



Conditions for the US Multihull Championship

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SECTION A PREAMBLE

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A1 INTRODUCTION

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

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 The championship is an open event (there is no selection process).
- B2.2 There shall be no limit on the number of teams allowed to participate, unless restricted within the notice of race.
- B2.3 International teams who meet the eligibility requirements are welcome to participate; however, they will not be eligible to win the title or trophy.
- B2.4 There is no age restriction, unless provided within the Notice of Race (NOR).

B3 BOAT/EQUIPMENT

- B3.1 The event shall be sailed with only the selected boat for that given year in the US Multihull Championship start. Other classes are welcome at the event, however, they must be in a separate start.
- B3.2 This is a Bring Your Own Boat (BYOB) championship. The boats used in the National Championship may be chartered either from private owners or from manufacturers. 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.
- B3.3 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.

B4 COACHING AND SUPPORT BOATS

- B4.1 Unless changed by the notice of race, the coaching level will be Grade 3 (no private coaching) in accordance with the US Sailing Coaching and Support Boat Policy.

SECTION C CHAMPIONSHIP POLICIES

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C1 CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE

- C1.1 The Championship Committee shall be the US Sailing US Multihull Championship Committee; the Championship Chair shall be the chair of that Committee.

C2 EVENT FORMAT

- C2.1 The championship will be based on one of the following formats to be determined by the United States Multihull Championship Committee
- (a) Bring-your-own-boat regatta Format- Requests for Redress for equipment failures will be denied in a bring-your- own-boat event.
 - (b) Promotion-Relegation Format
- C2.2 In the case that the National Championship will be sailed as a promotion-relegation competition, it will proceed as follows. In this scheme, teams at the National Championship will be allowed reasonable time to make allowable adjustments to the boat between rounds.
- (a) Teams will draw initial division assignments (A1, A2 ...A10; B1, B2 ...B10). In heat 1B, all of the teams drawing "B" boats race together. In heat 1A, all of the teams drawing "A" boats race together. Heats 1B and 1A constitute "Race 1."
 - (b) The top five teams from heats 1B and 1A race together in heat 2A, and the remaining teams race together in heat 2B. Heat 2B is run before heat 2A. c) Heat 2B is scored with each team's score increased by ten (10) points. Heat 2A is scored. This constitutes "Race 2".
 - (c) After heat 2A, the bottom three teams from heat 2A will race in heat 3B, and the top three teams from heat 2B will race in heat 3A.
 - (d) Each subsequent A heat, the process described in (c) and (d) above is repeated.
 - (e) At the conclusion of the event, if a matching A division heat is not completed, the B division heat shall be discarded.
- C2.3 At the National Championship, weather conditions, the need to protect boats and equipment or the need to expedite completion of the event may require other procedures. Any such special procedures are at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

C3 PRIZES

- C3.1 The Hobie Alter Trophy will be presented to the winner.