

# CONDITIONS FOR THE UNITED STATES ADULT CHAMPIONSHIP

## 1. CONDITIONS, NOTICE OF RACE, AND SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 1.1. The Organizing Authority, the US Sailing Championship Committee issues these Conditions, the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions for the National Championship.
- 1.2. The championship is governed by the US Sailing Championship Conditions - [CHAMPIONSHIP CONDITIONS](#)
- 1.3. The championship is governed by US Sailing Regulations 2.02, 4.02, 10, 13, 14.04 and 15. [REGULATIONS](#)

## 2. ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION OF TEAMS

- 2.1. Each team shall meet the eligibility requirements of the US Sailing Championship Conditions and the US Sailing Regulations. See Conditions 1.2 and 1.3 for links to these documents.
- 2.2. This championship is an invitational event.
- 2.3. Each US Sailing Regional Sailing Association (RSA) may submit one (1) team for consideration. A confirmation email from the RSA Representative is to be sent to US Sailing's [U.S. Adult Sailing Championship Committee Chair](#) announcing their representing team. Application instructions will follow. Any team interested in applying must receive approval from their RSA to begin the application process. When a team is interested in applying for the championship and cannot reach their RSA representative, they are to contact the [U.S. Adult Sailing Championship Committee Chair](#).
  - 2.3.1. The host club may propose its representative to its RSA and said team must meet 2.4. If the RSA accepts the club's nominee, no other team may be proposed from that RSA.
- 2.4. RSA submissions shall be open to all sailors who reside or regularly compete in the RSA. All team members must be members of the same RSA.
- 2.5. There is no citizenship requirement.
- 2.6. Sailors must have reached their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday in the calendar year to be eligible to participate.
- 2.7. RSA may designate a selection process of their choice. Options include a qualifying event, another event, and resume selection.
- 2.8. The maximum number of spaces allowed for the event is dependent upon the actual number of boats provided by the host- times two.
- 2.9. When the maximum number of resumes received during the application period (posted in the Notice of Race) exceeds the maximum number of boats available- times two, the U.S. Adult Sailing Championship Evaluation Committee will review eligible resumes and make their selections based on Selection Criteria posted on the event website.
  - 2.9.1. All eligible teams will be notified of the selection and invited to complete the registration process or will be placed on a waitlist.

## 3. CREW CHANGES

Crew changes shall meet the requirements of the US Sailing Championship Conditions. See Condition 1.2 for a link to this document.

## 4. COACHING AND/OR SUPPORT BOATS

- 4.1. The US Championship and its qualifiers will meet US Sailing's policy on coach and support boats found at <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/resources/coaching-and-support-boat-policy/> and designate the grade in the respective Notice of Race(NOR).

## **5. BOAT/EQUIPMENT**

- 5.1. Boats will be provided for all competitors at the finals.
- 5.2. The championship will use the current one-design class rules, except membership in the class association may not be required.
- 5.3. It is of the utmost importance that they be treated with care at all times as the future of these events depends on being able to charter boats again. See Condition 6.1 with regard to insurance provisions.
- 5.4. If a boat is disabled and cannot be repaired before the next race, another boat, with the approval of the Organizing Authority, may be substituted and may continue to be used for the remaining races of the event. In such cases, the sails of the disabled boat shall be used if possible.
- 5.5. The use of electronic devices will follow the class rules. Class rules limiting the use of electronic communications devices may be changed, provided that the requirements of rule 87 are met.

## **6. LIABILITY AND DAMAGE**

- 6.1. At-fault occurrences to other boats are the responsibility of the helmsman. Contestants are not covered by any Liability Insurance provided by the host club and should provide their own coverage for personal goods and liability protection. US Sailing recommends those teams consult their own insurance carrier regarding additional personal liability insurance coverage
- 6.2. US Sailing does not require the use of hold harmless forms. It strongly recommends that organizing authorities seek local legal advice on the question and carry adequate insurance coverage such as that provided by the Regatta Liability Insurance Program endorsed by US Sailing.
- 6.3. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

## **7. EVENT FORMAT**

- 7.1. National Championship – The National Championship will be scheduled over a three- or four-day period, preferably Thursday through Sunday under the format of Section 7.2.1.
- 7.2. The preferred format for qualifying events leading to the National Championship shall be in the following order of preference.
  - 7.2.1. Round Robin - Each entry sails each boat once to complete the event,
  - 7.2.2. Boat Drawn – The number of races to be sailed shall be stated in the Notice of Race. Teams will draw for a boat on a daily basis and sail that boat for the entire day. A minimum of two days should be scheduled for this format.
  - 7.2.3. Use of a pre-existing event; however, all team members must meet the qualifications as outlined in 2.4 of the Conditions.
- 7.3. Should conditions make it impossible to complete an event in accordance with a chosen format, the event results will be determined on the number of completed races. The Protest Committee, in accordance with Condition 9.1, will make the determination.
- 7.4. The preferred format for the finals is Condition 7.2.1 but can be changed and shall be stated in the Notice of Race.
- 7.5. At the National Event, if new boats are used in the championship, the boats will be drawn before the first day of racing and shall be rotated as stated in the Sailing Instructions. If borrowed boats are used, there shall be a round robin rotation after each race.

- 7.6. A clinic may be provided by the host club and practice races may be conducted. It is believed that sailors will have some familiarity with the boats by the time they reach the finals.
- 7.7. Details of the final format shall be approved by the chairman of the U.S Adult Championships committee and shall be stated in the Notice of Race.

## **8. RACE ADMINISTRATION**

- 8.1. At all levels, Race Management must adhere to US Sailing Regulation 10.06
- 8.2. GENERAL POLICY
  - 8.2.1. The organizing authority shall file an online event report that includes the names and certifications of all judges, umpires and principal race officials within two weeks of the event.
- 8.3. No person may serve as a member of the Protest Committee or as the PRO at an event in which any competitor in the event is a close relative. (see Condition 8.2.1 below)
  - 8.3.1.1 For the purpose of this policy the term "close relative" is defined as an individual related to another person or the person's spouse within the third degree. This includes parents, grandparents, great-grandparents, siblings, children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, spouses and close relatives of spouses including step- or in-law relatives.
- 8.4. Volunteers in any capacity are expected to subordinate their personal and individual interests to the interests of the event and the sport of sailing. See US Sailing Regulation 1.00.
- 8.5. Except in illness or emergency, the Jury shall consist of a minimum of three judges.

## **9. POWER LINE HAZARDS**

US Sailing Regulations require that US Sailing Championships at all levels be held at sites free of power line hazards. Written compliance is required to be filed with the Championship Director at US Sailing.

## **10. HOST CLUB(S)**

The host club should familiarize all competitors with the waters in which the races are to be held with emphasis on obstructions, tidal conditions and probable location of marks.

## **11. DISCIPLINE**

Sailors shall submit a signed Code of Conduct with their registration materials. See US Sailing Regulation 1

