

USA DF95 Ranking System

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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 allocation 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 be 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:
 - i) Inspection of the sails, numbers, and rigging
 - ii) Battery weight (45gm minimum) check all
 - iii) Servo and winch check (manufacturer winch)
 - iv) Bulb covering (tape ok no filling)
 - v) Hatch (must be used)
 - vi) DF95 COA and/or AMYA current membership

4. Ranking Events

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- a. An "Event Cycle" (the time period of regatta results that can be counted toward a restricted event) consists of a 540 day period (approx. 18 months) commencing 750 days (approx. 25 months) prior to the restricted entry event and end 210 days (approx. 7 months) prior to the restricted entry event.
- b. The first qualifying Ranking Regatta must have been conducted no more than 750 days prior the restricted entry regatta.
 - i. Any Ranking Regatta in progress on the 750-day limit and concludes after the 750-day limit will have its results included in the current Event Cycle.
- c. The last qualifying Ranking Regatta shall start no later than 210 days prior to the date of the skippers meeting of the Restricted Event.
 - i. Any Ranking Regatta in progress on the day of the 210-day cutoff will have its results counted in the current Event Cycle.
- d. Ranking for allocation of places for a Restricted Event is effective 210 days prior to the first day of racing of the Restricted Event.
- e. Regattas within Canada may be designated a Ranking Regatta and utilized within this Ranking system.
- f. Regions shall be as defined by the AMYA By Laws.
- g. There shall be no restriction on the number of Ranking Regattas during a year.
- h. 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 4i.
- i. Types of ranking events and duration of regattas: (from lowest multiplier to highest)

Name	Multiplier	# Skippers	Minimum Duration	Inspection
1 day Club Ranking Regatta	0.7	10 to 19	1 day (4 hours)	May occur
	0.8	20 or more		
2-day Club Ranking Regatta	0.8	10 to 19		
	0.9	20 or more		
Annual Ranking Regatta	0.9	10 to 19	2 days	
	1.0	20 or more		
Regional Championship Regatta	1.1	10 or more	2 days	Must occur
National Championship Regatta	1.2	10 or more	2 days (3 is standard)	Must occur

- j. Scoresheets must be submitted by the regatta organizer / representative to the NCA Executive Committee for review and addition to the Rankings Scoresheet.
- k. The NCA Executive, or defined representative, is responsible for updating the Ranking scoresheet in accordance with these guidelines and posting to the USA DF95 website.

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, excluding any NCR, held in a single region qualify and may be included for ranking purposes during an Event Cycle. If there are more than 3 events, the lowest value scores for that region will be discarded until only 3 scores for that region are counted towards your ranking score. For Example:

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- i. The NCR is being held by your region, this will not count towards the 3 ranking event limit.*
 - ii. You sail in your own Regional Regatta and 5 other qualifying events within your own region. Your Regional regatta shall be scored in addition to your TOP TWO scoring region events. Your other lowest regional scores shall be discarded.*
 - iii. If you Don't sail in your own regional regatta but sail in 5 other qualifying events within your own region, your TOP THREE scoring events shall count, with the lowest scores being discarded.*
- c. A Skipper's rank shall include
 - i. ONE (and no more than two) USA National Championship Regatta(s),
 - ii. ONE of your own USA Regional Regatta
 - PLUS
 - iii. Top 4 eligible scoring events from the other ranking events.
- d. If any required type of event is missing, a score of Zero will be recorded. For example:
 - i. If you do not attend any NCR during the event cycle you will be allocated ZERO points for the NCR Score*
 - ii. If NO regional regatta is held in your region, you will be allocated ZERO points for your Own Regional Regatta score.*
 - iii. If you only sail in 2 other eligible qualifying events, the 2 remaining scoring events shall be scored as ZERO points*
- e. 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.
- f. 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
10	100
11	101
12	102
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20	110
21	111
.....
30	120
31	121
.....
40	130
41	131

- g. Scores will be rounded to the nearest whole number. The ranking score for each participant utilizes the following formula:

$$\text{Participant Ranking score} = \text{TP} * ((\text{S} - \text{F}) + 1) / \text{S}$$

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

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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"

- a. 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:
 - i. have filled an indispensable role for the necessary and proper running of a Ranking Regatta
 - ii. must participate in at least Four (4) other qualifying Ranking Regattas in that Event Cycle
 - iii. 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.
- b. A skipper who is a PRO will be awarded 3rd Place.
- c. A skipper who is undertaking another essential role will be awarded an 8th Place
- d. Only one such Event Redress within the Event Cycle may be applied for the individual's total ranking score. The score used shall be the event that the person would have scored the most points.
- e. Location of the Ranking Regatta shall be deemed as a race sailed within that Region.

8. Clarification and Questions

- a. If clarification of the contents of these guidelines is required, please contact the NCA Executive committee in writing.

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