| An so on ↵ | 115 ↵ | LIMITED AGE/CAT. | BP x 0,9 |

The coefficients applied to each athlete may be a combination of them.

For instance,

Master Main Regatta: the Bonus Coefficient will be 0,9 x 1,3 = 1,17.

Master Main Regatta & OC athlete: 0,9 x 1,3 x 1,1 = 1,287.

It may occurs that, for the same Regatta, several athletes are granted with different bonus coefficients.