

USA DF95 Ranking System

Mission Statement

This purpose of this document is to create the ranking system for skippers for the DF95 RC sailboat. The guiding ideas behind this ranking system are to encourage the growth of rc sailboat racing as a competitive sport across the United States. This ranking system is meant to encourage club participation in racing and hosting regattas hopefully driving the expansion of the number of competitive opportunities for DF sailors. Additionally, the ranking system encourages skippers who wish to be eligible for restricted events, to travel to more competitive events while also supporting their local events on a routine basis. To that end, those ranked highest in this system will be those who are routinely participating and are competitively successful across a wide range of regatta events.

1. Introduction

a. This Ranking System ("System") has been developed to allow the USA DF95 NCA to select competitors for Restricted Events, which are events that have limited allocations of participants ("Restricted Events").

b. The DF95 Class is considered a Restricted One Design Class by the AMYA. However, the USA DF95 Class shall rank Skippers, not boats, in determining ranking, superseding AMYA By-Law 8.5.

c. The System shall run continuously and may be applied at any time.

d. The ranking of Skippers as of 120 days prior to the Restricted Event shall be used to determine the allocation of places for each Restricted Event.

2. Skipper Eligibility

a. Skippers must be DF95 USCOA members in good standing at the time of any Ranking Regatta to eligible for ranking points.

b. Skippers must be DF95 USCOA and AMYA members in good standing at the time of any NCR or RCR Regatta to be eligible for ranking points from those regattas.

c. Subsequent membership will not result in retroactively calculating ranking points

d. Nationality requirements will be in accordance with the relevant World Sailing regulations.

3. Event Eligibility

a. A USA DF95 Ranking Regatta, other than a NCR or RCR, shall be approved by the USA DF95 National Class Association (NCA) Secretary a minimum of 4 months prior to a proposed event date. All approved NCRs and RCRs are ranking events regardless of proposed dates.

b. A Ranking Regatta shall be posted on the USA DF95 NCA web site and the AMYA site at least sixty (60) days prior to the first day of the event, except under unusual circumstances as determined by the NCA secretary at their discretion.

c. A Ranking Regatta shall utilize the current USA DF95 Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions. Any deviation from either form must be pre-approved by the USA DF95 NCA Secretary and posted at the time of the initial NOR posting.

d. Minimum Ranking Regatta inspection, if required or used shall consist of:

1. Inspection of the sails, numbers, and rigging
2. Battery weight (45gm minimum) check all
3. Servo and winch check (manufacturer winch)
4. Bulb covering (tape ok no filling)
5. Hatch (must be used)
6. DF95 COA and/or AMYA current membership

4. Ranking Events

a. The last qualifying Ranking Regatta shall start no later than 120 days prior to the date of the skippers meeting of the Restricted Event. The first qualifying Ranking Regatta will have been conducted no more than 540 days prior to the 120 day cutoff for the restricted entry regatta. This period is the "Event Cycle".

b. Ranking for allocation of places for a Restricted Event is effective 120 days prior to the first day of racing of the Restricted Event.

c. Any Ranking Regatta in progress on the day of the 120 day cutoff will have its results counted in the current Event Cycle.

d. Regattas within Canada may be designated a Ranking Regatta and utilized within this Ranking system.

e. Regions shall be as defined by the AMYA By Laws.

f. There shall be no restriction on the number of Ranking Regattas during a year.

g. Each Regional Championship Regatta and the US National Championship Regatta shall be ranking regattas. The ranking status of other regattas will be determined by the organizers and the DF95 NCA Executive Committee to follow the types listed in 4h.

h. Types of ranking events and duration of regattas: (from lowest multiplier to highest)

<i>Name</i>	Multiplier	# Skippers	Minimum Length	Inspection
<i>1 day Club Ranking Regatta</i>	.8	20	1 day (4 hours)	May occur
<i>2 day Club Ranking Regatta</i>	.9	20	1 day (4 hours)	May occur
<i>Annual Ranking Regatta</i>	1.0	20	2 days	May occur
Regional Championship Regatta	1.1	10	2 days	Must occur
<i>National Championship Regatta</i>	1.2	10	2 days (3 is standard)	Must occur

i. An Event cycle (the time period of regatta results than can be counted toward a restricted event) shall consist of the 6 highest qualifying ranking event scores a skipper has achieved in the 540 days prior to the 120 day cut off. The ranking events attended within the event cycle shall be added in event cycle type reverse order and descending order of regatta multipliers attached to each event. So all 1.1 events should be counted prior to 1.0 events or lower until the maximum number of events (6) are met.

Example:

Skipper X attends the following events in previous 540 days prior to the 120 day cutoff of a proper restricted event scheduled for March 2026:

x=scored regatta for ranking

2025 NCR (June 12-15 Region 2) 1.2	x
2024 NCR (December 2-4 Region 3) 1.2	x
2025 R3CR (June 6-7) 1.1	x
2024 R2CR (November 2-3) 1.1	x
2025 Annual Event (Oct 2-3 Region 3) 1.0	x
2025 2 day Event (May 2-3 Region 3) .9	4 th R3 regatta does not score
2025 1 day Event (Sept 4 Region 7) .8	x
2025 1 day Event (July 4 Region 7) .8	7 th in cycle and type reverse order - does not count

5. Rank Scoring

a. The top six (6) qualifying scores of Ranking Regattas in an Event Cycle shall be utilized in the calculation of a Skipper's ranking.

b. Only three (3) scores from Ranking Regattas held in a single region qualify and may be included for ranking purposes during an Event Cycle.

c. A Skipper's rank shall include at least: 1 (and no more than 2) USA National Championship Regatta(s), 1 (and no more than 3) USA Regional event(s), and 1 USA Annual event (non-Regional and non-USA National Championship Regatta), which must be included in the top six (6) scores counted in calculating a Skipper's ranking. If any required type of event is missing then the 6 total regattas will be reduced by the missing regattas.

d. All Ranking Regattas shall have a scaled point system with an initial base of 100 points for the 1st Place in a ten (10) boat fleet with the base increased by one (1) points for each additional participant.

e. A Ranking Regatta's point value is driven by the number of starters as set forth in the following chart:

	# of starters:	1st Place Score:
TP	10	100
	11	101
	12	102

...	...
20	110
21	111
...	...
30	120
31	121
...	...
40	130
41	131

f. Scores will be rounded to the nearest whole number. The ranking score for each participant utilizes the following formula: Participant Ranking score = $TP * ((S - F) + 1) / S$ TP = Total points (1st place Score) for the event based on the number of participants in the Ranking Regatta S = # of starters (number of boats that actually participated in the Ranking Regatta) F = Finishing position in the Ranking Regatta

6. Tie breakers

- a. Finishing place in most recent USA National Championship Regatta.
- b. Finishing positions in the applicable regattas, i.e. most firsts, most seconds on down.
- c. Number of Ranking Regattas competed in.
- d. Coin toss by NCA Secretary.
- e. The first three tie breakers shall only utilize Ranking Regattas within the current Event Cycle.

7. Awarding ranking points through "Event Redress"

Event Redress is designed to award ranking points to skippers who run, rather than sail in, a ranking regatta. In order to be awarded "Event Redress" one must: - have filled an indispensable role for the necessary and proper running of a Ranking Regatta, - must participate in at least five (4) other qualifying Ranking Regattas in that Event Cycle, - make your request for "Event Redress" known to the NCA Secretary within 30 days prior to the skippers meeting or 5 business after the last day of the Ranking Regatta in question.

a. If requested by the NCA Secretary, skippers performing an indispensable role in a ranking regatta may be awarded points for a finish place representing the average of his percentile placing in the preceding ranking regattas of the current event cycle. For example: Regatta 1 you finish 4th of 16 = 25% Regatta 2 you finish 5th of 25 = 20% Regatta 3 you finish 3rd of 10 = 30% Average of regatta percentages = 25% Your redress finish is calculated to be 25% of the fleet actually sailing at least one race in the regatta in question eg. If the regatta for which you are applying for redress points had 24 skippers, you would be awarded $24 \times 25\% = 6$ th place.

b. Only one such Event Redress within the Event Cycle may be applied for the individual's total ranking score.

c. The average score will be recalculated after every Ranking Regatta.

d. Location of the Ranking Regatta shall be deemed as a race sailed within that Region.

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