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Conditions of the Intercollegiate Women’s National Championship

*The Intercollegiate Women’s National Championship will consist of two stages: Stage 1, a semi-final First Round and Stage 2, a Final. Each stage of the event shall be scored as a regatta under the ISCA Procedural Rules and Championship Conditions.*

1. **SCHEDULING:**
	1. This event shall be scheduled by the assigned Conference Association for the period between May 15 and June 10. 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.
	2. STAGE 1 (First Round)

Stage 1 for the Eastern and Western Round 1 shall be sailed during the same days as separate regattas. The scheduled period for the regatta shall not exceed two (2) days in length and shall immediately precede the Finals. The first race of each Round 1 regatta shall be scheduled for not later than 10:00 am of the first day. No race shall be started later than 5:00pm on the last scheduled day of Round 1. Whenever possible the competitors’ meeting shall take place the evening before.

* 1. STAGE 2 (Finals)

The scheduled period for the regatta shall not exceed 2 days in length. The first race of the event shall be scheduled for not later than 10:00 am on the first day. No race shall be started later than 5:00 p.m. on the last day.

1. **ENTRANTS:**
	1. STAGE 1:
		1. The number of entrants awarded to each Regular Member Conference shall be based on the number of eligible schools reported by each Member Conference in its Annual Report to the ICSA Secretary. The number of berths per Conference shall be calculated using the following formula, rounding off the answer to the nearest whole number (.5 shall be rounded up):

Berths = ELIGIBLE SCHOOLS IN CONFERENCE X 36

 ELIGIBLE SCHOOLS IN ICSA

* + 1. Should the application of the formula result in the awarding of more or less than 36 berths, the President shall reallocate the berths. In the event of reallocation, each Regular Member Conference shall receive at least one berth.
	1. FINALS:
		1. Teams placing 1st through 9th in each First Round brackets shall advance to the Finals. Only teams competing in the Stage 1 shall be eligible for Finals berths.
		2. If the minimum number of races are not completed in either of the Stage 1 regattas, berths to the Finals shall be awarded to each Regular Member Conference shall be based on the number of eligible schools reported by each Member Conference in its Annual Report to the ICSA Secretary, however, In the event a conference's qualifier for has fewer than 18 teams competing, the number of teams to be entered into the formula for that conference's berth allocation shall be the number of teams competing in that conference’s qualifying regatta. The number of berths per Conference shall be calculated using the following formula, rounding off the answer to the nearest whole number (.5 shall be rounded up):

Berths = ELIGIBLE SCHOOLS IN CONFERENCE X 18

 ELIGIBLE SCHOOLS IN ICSA

* + 1. Should the application of the formula result in the awarding of more or less than 18 berths, the President shall reallocate the berths. In the event of reallocation, each Regular Member Conference shall receive at least one berth.
1. **CANCELLATIONS:**
	1. If a team chooses not to advance to the Finals, that berth shall be awarded to the next team in order from the respective Stage 1 bracket.
2. **PARTICIPANTS:**
	1. Each contesting college is required to have a minimum of four (4) team members.
3. **BOATS:**
	1. The events shall be sailed in two-person dinghies of not less than 11 feet, or more than 15 feet, in length. The boats may be either sloop or cat-rigged. The use of two fleets of boats (one for each division) is permitted. The host shall provide two evenly matched fleets of 18 boats.
4. **REGATTA FORMAT:**
	1. FIRST ROUND & FINALS

The events shall be sailed in two divisions using a round-robin change-of-boat format. If two different types of boats are used, the fleet assigned to a given division shall be switched approximately half way, or following the race which marks the half-way point in the rotation.

* 1. FIRST ROUND BRACKETS: (to be confirmed annually by the Championship Committee)

The allocation of competing teams of each semi-final event will be determined by the following allocation. This shall be annually reviewed and adjusted as needed.

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| **First Round** |
| **Eastern Bracket** |  | **Western Bracket** |
| 1 | MAISA 1 |  | 1 | MAISA 2 |
| 2 | MAISA 3 |  | 2 | MAISA 4 |
| 3 | MAISA 5 |  | 3 | MAISA 6 |
| 4 | MAISA 7 |  |  | MAISA 8 |
| 5 | MAISA 9 |  | 4 | NEISA 1 |
| 6 | NEISA 2 |  |  | NEISA 3 |
| 7 | NEISA 4 |  | 5 | NEISA 5 |
| 8 | NEISA 6 |  | 6 | NEISA 6 |
| 9 | NEISA 8 |  | 7 | NEISA 9 |
| 10 | PCCSC 1 |  | 8 | PCCSC 2 |
| 11 | PCCSC 3 |  | 9 | PCCSC 4 |
| 12 | PCCSC 5 |  |  | MCSA 1 |
| 13 | MCSA 2 |  | 10 | MCSA 3 |
| 14 | NWICSA 2 |  | 11 | NWICSA 1 |
| 15 | SAISA 2 |  | 12 | SAISA 1 |
| 16 | SAISA 4 |  | 13 | SAISA 3 |
| 17 | SEISA 1 |  |  | SAISA 5 |
| 18 | SEISA 3 |  | 14 | SEISA 2 |

1. **TROPHIES:**
	1. The winning team shall have the name of its college engraved on the Gerald C. Miller Trophy.
	2. The second place team shall have the name of its college engraved on the New England Women's Trophy.
	3. The third place team shall have the name of its college engraved on the Ann Campbell Trophy.
	4. The names of the winning A Division skipper and her college shall be engraved on the Madeleine Trophy.
	5. The names of the winning B Division skipper and her college shall be engraved on the Judy Lawson Trophy.
	6. Keeper trophies, provided by ICSA, shall be awarded to the members of top three teams.