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The official wind directions around the compass clockwise are:

North - North North East - North East - East North East - East

East - East South East - South East - South South East - South

South South West - South West - West South West - West

West North West - North West - North North West - North

Is there actually some order to this nomenclature?

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Yes.

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Start with one letter N, E, S, W.

Half way between any of them is denoted with two letters, but N or S are always taken first. So you get NE, NW, SE, SW

Halfway between a one letter X and a two letter YZ, you always start twith the one letter.

So you get (making sure you don't write he impossible ones):

N-NE, N-NW,  
E-NE, E-SE,  
S-SE, S-SW  
W-NW, W-SE

You can go on if you like now. Always write the shortest before the longest. Examples: SEESESESESESE.  
See if you can find what it means ;-)

Dirk Vdm

It seems like a weird rule in that N and S take precedence. I wonder if there are other ways of designating these directions. Perhaps in S. America or Asia, they do it differently? Probably not. I find it odd that very seldom, as in close to never, does anyone bother to state the rule. I have a book titled Compass by Aczel and he doesn't give a clue. I guess someone decided on the rule millennia ago, and everyone has just gone with it.

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