

Conditions of the ICSA National Team Race Championship

1. SCHEDULING

- 1.1. The assigned Conference Association shall schedule this event for the period between May 15 and June 30.
- 1.2. Whenever possible, this regatta shall be scheduled at the site of the Coed Dinghy Championship or at a site less than a day's travel by car.
- 1.3. The event shall not exceed three (3) days in length.
- 1.4. The first race of the event shall be scheduled not later than 10am.
- 1.5. No race shall be started after 5:00pm on the last day.

2. ENTRANTS

- 2.1. The number of berths per Conference shall be calculated using the following formula, rounding off the answer to the nearest whole number:

$$\text{Berths} = \frac{(\text{Eligible Schools in Conference} \times 16)}{\text{Eligible Schools in ICSA}}$$

- 2.2. Should the application of the formula result in the awarding of more than 16 berths, the President shall reallocate the berths with favor to the most competitive conference and such that each Regular Member Conference shall receive at least one berth.

3. PARTICIPANTS

- 3.1. Each contesting college is required to have a minimum of six (6) team members – three skippers and three crews.

4. BOATS

- 4.1. The event shall be sailed in two-person dinghies of not less than 11 feet, nor more than 15 feet in length. The boats may be either sloop or cat rigged.

5. REGATTA FORMAT

- 5.1. Each team shall sail three boats in each race.
- 5.2. The format for the regatta shall be a series of Round Robins.
- 5.3. Teams qualify for subsequent rounds based on their cumulative number of wins at the end of each round.
- 5.4. Teams who do not qualify for subsequent rounds will secure an overall regatta finishing position based on their total cumulative number of wins after the last round they sail.
- 5.5. Races scored in incomplete rounds shall not count towards a team's cumulative number of wins, except that races from incomplete rounds shall be used as sail-off tie breakers when required and that an incomplete Preliminary Round may be used to determine the winner per RRS D4.5.
- 5.6. Teams will be seeded into two equal groups of 8, with the respective group-matches built into the first 56 races of the Preliminary Round Robin. This seeding shall be determined by the ICSA President and Championship Committee Chairperson after the conclusion of all Conference Team Race Championships.
- 5.7. The preferred format is a Preliminary Round of all 16 teams, followed by a round of the top 8 teams from the Preliminary Round, followed by a round of the top 4 teams from both previous rounds.
- 5.8. If time does not permit the format in 5.7, the format shall be a Preliminary Round of all 16 teams, followed by a round of the top 4 teams from the Preliminary Round, followed by a round of the top 4 teams from both previous rounds.
- 5.9. If, in the opinion of the PRO in consultation with the ICSA Rep, prior to race 91 it becomes unlikely that the Preliminary Round of 16 can be completed, the format shall be changed such that the top four teams from

each seeded group of 8 in the first 56 races of the Preliminary Round shall complete a Round Robin of 8 amongst each other, followed by a second Round Robin of 8, followed by a Round Robin of 4 amongst the top four teams from the two rounds of 8. Races already sailed in the Preliminary Round shall not be re-sailed. Races sailed against teams not sailing the first Round Robin of 8 shall not be counted towards a team's cumulative wins.

6. COURSE

- 6.1. The digital "N" course shall be sailed.

7. SPECIAL CONDITIONS

- 7.1. Racing Rules of Sailing Appendix D, including D2.2 and D2.3(b), shall be used (as changed by the ICSCA Procedural and Class Rules).

8. TROPHIES

- 8.1. The winning team's name and college shall be engraved on the Walter C Wood Trophy.