



Conditions for the U.S. Adult Championship

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Amendments:

SECTION A PREAMBLE

Section A clauses do not rank as “rules” as defined by the Racing Rules of Sailing. As such, boats in a regatta may not protest each other for failure to comply with this preamble, nor base a request for redress on the alleged failure of an organizing authority, race committee, protest committee or technical committee to obey the clauses of this preamble.

A1 INTRODUCTION

- A1.1 These conditions govern the US Adult Championship (Championship).
- A1.2 This championship is governed by these conditions and the US Sailing Championships Conditions (abbreviated below as “overall conditions”, see <>).

SECTION B CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

Section B clauses DO rank as ‘rules’ as defined by the Racing Rules of Sailing.

The notation ‘[DP]’ in a rule of this section means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. The notation ‘[NP]’ in a rule of this section means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule nor request redress based on that rule. This changes RRS 60.1 and 61.1.

B1 GOVERNANCE

- B1.1 See the overall conditions for additional conditions that apply.

B2 ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION OF TEAMS

- B2.1 This championship is an invitational event.
- B2.2 There is no citizenship requirement.
- B2.3 Sailors must have reached their 19th birthday in the calendar year to be eligible to participate.
- B2.4 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.
- B2.5 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.
- B2.6 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.
- B2.7 RSA may designate a selection process of their choice. Options include a qualifying event, another event, and resume selection.
- B2.8 The maximum number of spaces allowed for the event is dependent upon the actual number of boats provided by the host and the racing format.
- B2.9 When the maximum number of resumes received during the application period (posted in the notice of race) exceeds the maximum number of boats available, the championship committee will appoint an Evaluation Committee who will review eligible resumes and make their selections based on Selection Criteria posted on the event website.

- (a) All eligible teams will be notified of the selection and invited to complete the registration process or will be placed on a waitlist.

B3 BOAT/EQUIPMENT

- B3.1 Boats will be provided for all competitors at the finals.
- B3.2 The championship may use the current one-design class rules, except membership in the class association will not be required.
- B3.3 At the National Event, if new boats are used in the championship, the boats will be drawn before the first day of racing and may be rotated as stated in the sailing instructions. If borrowed boats are used, there shall be a round robin rotation after each race.
- B3.4 Competitors are strongly encouraged to bring their own VHF radio. Radios will not be provided to competitors by the OA or the host club.

B4 COACHING AND SUPPORT BOATS

- B4 The coaching level will be Grade 3 (no private coaching) in accordance with the US Sailing Coaching and Support Boat Policy.

B5 CHAMPIONSHIP POLICIES

Section C clauses do not rank as "rules" as defined by the Racing Rules of Sailing. As such, boats in a regatta may not protest each other for failure to comply with this preamble, nor base a request for redress on the alleged failure of an organizing authority, race committee, protest committee or technical committee to obey the clauses of this preamble.

B6 CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE

- B6.1 The Championship Committee shall be the US Sailing US Adult Championship Committee; the Championship Chair shall be the chair of that Committee.

B7 EVENT FORMAT

- B7.1 The National Championship will be scheduled over a three- or four- day period, preferably Thursday through Sunday under the following format (in order of preference):
- B7.2 Preferred Formats:
 - (a) Round Robin - Each entry sails each boat once to complete the event,
 - (b) Boat Drawn - The number of races to be sailed may 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 or mid-day. A minimum of two days should be scheduled for this format.
 - (c) 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 OA shall determine the number of races.
- B7.3 The preferred format for the finals is a round robin but can be changed.
- B7.4 Details of the final format shall be approved by the national chair and shall be stated in the notice of race.
- B7.5 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.

B8 SCORING

- B8.1 The Low Point Scoring System (RRS Appendix A) will be used. The sailing instructions may be modified such that:
 - (a) When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a competitor's series score will be the total of that competitor's race scores.
 - (b) When 7 to 13 races have been completed, a competitor's series score will be the total of that competitor's race scores excluding that competitor's worst score.
 - (c) When 14 or more races have been completed, a competitor's series score will be the total of that competitor's race scores excluding that competitor's worst two (2) scores.

B9 PRIZES

- B9.1 The Clifford D. Mallory Trophy will be presented to the winner.