

The ICSA Championship/Competition Committee has been hard at work on a number of issues this semester. Here is our report

ICSA Women's and Open Team and Fleet Race Selection

We would like to once again thank the members of our selection committees who worked long and hard to ensure that we had the most competitive national championships possible. The Women's selections committee members were Clinton Hayes, Kelsey Wheeler, Gabby Rizika, Ned Jones, Alana O'Reilly Marks (Team Racing), Briana Provancha (Fleet Racing). The Open Selection Committee members were Chris Barnard, Derek Deskey, Belle Strachan, Charlie Lalumiere, Greer Parker (Team Race), Molly Carapiet (Fleet Race). In addition to the selection committees there were a number of other people who worked very hard to make the selection announcements happen. The Champ/Comm Committee would like to thank Tyler Colvin for his many hours of work getting the Live Show working. We would also like to thank Katy Nastro and Brooks Clark for being the announcers for the selection Shows and the ICSA Communications Committee for help getting the information out.

The Committee owes a huge debt of gratitude to Hannah Lynn who created all the technology that made the selection process run smoothly and efficiently.

While we felt the selection process went well we do feel that there are a few tweaks that need to be made to make the process even better. Here are our proposals.

We feel that round one is too long and takes too much time. So in order to speed up the process we have come up with the following suggestions. **We propose that the threshold for a team to be considered a lock should move from 4 votes to 3.** Every team that received 3 lock votes was selected in the first round of selection. In fact every team that received even 1 Lock vote was selected in the first round. Having more teams selected as locks will lead to a smaller first round.

We feel that the last round of selection should have more teams in it so the selectors can do a deeper dive and comparison among more schools. **For Team Racing we propose that the final round should have a least 3 teams and in Fleet Racing that number should be at least 5.**

We feel that the Parliamentarian be given some leeway to ask selectors to make sure they have done a thorough enough evaluation. **We propose that the Parliamentarian be able to ask all selectors to audit a range of picks to make sure it is accurate.** The Parliamentarian can not mention a specific school and the range should be at least 5 berths.

We propose that the date of selection for Open Team Racing should be moved to the Tuesday after week 12.

We propose adding alternates to the Women's and Open Selection Committees in case one of the selectors is unable to participate.

National Championship Entry Fees

We propose that Entry Fees for National Championships be raised 15% each.

National Championship Host Sites

We propose that Kings Point be named the Host for the 2023 Spring Women's Fleet Race and Open Fleet and Team Race Championships.

We propose that Old Dominion be named the Host of the 2022 Fall Singlehanded National Championships

Match Racing Eligibility

We propose the following be added to the Match Race Conditions and Notice of Race.

Under participations change to the below:

"Additionally, each team shall include members of at least two genders unless all members are female-identifying."

We are still in need of a host for the 2022 ICSA Match Racing National Championship. We have had preliminary discussions with some clubs but we have nothing firm to report.

We have not decided on a host for the 2023 ICSA Women's Team Race National Championship

Respectfully submitted

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