



Conditions for the US Para Sailing Championships

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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 Para Sailing 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.
- B1.2 If the Championship is embedded in another event, the role of organizing authority shall be jointly held by US Sailing and the host organization.

B2 ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION OF TEAMS

- B2.1 Entry in all Championship divisions shall be open to all sailors with disabilities.
- B2.2 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.
- B2.3 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.

B3 BOAT/EQUIPMENT

- B3.1 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.
- B3.2 A development class may be added with the approval of the Championship Committee. Any development class will not be a Championship class.

- B3.3 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.

B4 COACHING AND SUPPORT BOATS

- B4.1 Unless changed by the notice of race, the coaching level will be <pick one> [Grade 1 (private coaching permitted)][Grade 2 (US Sailing coaches supplied)][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 Para Sailing Committee; the Championship Chair shall be the chair of that Committee.

C2 EVENT FORMAT

- C2.1 A one-day clinic should, if possible, be held prior to competition. Any clinic or coaching shall be open to all competitors.
- C2.2 Divisions may be raced on the same course concurrently or with staggered starting times. More than one race course is permitted.
- C2.3 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.
- C2.4 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.
- C2.5 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.

C3 BOATS AND EQUIPMENT

- C3.1 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.
- C3.2 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.

C4 SCORING

- C4.1 The Low Point Scoring System (RRS Appendix A) will be used. Modified in the sailing instructions such that a boat’s worst scoring may be excluded only if 8 or more races are completed.
- C4.2 A minimum of 1 completed races are necessary to constitute a championship.

C5 PRIZES

- C5.1 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.
- C5.2 The Judd Goldman Trophy will be presented to the winner in the single-handed division.
- C5.3 The Chandler Hovey Trophy will be presented to the winner in the double-handed division.

- C5.4 The Gene Hinkel Trophy will be presented to the winner in the triple-handed division at the Championship.
- C5.5 The Championship Chair may determine any other awards, including the number and style of awards, in concurrence with the Committee.