

Conditions for the COLLEGE SAILING NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. SCHEDULING

- 1.1. These Conditions shall apply for the ICSA Open Fleet Race and Team Race, Women's Fleet Race and Team Race, Match Racing, and Open and Women's Singlehanded National Championships.
- 1.2. The responsibility for each Championship is assigned to a Member Conference Association on a rotating basis by the Board of Directors, or through a bidding process approved by the Board of Directors.
- 1.3. Hosting proposals are due two Annual Meetings prior to the corresponding Championships; final hosting plans must be presented at the Annual Meeting prior to the corresponding Championships.
- 1.4. Women's Fleet Race, Open Team Race, and Open Fleet Race regattas shall be scheduled between May 15th and the Friday after Memorial Day.
- 1.5. The Team Race & Match Race Championships shall not exceed three (3) days in length; all other Championship regattas including Semi-Final regattas shall not exceed two (2) days in length.
- 1.6. No race, except re-sails or sail-offs (as required in Procedural Rules), shall start after 5:00 pm local time on the final day of a Championship, except for the ICSA Singlehanded Championships in which no race shall start after 3:00 pm.
- 1.7. For Spring Championships occurring after weekend 14, the window shall be between May 15th and the Friday after Memorial Day.
- 1.8. Open and Women's Team Race Nationals shall not begin earlier than the Wednesday prior to weekend 13.

2. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRANTS

- 2.1. Contesting colleges for each regatta shall be either active Regional or Cross Regional members of their Member Conference Associations.
- 2.2. Conference Championships are to be scheduled prior to the corresponding National Championship Selection Date.
- 2.3. Conference Champions from eligible Regular Member Conferences are entitled to receive an automatic berth to each championship round.
- 2.4. Only skippers who compete as skippers in current-year ICSA Match Race Conference Championships are eligible to compete at the ICSA Match Race National Championship.
- 2.5. 2nd place finishers from conferences' Conference Championships in Women's and Open Fleet racing shall receive an automatic berth to the corresponding Championship.
- 2.6. All remaining berths and two alternate berths per Championship shall be awarded by the ICSA Women's Selection Committee (for all Women's Championships) or the Open Selection Committee (for Open Singlehanded, Match Race, Team Race and Open Fleet Race). See Appendix A - Championship Selection Procedures.
- 2.7. The slate of berths named by the Selection Committee(s) shall be confirmed by the ICSA President.

3. RULES

- 3.1. All Championships shall be conducted using the current Racing Rules of Sailing as modified by the ICSA Procedural and Class Rules, these Conditions, the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions for the regatta.
- 3.2. Changes to these Conditions may be made only by the Board of Directors at an Annual Meeting, except that the Executive Committee may make temporary changes in extraordinary circumstances.
- 3.3. The Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions for all ICSA Championships shall be submitted and approved in advance by the ICSA Competition Committee.

4. ICSA REPRESENTATIVE
 - 4.1. The President, in consultation with the ICSA Championships Committee, shall appoint an ICSA Representative(s) for each Championship who shall ensure that the event is conducted in compliance with the ICSA Procedural and Class Rules and these Conditions.
 - 4.2. The host college shall extend to the Representative(s) any facility necessary to this end, including the facility for the Representative(s) to be on the water. The Representative(s) may assist regatta management personnel.
 - 4.3. The ICSA Representative(s) represents the Organizing Authority.
5. RACE OFFICIALS
 - 5.1. The selection of race officials shall be coordinated with and approved by the Championships Committee and ICSA President.
 - 5.2. At least one Judge is to be on the water during each race of all Championships.
 - 5.3. All races at the Team Race & Match Race Championships shall be umpired.
6. ENTRY FEES
 - 6.1. The Entry Fees shall be set by the ICSA Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting.
 - 6.2. Whether or not an entry fee is specified for a National Championship, reasonable charges may be made to participants for optional items used or consumed which are not related to the boats and equipment used in the event, such as food, lodging, and transportation.
 - 6.3. Additional charges must be approved in advance by the Championship Committee.
7. FILLING A VACATED BERTH
 - 7.1. Selected and alternate teams must accept their berths by emailing their Conference Commissioner and the ICSA Scheduler no more than 24 hours after selection. The ICSA President may extend the time needed to accept if requested.
 - 7.2. If a team declines a National Championship berth or accepts a berth and vacates that berth more than seven days prior to the Championship, the berth shall be allocated to the first alternate that has not already received a berth.
 - 7.3. Any berth not filled seven (7) days prior to the Championship and any berth vacated seven (7) or fewer days prior to the Championship, shall remain vacant.
8. OPEN & WOMEN'S SINGLEHANDED CHAMPIONSHIPS
 - 8.1. Charter or supplied boats shall be available to competitors after 1300 on the day prior to racing, however, PR27 shall apply (practice is not permitted prior to racing).
 - 8.2. The events shall be sailed in cat-rigged boats designed for singlehanded sailing.
 - 8.3. There will be no boat rotation.
 - 8.4. Each "team" shall consist of one individual sailor.
9. MATCH RACE CHAMPIONSHIP
 - 9.1. Each team shall consist of a maximum number of participants ("crew") defined by the Notice of Race with the following weight limits: Crew of 3 or 4 - 660 lb. maximum; Crew of 4 or 5 - 775 lb. maximum.
 - 9.2. Each team shall include members of at least two different gender-identifying individuals unless all members are female-identifying.
 - 9.3. Format:
 - 9.3.1. Stage 1: Round Robin of 10 Teams.
 - 9.3.2. Stage 2: Gold Round Top 6, Round Robin to determine Seeding and Repechage Bottom 4 Teams, Single Round Robin.
 - 9.3.3. Stage 3: Quarter Finals Top 8 Team seeded 1v8, 2v7, 3v6, 4v5. Knockout first to 2 pts.
 - 9.3.4. Stage 4: Semi Finals: Winners of 1v8 and 4v5, 2v7 and 3v6. Knockout First to 2 pts.
 - 9.3.5. Finals: Semi Final's winners race for 1st and 2nd, first to 3 pts. Petit Finals: Semi Final's losers race for 3rd and 4th first to 2 pts.

10. OPEN & WOMEN'S TEAM RACE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

- 10.1. The events shall be 3v3 team racing sailed in doublehanded collegiate dinghy class boats.
- 10.2. The format will consist of a series of round robins with scores from each round carrying forward to subsequent rounds. Teams that do not advance to subsequent rounds shall be awarded a finishing position behind teams that do advance, based on their overall wins.
- 10.3. The preferred format shall be three round robins, beginning with a round robin of all teams. This initial round will be seeded by the ICSA Team Race Selection Committee into equal groups of 6 for Women's and 8 for Open. The Preliminary Round of all 12 for Women's (16 teams for Open), followed by a round of the top 6 Women's (8 Open) teams from the Preliminary Round, followed by a round of the top 4 teams from both previous rounds based on cumulative scores.
- 10.4. If time does not permit the format in 10.3, the alternate formats shall be (in order of preference):
 - 10.4.1. A preliminary round of all teams, followed by two rounds of the top four teams.
 - 10.4.2. Additional alternative formats may be adopted by the PRO with approval of the ICSA Representative and the Chief Umpire, which may include utilizing the seeded groups in the original round of all teams. In which case, races already sailed in the Preliminary Round shall not be re-sailed. Races sailed against teams not competing in a team's group shall not be counted towards the team's cumulative wins.
 - 10.4.3. Format decisions shall be based on current and forecasted sailing conditions, and the most equitable solution for all teams to determine a champion. Such decisions should be made prior to race 30 Women's (56 Open).

11. OPEN & WOMEN'S FLEET RACE CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 11.1. The events will consist of two stages: Stage 1, a semi-final First Round and Stage 2, a Final. Each stage of each event shall be scored as a regatta under the ICSA Procedural Rules.
- 11.2. STAGE 1 (First Round): Stage 1 for the "Eastern" and "Western" Round 1 shall be sailed during the same days as separate regattas and scored separately. 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.
- 11.3. 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.
- 11.4. Selected teams shall be seeded 1-36 and will sail the "Eastern" or "Western" Stage 1 regatta based upon their seeding (see Appendix A).
- 11.5. Teams finishing 1st through 9th in each Stage 1 regatta shall advance to Stage 2.
- 11.6. If either Stage 1 regatta is not completed, the remaining berths in the Finals shall consist of the Conference Champions from eligible Regular Member Conferences in the incomplete Stage 1 regatta(s) and the remaining highest seeds necessary to comprise a full field in Stage 2.

12. TROPHIES

- 12.1. The perpetual trophy(s) for each Championship will be on permanent display at the ICSA Hall of Fame and shall not be transported to the regatta site(s).
- 12.2. The ICSA shall provide "keeper" trophies to be awarded at each Championship at no cost to the Member Conference Association or other hosting organizations.
- 12.3. The Leonard M. Fowle Trophy shall be awarded to that college which accumulates the highest total points in the seven National Championships. (See Conditions for Fowle Trophy: <https://collegesailing.org/documents/>)

Appendix A - Championship Selection

1. SELECTION COMMITTEES & DATES

- 1.1. The ICSA Competition Committee shall appoint a 5-person Open and a 5-person Women's Selection Committee prior to August 15, annually.
- 1.2. The Open Selection Committee shall select teams to the Open Singlehanded Championship, the Match Race Championship, the Open Team Race Championship, and the Open Fleet Race Championship.
- 1.3. The Women's Selection Committee shall select teams to the Women's Singlehanded Championship, the Women's Team Race Championship, and the Women's Fleet Race Championship.
- 1.4. The Open Selection Committee shall contain at least two female-identifying members.
- 1.5. The Women's Selection Committee shall contain at least three female-identifying members.
- 1.6. Current-year undergrads and those with collegiate sailing eligibility in the current ICSA Competition year are ineligible to serve on Selection Committees.
- 1.7. A Selector who has coached (in any capacity including volunteer, clinic, paid, etc.) a team, as well as anyone who has attended more than 6 hours of practice with a team, in the current ICSA Competition Year shall be ineligible to discuss that team and ineligible to vote for that team in any and all rounds of Selection.
- 1.8. All Selectors shall disclose all college, university, and sailing team affiliations both past and present. Affiliations shall not preclude a Selector from discussing or voting on any team, except as described in 1.6 & 1.7.
- 1.9. The ICSA Competition Committee shall name one ICSA Representative each to the Open & Women's Selection Committees to administer the Selection Process.
 - 1.9.1. The ICSA Rep shall remain neutral and shall not discuss, nor advocate for or against any team(s).
 - 1.9.2. The ICSA Rep may invite/appoint a technical assistant and/or secretary to assist in the administration of Selection. The assistant shall not discuss, nor advocate for or against any team(s).
- 1.10. Selection Committee meetings shall be open to the members of the ICSA Competition Committee who shall remain silent/muted and off-camera at all times.
- 1.11. The ICSA President and ICSA Executive Director may attend Selection Committee meetings and shall remain neutral and shall not discuss, nor advocate for or against any team(s).
- 1.12. All Selections must be confirmed by the ICSA President.
- 1.13. Singlehanded & Match Race Selection shall be announced on the Tuesday following Fall weekend 6.
- 1.14. Women's Team Race Selection shall be announced on the Tuesday following Spring Weekend 11.
- 1.15. Open Team Race Selection shall be announced on the Tuesday following Spring Weekend 11.
- 1.16. Open & Women's Fleet Race Selection shall be announced on the Tuesday following Spring Weekend 13.
- 1.17. The NOR for each championship shall be published and made available to the participating teams by the day of the selection announcement for each respective Championship.
- 1.18. The ICSA Executive Committee may temporarily change the Selection date under extraordinary circumstances.

2. SELECTION CRITERIA

- 2.1. Selectors shall consider records based only on the events listed below for each National Championship discipline. For each discipline, results from regattas not listed, including results from non-ICSA regattas, are not to be considered.
- 2.2. Singlehanded: Current ICSA Competition Year ICSA singlehanded & doublehanded regatta results; previous years' ICSA singlehanded & ICSA doublehanded regatta results.
- 2.3. Match Racing: Skippers' current and prior ICSA Competition Year(s) ICSA match racing, singlehanded & doublehanded regatta results.
- 2.4. Women's Team Racing: current ICSA Competition Year ICSA Women's team racing regatta results.
- 2.5. Open Team Racing: current ICSA Competition Year ICSA Open team racing regatta results.
- 2.6. Women's Fleet Racing: current ICSA Competition Year ICSA Women's doublehanded regattas.
- 2.7. Open Fleet Racing: current ICSA Competition Year ICSA Open doublehanded regattas.

3. OPEN & WOMEN'S SINGLEHANDED SELECTION PROCESS
 - 3.1. Eighteen (18) berths and two (2) alternate berths to each event shall be allocated through selection.
 - 3.2. To be eligible for selection, only sailors who compete in current-year Singlehanded Conference Championships are eligible to sail at the Singlehanded National Championship. Sailors, not teams, are selected - substitutions are not permitted.
 - 3.3. Automatic Selection (6 berths): Conference Champions from Regular Member Conferences are entitled to receive an automatic berth.
 - 3.4. At-Large Field: The At-Large Field shall initially be composed of the 2nd through 4th place Conference Championship finishers from each of the eligible Regular Member Conferences.
 - 3.5. Selection may not supersede order of finish at Conference Championships - if a sailor is Selected that finished behind other non-selected sailor(s), those other non-selected sailor(s) must also be selected.
 - 3.6. At-Large Selection (12 berths): Selectors choose one sailor per round of selection via majority vote. If the sailor selected finished behind non-selected sailor(s) at their Conference Championships, those other non-selected sailor(s) must also be selected.
 - 3.7. Following each round of selection, additional sailors are added to the At-Large Field from the Conference of the sailor(s) most recently selected, in order of finish from their Conference Championships.
 - 3.8. Alternate Selection (2 alternate berths): When 12 berths have been selected, up to two additional rounds of selection shall be conducted to select a first and second alternate.

4. MATCH RACE SELECTION PROCESS
 - 4.1. Ten (10) berths and two (2) alternate berths for skippers shall be allocated to the Championship through selection.
 - 4.2. To be eligible for selection, skippers must have competed in their Match Racing Conference Championship.
 - 4.3. Automatic Selection (6 berths) Conference Champions from eligible Regular Member Conferences are entitled to receive an automatic berth.
 - 4.4. At-Large Field: The At-Large Field shall initially be composed of the 2nd through 3rd place Conference Championship finishers from eligible Regular Member Conferences.
 - 4.5. Selection may not supersede order of finish at Conference Championships - if a skipper is selected that finished behind other non-selected skipper(s), those other non-selected skipper(s) must also be selected.
 - 4.6. At-Large Selection (4 berths): Selectors choose one skipper per round of selection. If the skipper selected finished behind non-selected skipper(s) at their Conference Championships, those other non-selected skipper(s) must also be selected.
 - 4.7. Following each round of selection, additional skippers are added to the At-Large Field from the Conference of the sailor(s) most recently selected, in order of finish from their Conference Championships.
 - 4.8. 4.8 Alternate Selection (2 alternate berths): When 10 berths have been selected, up to two additional rounds of selection shall be conducted to select a first and second alternate.

5. OPEN & WOMEN'S TEAM RACE SELECTION PROCESS
 - 5.1. Sixteen (16) berths and two (2) alternate berths shall be allocated to the Open Team Race Championship through selection.
 - 5.2. Twelve (12) berths and two (2) alternate berths shall be allocated to the Women's Team Race Championship through selection.
 - 5.3. To be eligible for selection, teams must have competed in at least one ICSA regatta in the corresponding discipline during the current ICSA Competition Year.
 - 5.4. Automatic Selection (6 berths): Conference Champions from eligible Regular Member Conferences are entitled to receive an automatic berth.
 - 5.5. At-Large Selection - Locks
 - 5.5.1. Selectors cast Lock votes for teams that should be in the Championship Field based on exemplary performance throughout the Competition Year in that discipline, regardless of Conference Championship performance (this round can be conducted prior to Conference Championships).
 - 5.5.2. Each selector may choose a number of "lock teams" up to $\frac{2}{3}$ the number of berths available.

- 5.5.3. Teams earning a Lock vote from 60% or more of the Selectors receive berths to the Championships.
 - 5.5.4. Teams earning at least one Lock vote, but less than 60%, shall move to the Under Consideration Field.
 - 5.6. Under Consideration Field
 - 5.6.1. Any team receiving votes but not earning selection in the Lock round shall be in the Under Consideration Field.
 - 5.6.2. Selectors shall choose all teams (no limit) from the remaining eligible teams for the Under Consideration Field.
 - 5.6.3. All teams receiving one or more votes in 5.5.2 shall be in the Under Consideration Field.
 - 5.6.4. Selectors may add additional eligible team(s) to the Under Consideration Field prior to any Round of Selection provided that three or more Selectors agree on the addition(s).
 - 5.7. At-Large Selection - Round by Round
 - 5.7.1. Each Selector chooses a number of teams equal to $\frac{2}{3}$ the number of Championship berths remaining (rounded up) from the Under Consideration Field for an At-Large Field.
 - 5.7.2. The At-Large Field will be the teams receiving the most votes equal to double the number of Championship berths remaining. Ties for the final spot(s) in the At-Large Field shall not be broken, all the tied teams shall be included in the At-Large Field.
 - 5.7.3. Selectors shall each rank the At-Large Field. Any ties shall be settled by selectors re-ranking the tied teams.
 - 5.7.4. A number of berths equal to $\frac{2}{3}$ the number of Championship berths remaining (rounded down) shall be awarded to the highest ranked teams based on Selectors combined rankings.
 - 5.7.5. The remaining teams shall return to the Under Consideration Field for a subsequent round of selection beginning at 5.6.3 until all berths including alternate berths have been awarded. The final round should have at least 3 teams.
 - 5.7.6. The Parliamentarian shall be able to audit a range of picks to make sure it is accurate. The Parliamentarian cannot mention a specific school and the range should be at least 5 berths.
 - 5.8. After all berths have been awarded, each Selector shall rank the selected teams. The Selectors' combined rankings shall be used as seeds. Any ties shall be broken by the selectors ranking the tied teams.
6. OPEN & WOMEN'S FLEET RACE SELECTION PROCESS
- 6.1. Thirty-six (36) berths and two (2) alternate berths shall be allocated to each Championship through selection.
 - 6.2. To be eligible for selection, teams must have competed in at least one ICSA in the corresponding discipline during the current ICSA Competition Year.
 - 6.3. 36 berths and two alternate berths shall compose the Championship Field in each discipline.
 - 6.4. Automatic Selection (12 berths): Conference Champions and Runners up from eligible Regular Member Conferences are entitled to receive an automatic berth.
 - 6.5. Competitive Strength Rating (CSR)
 - 6.5.1. Conferences submit requests for regatta grades for each Regional & Cross Regional hosted in their conference on or before November 15, annually.
 - 6.5.2. ICSA Competition Committee publishes regatta grades for each regatta prior to Dec. 1, annually.
 - 6.5.3. Teams' regatta score is based on their finish position multiplied by the regatta grade multiplier.
 - 6.5.4. Teams' final Open CSR is based on their top 6 scores in Open competition; final Women's CSR is based on top 5 scores in Women's competition.
 - 6.6. At-Large Selection - Locks
 - 6.6.1. Selectors cast Lock votes for teams that should be in the Championship Field based on exemplary performance throughout the Competition Year in that discipline, regardless of Conference Championship performance (this round can be conducted prior to Conference Championships).
 - 6.6.2. Teams earning a Lock vote from 60% or more of the Selectors receive a berth to the Championship.
 - 6.7. At-Large Selection - Round by Round
 - 6.7.1. A Preliminary Ranking Group, composed of the top ranked remaining teams in the CSR equal to double the number of Championship Berths remaining after Automatic Selection and Locks, is distributed to Selectors.
 - 6.7.2. Selectors may add teams to the Ranking Group with an 80% majority vote.
 - 6.7.3. Each Selector ranks all the teams in the Ranking Group.

- 6.7.4. The top ranked teams based on combined Selector ranking, equal to $\frac{1}{3}$ the number of remaining Championship berths rounded down, receive Championship berths.
- 6.7.5. The teams that do not receive Championship berths comprise the Ranking Group for the subsequent Round of Selection.
- 6.7.6. Steps 5.6.2 through 5.7.5 are repeated until all Championship berths and two alternate berths are awarded. The final round should have at least 5 teams.
- 6.7.7. The Parliamentarian shall be able to audit a range of picks to make sure it is accurate. The Parliamentarian cannot mention a specific school and the range should be at least 5 berths.
- 6.8. Each Selector ranks the teams in the Championship Field; the combined Selector ranking determines seeds for the Semi-Final Round of the Championship.
- 6.9. Seeded teams are assigned to the Semi-Final Regattas.