

# US Para Sailing Championship Conditions

## 1. CHAMPIONSHIP EVENT STRUCTURE

- 1.1 The Championship Committee shall be the US Sailing Para Sailing Committee; the Championship Chair shall be the chair of that Committee.
- 1.2 If the Championship is stand-alone event, the Organizing Authority (OA) shall be US Sailing and the Organizing Committee (OC) shall be the host organization.
- 1.3 If the Championship is embedded in another event, the role of Organizing Authority shall be jointly held by US Sailing and the host organization.
- 1.4 These Conditions shall apply to the national level of the Championship, and otherwise when appropriate. The Championship Chair shall approve any departure from these Conditions after consulting with the Championship Committee.
- 1.5 In the event of a conflict between these Conditions and an agreement to run the Championship between US Sailing and the host organization, that agreement will take precedence.

## 2. CLASS DIVISIONS OF BOATS

- 2.1 This event shall be held in at least one or as many as three division(s). Ideally there will be a single-handed division, a double-handed division and a triple-handed division, each sailed in a boat that is suitable for sailors with a disability, pending approval of the Championship Committee.
- 2.2 A development class may be added with the approval of the Championship Committee. Any development class will not be a Championship class.

## 3. ENTRY CRITERIA

- 3.1 Entry in all Championship divisions shall be open to all sailors with disabilities.
- 3.2 Para World Sailing functional classification is recommended but not required. US Sailing will work with the host organization to ensure that one or more classifiers are available at the event to support sailors looking for classification if requested by the Host Organization.
- 3.3 If the Championship is a qualifier for an international event or team, then classification must be available to sailors at the event, and sailors must meet the classification requirements for that international event in order to be eligible to represent the US at that event or on that team.
- 3.4 US citizens and resident aliens must be members of US Sailing.

- 3.5 For international competitors when US Sailing membership is required, participants from other countries shall either be members of US Sailing or be members of their ISAF-recognized national authority for sailing. Proof of membership must be provided at registration.

#### **4. RACING FORMAT**

- 4.1 A one-day clinic should, if possible, be held prior to competition. Any clinic or coaching shall be open to all competitors.
- 4.2 Divisions may be raced on the same course concurrently or with staggered starting times. More than one race course is permitted.
- 4.3 The length of the courses for the Championship should be approximately 30–45 minutes for the first boat to finish. Courses on which the first boat finishes in less than 30 minutes or in excess of 60 minutes should be avoided.
- 4.4 No more than five races per day shall be raced in the Championship, and the minimum and maximum number of races shall be specified in the Notice of Race.
- 4.5 Should conditions or circumstances make it impossible or impractical to complete an event in accordance with a chosen format, the event will be determined on the number of completed races.

#### **5. HELMSPERSON, SUBSTITUTES**

- 5.1 The helmsperson must remain the same.
- 5.2 Crew may be substituted in a case of extreme circumstances and only with the approval of the protest committee.

#### **6. BOATS AND EQUIPMENT**

- 6.1 The host organization may provide boats, or boats may be available to borrow or charter, or competitors may bring their own boats. The host organization shall provide competitors with contact information for borrowed or charter boats.
- 6.2 A competitor using a borrowed, chartered or provided boat may substitute any steering, seating or other adaptive modifications, provided that those modifications conform to current class rules and do not pierce or otherwise mark the hull, spars or sails. No changes, additions, or alterations to the hull and fittings shall be made except as follows: A compass, wind indicator, or sail telltales supplied by the competitor may be used provided that they do not pierce or otherwise mark the hull, spars or sails. No fitting may be removed, even if it is subsequently replaced, and no repairs may be undertaken without the permission of the OA and/or OC.
- 6.3 The OA and/or OC may require the application of unique sail numbers to each side of the sail and advertising stickers on the hull of each boat.

- 6.4 US Sailing Regulation 10.4 requires that all competitors in US Sailing Championships at all levels shall wear, while on the water, other than for brief periods while adding or removing clothing, a U.S. Coast Guard approved PFD or, in the case of an international competitor, one approved by their national authority. All PFDs must be appropriate for the size and weight of the sailor.

## **7. REGISTRATION & FEES**

- 7.1 Registration for the Championship can be made on the US Sailing website ([www.ussailing.org](http://www.ussailing.org)).
- 7.1 Championship Entry Fee shall be as listed in the Notice of Race and Entry Form.
- 7.2 Borrowed Boat Insurance, Damage Deposits and Liability Insurance Fees, when called for, are in addition to the entry fee and are the responsibility of the entrant.

## **8. PROTEST COMMITTEE**

- 8.1 The OA shall appoint the protest committee.
- 8.2 The Chief Judge (CJ) shall be a US Sailing National Judge. However, a US Sailing Judge may serve as CJ if a US Sailing National Judge is on the protest committee.
- 8.3 Appointment of a lower-certified official to serve as CJ requires the approval of the Championship Chair and the US Sailing Judges Committee Chair.
- 8.4 Selection of the additional members of the protest committee shall be at the recommendation of the CJ and shall be approved by the Championship Chair.

## **9. RACE COMMITTEE**

- 9.1 The OA shall appoint the race committee.
- 9.2 The Principal Race Officer (PRO) shall be a US Sailing National Race Officer. However, a US Sailing Regional Race Officer may serve as PRO if a US Sailing National Race Officer is on the race committee.
- 9.3 Appointment of a lower-certified official to serve as PRO requires the approval of the Championship Chair and the US Sailing Race Administration Committee Chair.
- 9.4 Selection of the additional members of the race committee shall be at the recommendation of the PRO and shall be approved by the Championship Chair.

## **10. POWER LINE HAZARDS**

US Sailing Regulation 10.01 requires that US Sailing Championships at all levels be held at sites free of power line hazards in any area.

## 11. SCORING

The Scoring System in Appendix A will apply except that each boat's score will be the sum of the scores of all races less one throw-out/discard after 8 races.

## 12. PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES

All competitors in US Sailing Championships shall follow US Sailing Regulation 10.03. These regulations must be stated in both the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions for the event:

**10.03 A.** For adult US Sailing championship events, no competitor shall use, either on or off the water, marijuana or any other controlled substance (as defined in 21 U.S. Code 802) the possession of which is unlawful under 21 U.S. Code 841.

**10.03 C.** An alleged breach of one of these regulations shall not be grounds for a protest. However, when the protest committee believes that a competitor may have breached one of these regulations, it shall follow the process described in racing rule 69.1 and a competitor found to have breached one of these regulations shall be excluded from the remaining races in the series, and where practicable removed from the regatta venue and sent home. The competitor's boat shall be disqualified from all races of the series.

## 13. PRIZES

- 13.1 The winners in each division will be presented with US Sailing keeper medals. The Judd Goldman Trophy will be presented to the winner in the single-handed division; the Chandler Hovey Trophy will be presented to the winner in the double-handed division; and the Gene Hinkel Trophy will be presented to the winner in the triple-handed division at the Championship. The Championship Chair may determine any other awards, including the number and style of awards, in concurrence with the Committee.
- 13.2 An international competitor may win the Championship but may not be named "US Para Sailing Champion" in any division of this Championship. The first US team, including resident aliens, will be named "US Para Sailing Champion" in each division.