

Racing Rules of Sailing

Rules 90.3(a), A4, Appendix K, Appendix L17

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Purpose or Objective

To simplify several rules by removing reference to the Bonus Point Scoring System, which has been used very infrequently in recent years.

Proposal

**90.3 Scoring**

- (a) The race committee shall score a race or series as provided in Appendix A using the Low Point System, unless the sailing instructions specify ~~the Bonus Point System or~~ some other system. A race shall be scored if it is not *abandoned* and if one boat sails the course in compliance with rule 28.1 and *finishes* within the time limit, if any, even if she retires after *finishing* or is disqualified.

**A4 ~~LOW POINT AND BONUS POINT SYSTEMS~~**

~~Most series are scored using either the Low Point System or the Bonus Point System. The Low Point System uses a boat's finishing place as her race score. The Bonus Point System benefits the first six finishers because of the greater difficulty in advancing from fourth place to third, for example, than from fourteenth place to thirteenth. The Low Point System will apply unless the sailing instructions specify another system; see rule 90.3(a). If the Bonus Point System is chosen it can be made to apply by stating in the sailing instructions that 'The Bonus Point System of Appendix A will apply.'~~

- A4.1** Each boat *starting* and *finishing* and not thereafter retiring, being penalized or given redress shall be scored points as follows:

<i>Finishing place</i>	<del>Low Points System</del>	<del>Bonus Point System</del>
First	1	<del>0</del>
Second	2	<del>3</del>
Third	3	<del>5.7</del>
Fourth	4	<del>8</del>
Fifth	5	<del>10</del>
Sixth	6	<del>11.7</del>
Seventh	7	<del>13</del>
Each place thereafter	Add 1 point	<del>Add 1 point</del>

**Appendix K****13 SCORING**

~~Include only if the Low Point System is replaced by the Bonus Point System.~~

~~13.1 The Bonus Point System of Appendix A will apply.~~

~~(OR)~~

Include only if ~~neither of the~~ **Low Point Scoring System** in Appendix A ~~scoring systems will~~ **not** be used. Describe the system.

**13.1** The scoring system is as follows: \_\_\_\_\_.

**Appendix L****17 SCORING**

~~Include only if the Low Point System is replaced by the Bonus Point System.~~

~~17.1\* The Bonus Point System of Appendix A will apply.~~

~~(OR)~~

Include only if ~~neither of the~~ **Low Point Scoring System** in Appendix A ~~scoring systems will~~ **not** be used. Describe the system.

**17.1\*** The scoring system is as follows: \_\_\_\_\_.

**Current Position**

As above.

**Reasons**

An informal survey of over 30 international judges at Palma in April revealed that the Bonus Point Scoring System is used very infrequently. Classes that wish to continue to use this system may do so by changing rule A4. Removing reference to a choice of systems in Appendix A will simplify the rulebook and, for most events, the sailing instructions as well.

Comment: The Racing Rules Committee may wish to consider whether or not to recommend that the Racing Rules Working Party add an optional sailing instruction in Appendix LE that a race committee may use if it wishes to use the Bonus Point Scoring System for an event.

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