2026 US Youth Championship

October 9-12, 2026
Long Beach, CA

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Organizing Authority: US Sailing
Host: Alamitos Bay Yacht Club
All times are US Pacific Daylight Time

Event Website:
https://www.ussailing.org/competition/championships/2026-u-s-youth-championship/

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Amendment 5: 10-11-26 1800pm

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the Sailing Instructions 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 the Sailing Instructions 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.

1 RULES

1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).

1.2 Other documents that govern the event are:

(a) US Sailing Championship Conditions, available at https://www.ussailing.org/competition/resources/championship-conditions/

(b) Conditions for the US Youth Championship available on the event website.

(c) [NP] US Sailing Championship Code of Conduct, available at: https://www.ussailing.org/competition/resources/championship-conditions/

(d) [DP] US Sailing Coaching and Support Vessel Policy, available at: https://www.ussailing.org/competition/resources/coaching-and-support-vessel-policy/ .
This is a Grade 1 (private coaches permitted) event.

1.3 RRS Appendix B, Windsurfing Competition Rules, shall apply for the Windsurfing Event, as changed by the sailing instructions or the notice of race (NoR).

1.4 RRS Appendix F, Kiteboarding Competition Rules, shall apply for the Kiteboarding Event, as changed by the sailing instructions or the notice of race (NoR).

1.5 RRS Appendix P, Special Procedures for RRS 42, shall apply for the 29er, i420, ILCA 6 classes and may be modified by the sailing instructions.

1.6 RRS 60.1 is changed to add: 'However, a boat shall not protest another boat for an alleged breach of a class rule other than class equipment measurement rules.'

1.7 Rule 60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows: '(2) if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in, and did not see, the incident, or'

1.8 RRS 77 is changed so that a boat is not required to display national letters.

1.9 iQFOiL and Formula Kite classes:

(a) The official digital countdown to the start for iQ Foil and Formula Kite classes will be determined by GPS Time. The time of the warning signal will be announced on VHF and displayed on a whiteboard no later than approx. 2 min prior to the Warning signal. Visual or auditory signals for these starts will serve as courtesies only. Variations or absence of these signals shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 26, and RRS 61.4(b).

(b) For iQ Class only: Add new RRS 29.3 as follows: When, at the warning signal, the course to the first mark is approximately ninety degrees from the true wind:

(1) When at the starting signal the race committee identifies a board on the course side of the starting line, the race committee shall signal a general recall.

(2) If the race committee acts under SI 1.9(a) and the board is identified, she shall be disqualified without a hearing, even if the race is abandoned. The race committee shall hail or display her sail number, and she shall leave the course area immediately. If the race is restarted or re-sailed, she shall not sail in it. If the race committee acts under SI 1.9(a) and the board is identified, she shall be disqualified without a hearing, even if the race is abandoned. The race committee shall hail or display her sail number, and she shall leave the course area immediately. If the race is restarted or re-sailed, she shall not sail in it.

2 SAFETY

2.1 [DP] Each competitor shall wear a USCG-approved life jacket, in good condition, that is 100% dependent on foam for flotation and the appropriate size for the sailor, at all times while on the water except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment per Rule 40.1 and 40.2(c).

2.2 [DP] In exception to 2.1 above, for competitors in the iQFOiL and Formula Kite class: Body protection (Impact vest) which may also act as a personal flotation device in accordance with iQFOiL Class Rule C.3.2(1)(iii) or Formula Kite Class Rule C3.2(d) shall be worn at all times when afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. This meets the requirements of US Championship Conditions B9 and US Sailing Regulation 10.

2.3 The PFD must be worn outside of all clothing except that a thin shirt or bib may be worn over the PFD to prevent snagging.

2.4 [DP] Private drones are prohibited. Drones may be authorized by the OA for its purposes.

2.5 [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

3 COMMUNICATION

3.1 The official notice board is online and located at the event website.

3.2 [DP] From the first warning signal until their finish in the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

3.3 The race office is located at the ABYC Regatta Office.

3.4 All questions for the race committee and requests for change of crew or equipment for the organizing authority shall be put in writing and submitted to the Protest Desk. These will be answered, in writing, and posted to the official notice board.

4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

4.1 Any change to the SIs will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the close of the morning competitors' meeting on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted no later than the protest time limit or by 2000hrs, whichever is later, on the day before it will take effect.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the ABYC flagpole.

5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

5.3 [DP] On practice and race days, boats shall not leave the harbor unless Flag D is displayed on the regatta WhatsApp group. For the Formula Kite and iQFOiL classes the warning signal will not be made before the scheduled time or less than 20 minutes after flag D is displayed. For all other classes the warning signal will not be made before the scheduled time or less than 60 minutes after flag D is displayed.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 The race committee intends to run up to a series-maximum of twenty (20) races for the iQFOiL and Formula Kite classes, fifteen (15) races for the 29er class, and eleven (11) races for the ILCA 6, and i420 classes.

6.2 The schedule is as follows (all times are US Pacific Time):

Date	Time	Item
Thursday, Oct 8	1000 1300 -1800	Earliest Arrival Date On-site registration
Friday, Oct 9	0800-1100	On-site registration
	1000	Mandatory Coaches and Spectator Vessel Meeting
	1030	Competitors Meeting
	1300	Warning Signal for first race of the day
	After racing	Dinner
Saturday, Oct 10	1100	Morning Briefing
	1300	Warning Signal for first race of the day
	After racing	Dinner
Sunday, Oct 11	1100	Morning Briefing
	1300	Warning Signal for first race of the day
	After racing	Hot snacks
Monday, Oct 12	~~1000~~ 0830	Morning Briefing
	~~1200~~ 1030	Warning Signal for first race of the day ILCA/420
	1100	Warning Signal for first race of the day 29er/Formula Kite
	To follow	Warning Signal for first race of the day iQFOiL
	1500	No Warning Signal after
	ASAP	Award Ceremony

7 CLASS FLAGS

7.1 The Class flags are:

Class	Flag
29er	White flag with red 29er insignia
Formula Kite	Blue flag with Formula Kite insignia
I420	Red flag with blue/white 420 insignia
ILCA 6	Green flag with red ILCA insignia
iQFOiL	Pink flag with iQFOiL insignia

7.2 The order of starts will be announced at the morning briefing, held each race day.

8 RACING AREAS

8.1 SI Addendum A shows the location of the racing areas. The race area assignments will be announced at the morning competitors meeting. The equipment classes assigned to each race area will be as follows:

(a) 29er class.

(b) ILCA 6 and i420 classes.

(c) iQFOiL and Formula Kite classes.

9 COURSES

9.1 SI Addendum B shows the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

9.2 No later than the display of the starting line flag, the race committee signal vessel will display the fleet and the course to be sailed.

9.3 If at a gate mark, if only one mark is present, that mark shall be left to port.

10 MARKS

10.1 29er (W/L):

(a) Windward mark will be a yellow inflatable mark
(b) Gate marks will be yellow inflatable marks
(c) Starting mark will be an anchored pin boat or a orange inflatable mark
(d) Finishing mark will be a green inflatable mark
(e) New mark will be an orange inflatable mark

10.2 ILCA 6 and i420 (trapezoid or W/L):
(a) Turning marks will be orange inflatable marks or orange markset bots
(b) Starting mark will be a yellow markset bot
(c) Finishing mark will be an orange inflatable mark
(d) New mark will be a yellow inflatable mark

10.3 iQFOiL and Formula Kite (W/L or slalom):
(a) Mark 1 will be a green markset bot
(b) All other turning marks will be orange markset bots
(c) Starting mark will be a yellow markset bot
(d) Finishing mark will be a yellow inflatable mark
(e) Protection mark will be an orange ball

10.4 When the autonomous marks are used, routine movement of the marks will not be grounds for redress. This includes minor adjustments or marks returning to station after being pushed away by a boat. This changes RRS 61.1(a).

11 THE START

11.1 For all classes except the ILCA and i420, the starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal vessel and the course side of a staff displaying an orange flag on the port end race committee vessel or nearby starting mark. For the ILCA and i420, the start line will be between a Vakaros unit on a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal vessel and a Vakaros unit on a staff displaying an orange flag on the port end race committee vessel or nearby starting mark.

11.2 For all classes except the iQFOiL and Formula Kite classes, to alert boats that the race will begin soon, the orange line flag on the signal vessel will be displayed with one (1) sound signal at least 5 minutes before the warning signal is displayed. For the iQFOiL and Formula Kite class, to alert boats that the race will begin soon, the orange line flag on the signal vessel will be displayed with one sound signal at least 2 minutes before the warning signal is displayed.

11.3 For all classes except the ILCA and i420, after a race, the race committee intends to post the sail numbers of boats that are scored as OCS, UFD, or BFD. This is a courtesy only and failure of the race committee to make this posting, or an error in the posting, will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b).

11.4 For all classes except the iQFOiL Class: A boat that does not start within four (4) minutes after their starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

11.5 For the iQFOiL and Formula Kite Classes: races shall be started by using the following signals. Times shall be taken from the visual signals; the absence of a sound signal shall be disregarded.

Minutes before Starting Signal	Visual Signal		Sound Signal	Means
3	Class Flag	up	one	Warning
2	Preparatory Flag	up	one	Preparatory
1	Preparatory Flag	down	one long	One Minute
0	Class Flag	down	one	Start

(a) A board that does not start within 3 minutes (1 minutes for reaching starts) will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will (a) move the original mark to its new location, (b) lay a new mark of a different color (ILCA/420/29er Courses only) (c) move the finishing line, or (d) move the leeward gate (original marks). When a new mark is laid, the original mark will be removed as soon as possible.

12.2 During the course of a race, the race committee may adjust the course up to 10 degrees in bearing or 0.1nm in length without signaling a change. This changes RRS 33.

13 THE FINISH

13.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the finish line vessel and a staff displaying a blue flag on the pin vessel or the course side of the nearby finishing line mark (see SI 10).

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 RRS Appendix P, Special Procedures for Rule 42, shall apply only for the 29er, i420 and ILCA 6 classes.

(a) RRS Appendix P2.1 is changed to add: When a penalty is signaled at the finishing line or after a boat has finished, her penalty is a 10 percent penalty.

(b) RRS Appendix P2.2 is changed so it shall read: "When a boat is penalized a second or subsequent time during the event, she shall promptly retire. If she fails to do so she shall be disqualified without a hearing and her score shall not be excluded."

(c) RRS Appendix P2.3 is deleted.

14.2 For the 29er class, RRS 44.1 and Appendix P2.1 are changed such that the Two-Turns penalty is replaced by a One-Turn penalty.

15 TIME LIMITS

15.1 The following time limits apply (in minutes):

Class	Race Time Limit	Mark 1 time limit	Finish window
29er	40	12	10
ILCA 6, i420	50	20	15
iQFOiL and Formula Kite Course Racing	24	n/a	10
iQFOiL Sprint Slalom	7	n/a	5

15.2 If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 time limit, the race shall be abandoned.

15.3 Boats still racing and failing to finish within the finish window after the first boat in their class starts, sails the course and finishes, and not subsequently retiring, penalized, or given redress, will be scored DNF.

15.4 RRS A5.3 shall apply and is changed by adding the following sentence at its end: "… However, in the case of a DNF, the boat shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats that started, sailed the course and finished within the finish window."

16 HEARING REQUESTS

16.1 Hearing request forms and scoring inquiry forms ~~and penalty acceptance forms~~ will be available at the Protest Desk. After racing and prior to the protest time limit, the protest desk will be located at the ABYC Regatta Office.

16.2 The protest time limit is 45 minutes after the race committee signal vessel for each respective course area docks. The race committee will post the protest time limit for each Race Area.

16.3 If a scoring inquiry is filed within the protest time limit, a request for redress arising from

that inquiry will be considered to have been filed timely.

16.4 Notice of actions taken by the race committee will be shown in the posted results. Notice of actions taken by the protest committee and a list of boats penalized under Appendix P will be posted on the official notice board.

16.5 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

16.6 As soon as practicable after a protest or request for redress has been filed, the protest committee will post a notice to inform competitors of the schedule and location of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

17 SCORING

17.1 For all classes except iQFOiL and Formula Kite, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score after three (3) races have been completed.

17.2 For the iQFOiL and Formula Kite classes:

(a) When fewer than three (3) races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores.

(b) When from three (3) to seven (7) races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

(c) When from eight (8) to fifteen (15) races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores excluding her two (2) worst scores.

(d) When sixteen (16) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores excluding her three (3) worst scores.

17.3 Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

18 COACHING AND SUPPORT VESSELS [DP][NP]

18.1 This is a Grade 1 Event as defined in the US Sailing Championship Coaching and Support Boat Policy.

18.2 Private Spectator Vessels will be permitted. All spectator vessels must attend the Coach and Spectator Boat meeting and fly a supplied flag when near the course areas.

18.3 Refer to SI Addendums C and D and the US Sailing Championship Coaching and Support Boat Policy for further instructions and specific conditions.

19 RISK, DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY, SAFETY [DP] [SP]

19.1 Competitors participate in the regatta at their own risk. See Racing Rules of Sailing rule 3 (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.

19.2 Competitors shall accept full responsibility for their actions during any activity related to the event. This includes activities before, during, and after the regatta from the time they arrive at the venue until they leave the venue at the conclusion of the event.

19.3 Entering and Leaving Alamitos Bay

(a) Breaches of the following may result in a Standard Penalty of 5 points applied by the race committee without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.

(b) The Alamitos Bay entrance channel is designated as a no wake zone with a maximum speed limit of 5 mph (4 knots)

(c) A series of centerline buoys from the edge of the Alamitos Bay Yacht Club basin to the end of the Alamitos Bay entrance channel (including "A Mark" at the end of the channel) mark the center of the channel. When entering or exiting Alamitos Bay stay to starboard of these when traveling in either direction (see diagram).

(d) The Long Beach Transit Ferry operates within Alamitos Bay and is classified as a vessel restricted in its ability to maneuver.

(e) Interference with Commercial Vessels: Recreational vessels (boats and support vessels) must not impede the safe passage or operation of commercial traffic at any time. Under 46 U.S. Code 2302, violations may result in civil penalties of up to $5,000. Gross negligence may escalate to criminal penalties, including fines and imprisonment.

20 PROCEDURES FOR US SAILING SELECTION COMPETITIONS

20.1 US Sailing Regulation 12.03, US Sailing Selection Competitions, will be in effect for the following classes: International 420, 29er, ILCA 6, iQFOiL Youth, Formula Kite. The following rules and procedures will apply:

(a) The US Sailing prescriptions in the preamble to Part 5, Section B and rule 63.1(b) shall apply to a US Sailing Selection Competition.

(b) The right of appeal will not be denied under rule 70.5 (b), (c) or (d), but an expedited appeal process will be used that balances the needs of the competitor for certainty with respect to berths in future competitions and sufficient time to prepare the arguments and evidence for the appeal. Specifically, the appeal shall be sent no later than 24 hours after the protest time limit on the last day of the event, or 24 hours after receiving the written decision being appealed or the protest committee's decision not to reopen the hearing, whichever is latest. This changes rule R1.1(a).

(c) If a hearing is scheduled after the event is concluded and after the sailors and officials have left the venue, it will be scheduled as soon as possible, and in a place and manner chosen with deference to the competitor's preferences or circumstances; and parties to the hearing have the right to be present telephonically or via video feed as appropriate, provided all participants can see, hear, and speak to each other.

20.2 Other rule changes

(a) Rule 63.6(b) is changed as follows: "seven days" is changed to "24 hours" and "promptly" is changed to "within 24 hours."

(b) Rule 63.7, Reopening a Hearing, second sentence is deleted and replaced by: "However, if an appeal of its decision has been sent to the national authority, the hearing shall not be reopened unless the national authority requires reopening under rule R5.4 or decides the appeal cannot be considered."

20.3 Expedited appeals procedure. The expedited appeals system in rule R8, Expedited Appeals, will be used. Go to: https://www.ussailing.org/competition/rules-officiating/appeals/#expedited-appeals

21 PRIZES

21.1 US Sailing Championship medals will be awarded to the top five in classes with twenty-five or more entries, top three in classes with less than twenty-five entries.

21.2 US Sailing Championship medals will be awarded to the top three female competitors (singlehanded) / female teams (doublehanded).

21.3 The Manton D. Scott Memorial Trophy will be awarded to the winning Doublehanded Dinghy team.

21.4 The Robert and Ann Conner Trophy will be awarded to the winning Singlehanded Dinghy - Light competitor.

21.5 The Major Hall Trophy will be awarded to the winning Windsurfing competitor.

21.6 The Trevor Moore Trophy will be awarded to the winning Doublehanded Skiff team.

21.7 The David M. Perry Perpetual Sportsmanship Trophy will be awarded in each class.

21.8 The Smythe Trophy will be awarded to the top new singlehanded sailor (sailing in their first U.S. Youth Championship) in the largest singlehanded fleet.

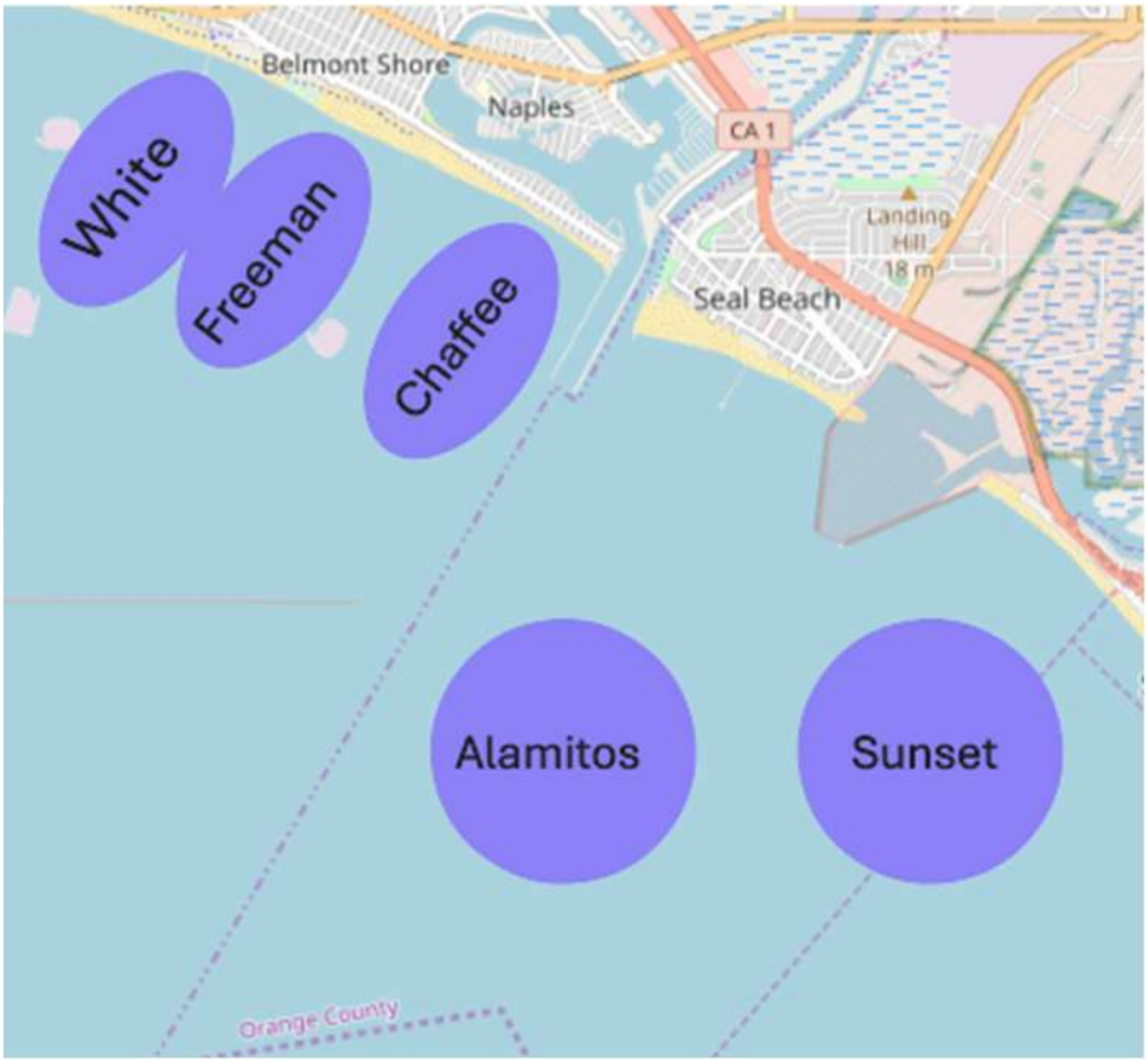
21.9 The Bemis Trophy will be awarded to the top new doublehanded team (both sailors sailing in their first U.S. Youth Championship) in the largest doublehanded fleet.

21.10 Non-US Competitors (see NoR 6.3) are eligible to win US Sailing medals but are not eligible to win perpetual trophies.

21.11 US Sailing's International Selection Committee (ISC) will select the top eligible prospective athlete in the following events: Male One Person Dinghy-Light (ILCA 6), Female One Person Dinghy- Light (ILCA 6), Mixed or Male Two Person Dinghy (i420), Female Two Person Dinghy (i420), Mixed or Male Skiff (29er), Female Skiff (29er), Male Windsurfer (iQFOiL Youth), Female Windsurfer (iQFOiL Youth), Male Kiteboarding (Formula Kite) and Female Kiteboarding (Formula Kite) to represent the United States at the Youth Sailing World Championship. See https://www.ussailing.org/olympics/selection/youth-worlds-team/ for eligibility requirements and selection details.

21.12 Additional awards may be given at the discretion of the organizing authority and host club.

SI ADDENDUM A – Racing Areas



SI ADDENDUM B – Courses

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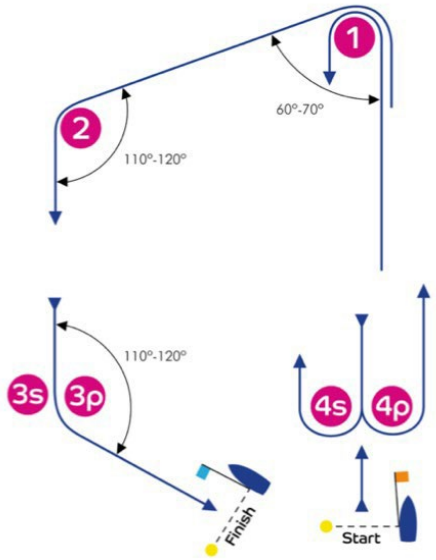

Course: Inner Trapezoid

Signal	Mark Rounding Order
I2	Start - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - 2 - 3p - Finish
I3	Start - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - 2 - 3p - Finish
I4	Start - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - 2 - 3p - Finish

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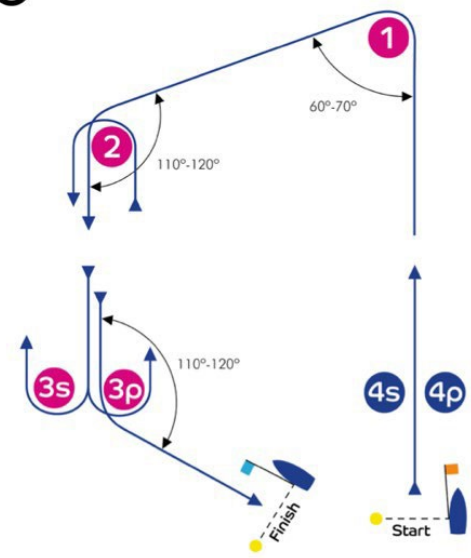

Course: Outer Trapezoid

Signal	Mark Rounding Order
O2	Start - 1 - 2 - 3s/3p - 2 - 3p - Finish
O3	Start - 1 - 2 - 3s/3p - 2 - 3s/3p - 2 - 3p - Finish
O4	Start - 1 - 2 - 3s/3p - 2 - 3s/3p - 2 - 3s/3p - 2 - 3p - Finish

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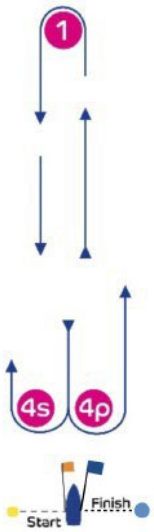

Course: Windward/Leeward

Signal	Mark Rounding Order
L2	Start - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - Finish
L3	Start - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - Finish
L4	Start - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - Finish

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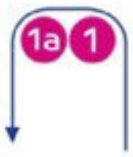
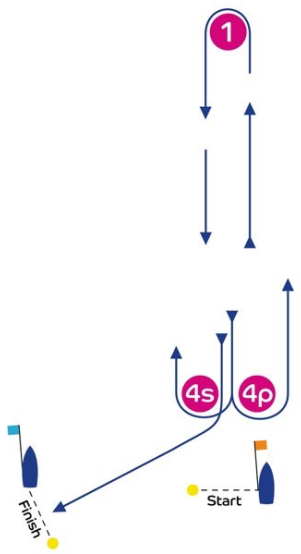


Course: Same as Course L except with Offset Mark 1A

Signal	Mark Rounding Order
LA2	Start - 1 - 1a - 4s/4p - 1 - 1a - Finish
LA3	Start - 1 - 1a - 4s/4p - 1 - 1a - 4s/4p - 1 - 1a - Finish
LA4	Start - 1 - 1a - 4s/4p - 1 - 1a - 4s/4p - 1 - 1a - 4s/4p - 1 - 1a - Finish

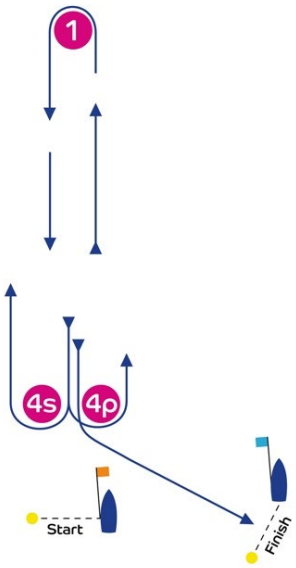
LG



Course: Windward/Leeward

Signal	Mark Rounding Order
LG2	Start - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - 4s - Finish
LG3	Start - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - 4s - Finish
LG4	Start - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - 4s - Finish

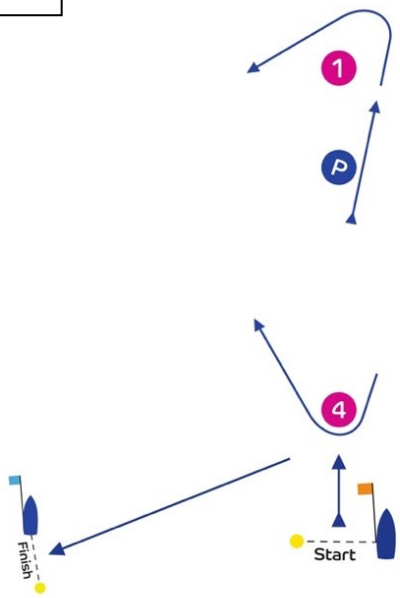
LR



Course: Windward/Leeward

Signal	Mark Rounding Order
LR2	Start - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - 4p - Finish
LR3	Start - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - 4p - Finish
LR4	Start - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - 4p - Finish

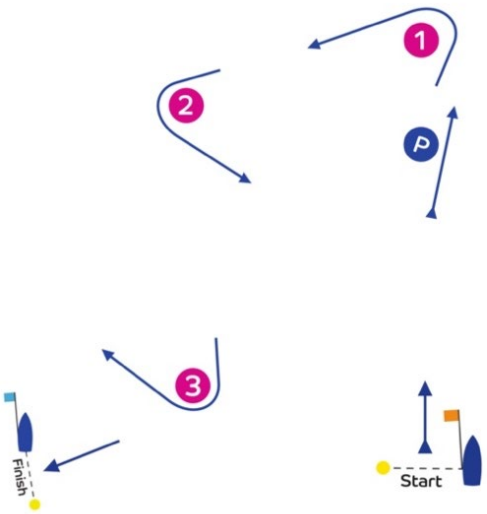
X2



Course: W/L

Signal	Mark Rounding Order
X2	Start - P - 1 - 4 - P - 1 - 4 - Finish

B2



Course: Trapezoid

Signal	Mark Rounding Order
B2	Start - P - 1 - 2 - 3 - 2 - 3 - Finish

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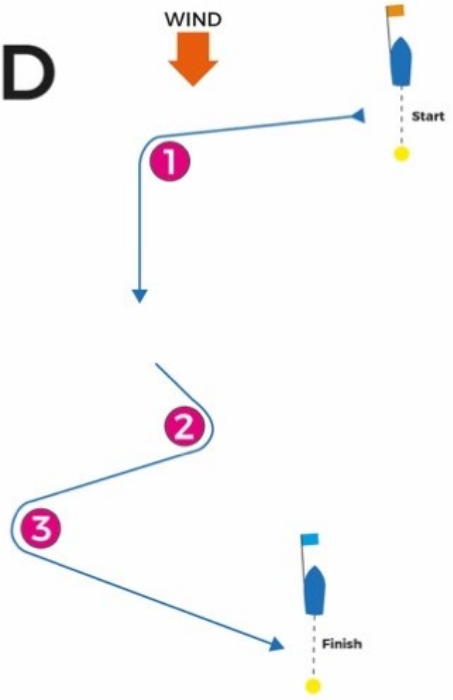

Course: iQFOIL Slalom

Signal	Mark Rounding Order
SD3	Start - 1 - 2 - 3 - Finish

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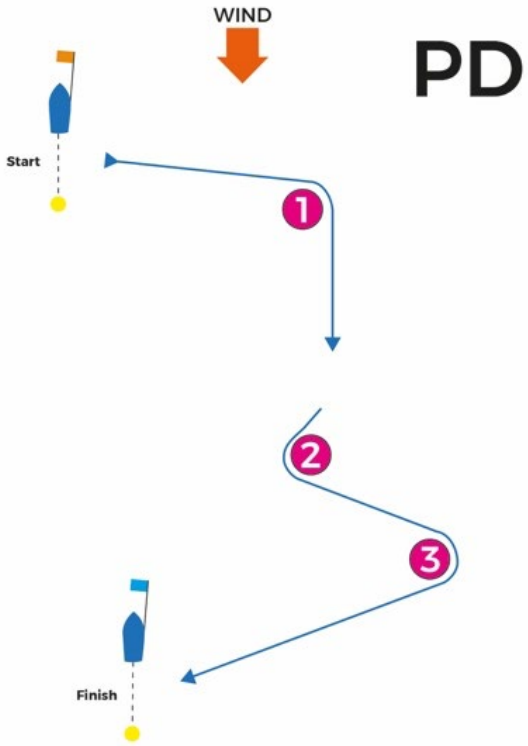


Course: iQFOIL Slalom

Signal	Mark Rounding Order
PD3	Start - 1 - 2 - 3 - Finish

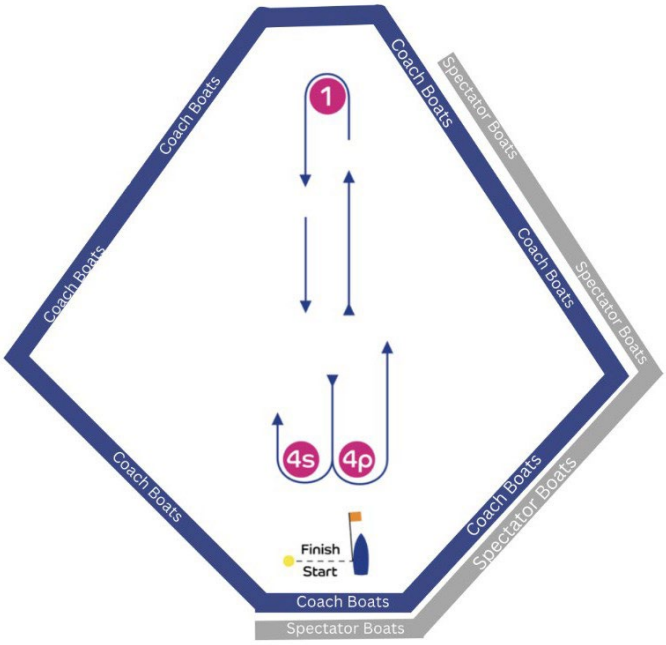
US3

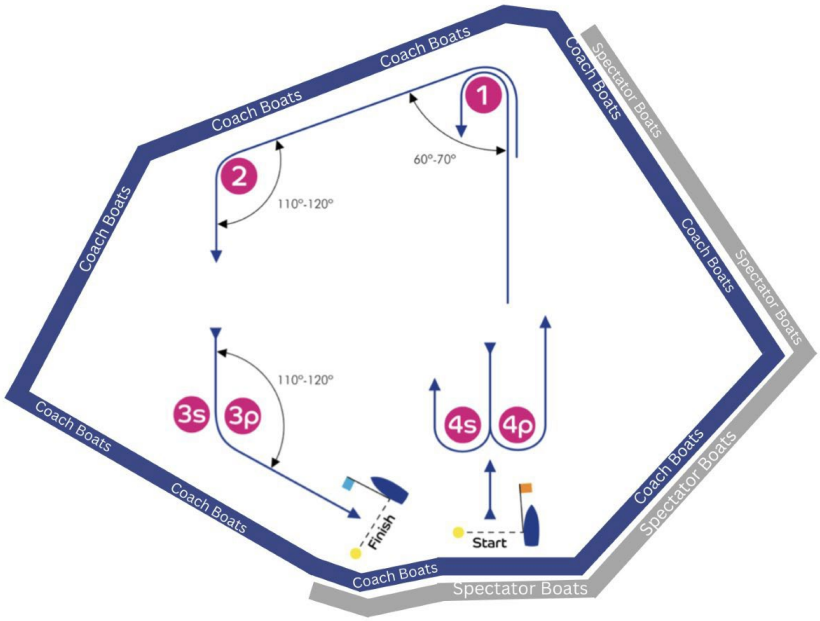
Signal	Mark rounding order
US3	Start-1- 2-3-Finish

ADDENDUM C

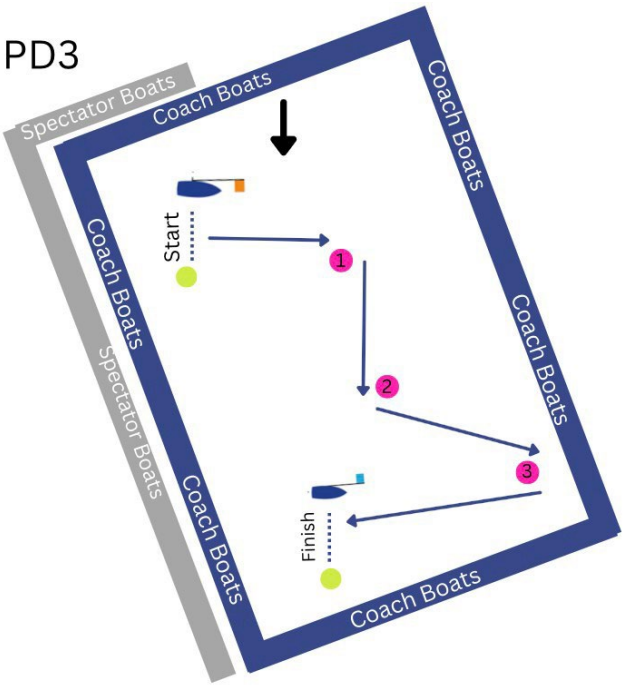
Position Boxes for Coaches and Spectators

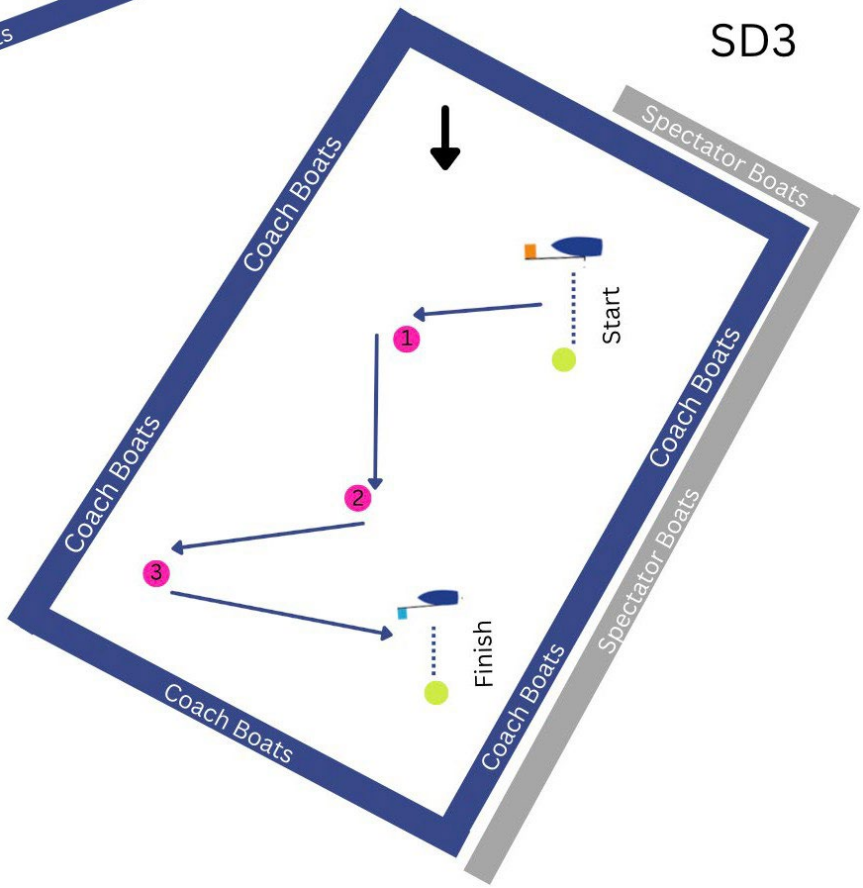
Coach Boats - 200’ from lay lines/ above windward mark/ below start - finish areas
Spectator/ Support Boats - Limited to Starboard side of the course, below the windward mark – 500’ from lay lines / starboard of windward mark/ below start – finish areas





Coach Boats - 200’ from lay lines from the marks
Spectator/ Support Boats-
PD3: limited to Port side of the race course – 500’ from start and finish areas
SD3: limited to Starboard side of the race course – 500’ from start and finish areas





ADDENDUM D

Instructions for Support (Coach) and Spectator Vessels

D1 The objective of this attachment is to augment the safety resources attached to the regatta and to provide a clear and fair racing area.

D2 Except when rendering assistance to a boat in danger, or at the request of the race committee, registered support persons and spectators shall remain outside the racing area as defined in Attachment C from the time of the warning signal for the first fleet to start until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement or abandonment.

D2.1 Support vessel occupants must meet the requirements of the US Sailing Championships Coaching and Support Boat Policy. The vessel shall display the numbered coach flag assigned at registration.

D2.2 A spectator vessel (those vessels not designated as race committee or support) is in the racing area for the purpose of observing racing. At no time shall spectator vessels enter the area being used by the racing boats, communicate with racing boats during or between races, or provide other support to racing boats during or between races, except when rendering assistance. A spectator vessel must stay 500 feet outside the race course and is limited to the right side of the course, as shown in Attachment C. The vessel shall display the numbered spectator flag assigned at registration

D3 A representative from each support and spectator vessel shall attend the Coach and Spectator Meeting.

D4 Support and spectator vessels shall monitor the VHF channel as provided by the race committee at the competitors' meeting and shall immediately follow all instructions from the race committee and the organizing authority, especially when Flag V has been displayed in that race area. At no time shall any spectator or support vessel interfere in the conduct of the race. At no time during racing shall any boat approach or signal a support or spectator vessel, nor shall a support or spectator vessel approach or signal any boat, except when rendering assistance.

D5 The race committee reserves the right to restrict support vessels and spectator vessels to a box below the starting line for the entire race and / or make any other rules to ensure the quality of the racing and the safety of the competitors.

D6 Entering and Leaving Alamitos Bay

(a) Breaches of the following may result in a Standard Penalty of 5 points applied by the race committee without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.

(b) The Alamitos Bay entrance channel is designated as a no wake zone with a maximum speed limit of 5 mph (4 knots)

(c) A series of centerline buoys from the edge of the Alamitos Bay Yacht Club basin to the end of the Alamitos Bay entrance channel (including "A Mark" at the end of the channel) mark the center of the channel. When entering or exiting Alamitos Bay stay to starboard of these when traveling in either direction (see diagram).

(d) The Long Beach Transit Ferry operates within Alamitos Bay and is classified as a vessel restricted in its ability to maneuver.

(e) Interference with Commercial Vessels: Recreational vessels (boats and support vessels) must not impede the safe passage or operation of commercial traffic at any time. Under 46 U.S. Code 2302, violations may result in civil penalties of up to $5,000. Gross negligence may escalate to criminal penalties, including fines and imprisonment.