

Rule change for Gold Cup – Nations Cup

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Each nation with at least 3 Dragons entered for the Gold Cup shall participate as a team. Each team shall consist of 3 Dragons with identical national letters on their sail. The first three boats from each nation in the first completed race of the Gold Cup shall form that nation’s team.

Once a team has been determined no changes are allowed under any circumstances. The helmsman of the highest placed boat of the winning team in the last completed race shall win the Cup and keep it until the next Gold Cup.

Nations Cup (new wording)

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Each nation with at least 3 Dragons entered for the Gold Cup, and helmed by a national of that country who is a member of that country’s national Dragon Association, shall participate as a team. Each team shall consist of 3 Dragons. The boats need not carry the same national letters on their sails. The first three boats from each nation in the first completed race of the Gold Cup shall form that nation’s team.

Once a team has been determined no changes are allowed under any circumstances. The helmsman of the highest placed boat of the winning team in the last completed race shall win the Cup and keep it until the next Gold Cup.

The Nations Cup will only be awarded if enough races have been sailed to complete the Gold Cup.

Reason

It is proposed to change the wording in the Deed of Gift.

When Tommy Müller donated the Nations Cup as a special Gold Cup team prize in 2000 it was his intention that each team would be made up of helmsmen all of the same nationality. Back in 2000 it was rare to see charter boats, and if you did, they usually brought their own sails and there was no problem determining the teams.

In recent years we have lot more charter boats and the charterers frequently use the sails that come with the boat. Under the current rule (Deed of Gift) it is technically quite possible that, for example, Belgium could win the Nations Cup with three Belgian-registered charterboats with three helms of different nationalities. This was not Tommy Müller’s intention. Tommy and the CYCA have given permission for the Deed of Gift to be changed.