

CONDITIONS

of the

NATIONAL INTERCOLLEGIATE SLOOP CHAMPIONSHIP

SCHEDULING:

The assigned Conference Association shall ordinarily schedule this event for Fall weekend #12 on the Intersectional calendar. This event shall not exceed three (3) days in length, and whenever possible, shall start on a Friday. The first race of the event shall be scheduled for not later than 10 am of the first day. No race shall be started after 3:00 p.m. on the last day. The report time for Saturday and Sunday is recommended to be 8:30 am with a possible first warning at 9:00am.

VENUE SELECTION:

An interested venue should submit a bid to host the event, submitted to the ICSA president no later than the ICSA mid-year meeting two years prior to the event. The bid should be a letter explaining the resources that the venue can provide both physical and personnel. The bid should also contain average weather information for the time of year and travel information including possible hotels and airports. The ICSA board will then vote on the bids received at that mid-year meeting and assign a host by the Annual spring meeting that year.

ENTRANTS:

Conference Champions from MAISA, MCSA, NEISA, PCCSC and SAISA shall each receive one berth. The remaining 13 berths shall be named by the ICSA Coed Selection Committee. In addition, the Selection Committee shall provide the ICSA President with the names of the 1st and 2nd alternates.

~~Each Regular Member Conference shall receive one berth. One additional berth each shall be allotted to Conferences in order of size (defined as the number of eligible schools in a conference) until a total of ten berths is reached.~~

ELIGIBILITY:

(Refer to the General Conditions for National Intercollegiate Championships.)

PARTICIPANTS:

Each team shall consist of a maximum number of participants as defined by the Notice of Race. The total team weight will be determined by the chart below showing the maximum weight allowed per number of crew.

Crew #	Maximum Weight (lbs)
Crew of 3 or 4	660
Crew of 4 or 5	825

Additionally, each team shall include at least one female member. Each team member shall be registered with the ISAF and have a SailorID prior to competition in the championship.

SUBSTITUTION:

There shall be no substitutions between races, except for an emergency substitution as approved by the Chief Umpire and the ICSA Representative. The substitution of positions within a boat shall be permitted with the exception of the Skipper.

BOATS:

The event shall be sailed in sloops of not less than 19 feet LOA, nor more than 30 feet, in length. The boats shall have a fixed keel. Each of the boats shall be of the same design and rigged with a spinnaker for the event. A minimum of ten boats must be provided unless a breakdown causes a boat not to be available.

The host will take all reasonable steps to equalize the boats to be used. Teams will draw for boats to be used in the first race and rotate boats thereafter as prescribed by the Sailing Instructions or Race Committee.

REGATTA FORMAT:

The regatta format may be changed during the event by the Regatta Chairman with the consultation of the chief umpire and the ICSA Representative to accommodate the weather conditions at the event. The below format is the targeted format for the championship. Records will not carry over between rounds.

Stage 1

All teams shall compete in a single round robin.

The top six finishers of the round robin will move on to the Gold Round in Stage 2. The remaining four teams will move on to the Repechage in Stage 2.

Stage 2

The Gold Round will consist of a single round robin to determine seeding for the Quarter Finals. The Repechage will consist of a single round robin. The top two teams from the Repechage round will move on to the Quarter Finals and will be seeded for that round according to their placing within the Repechage round.

Stage 3

The Quarter Finals will consist of the six teams from the Gold Round (seeded 1-6 based on the results of the Gold Round), and the top two teams from the Repechage (seeded 7-8 based on the results of the Repechage). The highest seeds will be paired against the lowest seeds (1v8, 2v7, 3v6, 4v5).

The Quarter Final will be a knockout series. The winner of each pair will be the first team to score at least two points.

Running Concurrently with the quarter finals teams 9 and 10 will race each other in a first to 2 points series to determine 9th and 10th place overall.

Stage 4

The winner of each Quarter Final series will advance to the Semi Finals, with the winner of the 1v8 Quarter Final paired against the winner of the 4v5 Quarter Final, and the winner of the 2v7 Quarter Final paired against the winner of the 3v6 Quarter Final. The Semi Final will be a knockout series. The winner of each pair will be the first team to score at least 2 points.

The loser of each Quarter Final series will move on to the 5-8 knockout series. The teams will be paired in the same way as the winners of the Quarter Final series (loser of 1v8 paired against loser of 4v5, etc.). The winner of each pair will be the first team to score at least 1 point. The two winners will go on to the 5-6 sail off and the two losers will go on to the 7-8 sail off. The winner of each pair will be the first team to score at least 1 point. The results will determine places 5th-8th.

Stage 5

The winner of each Semi Final pair will advance to the Finals. The Finals will be a knockout series; the winner will be the first team to score at least three points. The winner of the Finals will be the ICSA Sloop National champion. The loser of the Finals will place second.

The losers of each Semi Final pair will compete in the Petit Finals. The Petit Finals will be a knockout series; the winner will be the first team to score at least two points. The winner of the Petit Final will place third; the loser of the Petit Final will place fourth.

FEES:

A damage deposit up to the amount of US SAILING's borrowed boat insurance deductible may be assessed per boat.

RACE COURSE:

Courses will be windward / leeward courses with starboard roundings. Two laps are preferred, but the course may be shortened as needed. The course length in the opening rounds should be 15-17 minutes. The course length for the Semi-Final and Final rounds should be 18-20 minutes.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS:

The event will follow the guidelines and rules of Appendix C in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). Except RRS C3.2 (d) shall be deleted, this change must be stated in the Sailing Instructions. All matches shall be umpired. The regatta's notice of race, sailing instructions and advertising regulations must comply with ISAF standards. "Class Rules" will not apply.

TROPHIES:

The winning team's names and college shall be engraved on the Cornelius Shields, Sr. Trophy.

Keeper trophies, provided by ICSA, shall be awarded to the members of the top three teams.

Format Flow Chart

Stage 1

All Teams Single Round Robin

Stage 2

Gold Round
Top 6 teams single Round Robin

Repechage Round
Bottom 4 Teams Single Round Robin

Stage 3

Quarter Finals
Top 8 Teams seeded
1v8, 2v7, 3v6, 4v5
Knockout first to 2 pts.

9th and 10th Sail off
Bottom 2
Knockout first to 2 nts.

Stage 4

Semi Final Round
Winners of 1v8 vs. 4 v5
Winners of 2v7 vs. 3v6
Knockout first to 2pts.

5th-8th Series
Losers of 1v8 vs. 4v5
Losers of 2v7 vs. 3v6
Knockout first to 1 pt.

Winners race for
5th and 6th
First to 1 pt.

Losers race for 7th
and 8th first to 1
pt.

Stage 5

Finals and Petit Finals
Finals: Semi final winners race for 1st and 2nd first to 3 pts.
Petit Finals: Semi final losers race for 3rd and 4th first to 2 pts.