

SAISA Proposal to remove the “10 races a day maximum” for Inter-conference events.

While I believe this rule was instituted with the best interest of the sailors in mind it does not always help to run a smooth event and best accommodated the student athlete.

Example # 1: An event may have 12 teams participating with two fleets of boats. Ten races have been completed by 4:00 PM and racing is forced to stop in excellent sailing conditions with a grim sailing forecast for Sunday. The competitors return to shore, stay the night & return in the morning. They wait all day Sunday with no wind when they could have completed the event and had all day Sunday to focus on their school work at their respective schools.

Example # 2: An event which may only have 10 teams competing & 2 fleets of boats could easily complete race 10B by 4:00pm. Teams want to stay and sail a second rotation, but without sailing another set in each division it is unlikely that a second rotation could be completed by the 3:00 Sunday cut off time- thus the second rotation should not be started.

The “10 race maximum rule” works well for events with 18-20 schools where all schools have short drives to get back to their campuses.

The recommendation of the ICSA is to keep in mind the best interest of the student athlete for all competition. This rule does not accommodate the student athlete for all competitions as each situation is unique.

Fleet racing vs. team racing?