

**Appendix to Open Meeting Sailing Instructions.**

**9.0 GROUP SYSTEM**

**9.1** If this is used, competitors will be notified by the time of the briefing. The total entry will be split into four equal groups and each group will sail a total of three races (one against each of the other groups in turn).

Race 1	Black v Yellow	Red v Green
Race 2	Yellow v Green	Black v Red
Race 3	Red v Yellow	Green v Black

**9.2** The start of the first flight will be the warning gun for the second flight. Should the first flight be recalled, the start of the second flight will be delayed (the second start of the first flight will remain as the warning signal for the second flight). The Black Flag Rule (RRS 30.3) shall apply to the flight concerned in the recall.

**9.3 Points**

The RRS Low Point System shall apply.

The largest combined two groups shall determine the points to be awarded for non-starters, retirements and disqualifications in each group.

The final placings will be decided on the helmsman's best two races out of three sailed.

A postponed race will be sailed as soon as possible. An abandoned race will not be resailed.

**9.4 Dead Heats**

Because of the nature of the system, ties are bound to occur when determining the final order of placings. Ties shall be decided as follows: -

- (i) If two boats from differing groups tie for a place, the boat, which was higher placed in the race in which they sailed against each other shall be the higher positioned.
- (ii) if two boats from the same group, or three or more boats from any group tie for a place, then the points for the discard race shall be taken into account
- (iii) If the discard race is also equal, then the result of the final race shall decide the position.