

## ***ICSA Championship Competition Committee Report for 2021 Mid Year Meeting***

The Championship/Competition Committee has met numerous times this Fall and Winter to work on issues that have come before us. The issues we have discussed are:

1. ICSA Membership Classifications
2. At- Large Selection Committee
3. National Championship Hosts
4. Selection Methods for ICSA Men's and Women's Singlehanded and Match Racing
5. Selection Methods for ICSA Coed and Women's Fleet Racing
6. Diversity Equity and Inclusion for National Championship Hosts

Here is our report

1. At the 2020 ICSA Mid Year Meeting the ICSA chose to reclassify all teams to one of the following three Membership Classification - Cross Regional, Regional and Fundamental.

Here is a brief description of each membership category.

Criteria to be considered a **Cross Regional Member** of ICSA

- Proven ability to meet scheduling commitments at the regional level
- Proven ability to meet financial commitments (dues at the CR level & fees)
- Demonstrated consistency and continuity in leadership (coaching, etc)
- Ability to host successful regional events
- Completed Declaration of Adherence
- Competitive Strength:
- Demonstrated ability to consistently beat other Cross Regional teams in any collegiate sailing discipline in the past 2 seasons

Criteria to be considered a **Regional Member** of ICSA

- Minimum of one year competing as a Fundamental member of ICSA
- Proven ability to meet scheduling commitments at the Fundamental level
- Proven ability to meet financial commitments (dues at the Regional level & fees)
- Completed Declaration of Adherence

Criteria to be considered a **Fundamental Member** of ICSA

- Fundamental membership shall be the first step of affiliation for a member college within a Conference.

The Committee requested that Conference Commissioners submit a list of Conference members and their membership categories to the Committee by Nov 20. Upon receipt of the lists the Committee took time to look over the membership designations and each committee member

was able to indicate if they had any questions about the membership level of any team. Those questions were then sent on to the respective Conference Commissioner for their feedback. Once all the feedback was received the committee voted on the membership classifications. The list has been provided to the ICSA Secretary so that it can be published online. If a team feels that they were given a membership classification in error they can appeal to the ICSA Executive Committee. The Committee felt it was important to have a robust Cross Regional and Regional Schedule developed before the membership classifications were released so teams could see how many opportunities there are to compete.

A team's membership ranking is for one year. If a team is looking to change their membership category the committee has listed some guidelines for teams looking to do so.

To advance from Regional To Cross-Regional a team should consistently finish above some cross-regional teams and most regional teams at regional events, and meet ICSA guidelines for Cross Regional teams regarding leadership, financial commitment, and scheduling commitment.

To advance from Fundamental to Regional a team should consistently finish above regional teams at regional events and finish ahead of most fundamental teams as well as meet ICSA guidelines for Regional teams regarding leadership, financial commitment, and scheduling commitment.

## **2. At-large Selection Committee**

With the removal of the ICSA nationals berth formula at the 2020 Mid Year meeting the Championship/Competition Committee has been working on developing qualification systems for each of the seven ICSA National Championships. Each of the systems will have a component of At-Large selection. The committee looked at a number of other collegiate sports to determine the size and make up of the selection committee.

We recommend that ICSA have two selection committees - one will be for Women's events (Women's Singlehanded, Women's Team Racing and Women's Fleet Racing) and the other for Coed events (Coed Match Racing, Men's Singlehanded, Coed Team Racing, Coed Fleet Racing)

- Each committee will consist of 5 individuals.
- The Women's Committee will have a minimum of 3 Women.
- The Coed Committee will have a minimum of 2 women.
- A member of the ICSA Championship/Competition Committee will serve as a non voting "Parliamentarian" ensuring that the selection committee follows the rules set out by the Championship/Competition Committee.
- Undergraduates are not allowed to serve on the selection committee

- Current coaches are eligible to serve on the selection committee - they will not be able to vote on or discuss their own teams.
- Each member of the Committee will fill out a form listing all of their associations with ICSA Teams as alums, coaches past or present, supporters etc.
- Members of the selection committee will be chosen by the Championship/Competition Committee.
- Individuals interested in serving on the selection committee will submit an application to the Championship/Competition Committee.

The Committee likes the idea of having Athletic Directors on the committee in the future. However in the first year we feel it is imperative that we have selectors who know the sport well. We can have athletics directors observe the selection committee to see how it is done.

We believe that we should have term limits for selection committee members to ensure some continuity in the committee while allowing more people to serve.

For Coed and Women's Team and Fleet Racing the Selection Committee will seed the Selections 1-16 for Coed Team Racing, 1-12 for Women's Team Racing and 1-36 for Coed and Women's Fleet Racing.

The Championship/Competition Committee will create the seeding framework for each event. The Seeding framework is to help evenly divide East and West Semifinals for Fleet Racing and to seed Team Racing to minimize risk of terminating the first stage with fewer than 80% of races completed (see RRS D4.3(b)).

Here is a summary of what each committee will look like

**Women's Singlehanded/ Women's Team Racing/Women's Fleet Racing**

5 Voting members at least 3 female

1 Non Voting "Parliamentarian"

**Coed Match Racing/ Men's Singlehanded/ Coed Team Racing/ Coed Fleet Racing**

5 Voting members at least 2 female

1 Non Voting "Parliamentarian"

### **3. National Championship Hosts**

The Committee has approved the following hosts for ICSA National Championships:

- Fall 2021 Men's and Women's Singlehanded – NWICSA November 6-7, 2021 in Seattle, WA
- Fall 2021 Match Racing – SAISA November 13,14, 2021 at St. Petersburg YC in J70
- Spring 2022 Coed and Women's Fleet Racing and Coed Team Racing – Tulane
- Spring 2022 Women's Team Racing - NEISA

#### **4. Selection Methods for Men's and Women's Singlehanded and Match Racing**

The Committee is working on the selection process for the ICSA Men's and Women's Singlehanded as well as Coed Match Race National Championships. We have developed selection criteria for each regatta and are working on the selection process for each. The Committee has asked for volunteers to help do mock selections to see how each of the proposed processes work. The Championship Field will be announced after all Conference Championships are held. All Conference Championships in Match Racing and Men's and Women's Singlehanded shall be held no later than Weekend 6 in the Fall.

For Men's and Women's Singlehanded the Committee is proposing the following for selection criteria

- Results from ICSA Singlehanded Conference Championships
- Results from ICSA Singlehanded Regattas
- Results from ICSA doublehanded Regattas
- Results from previous years ICSA Singlehanded and Doublehanded Regattas.

The Selection Committee may not look at

- Results from non-ICSA Regattas

For Coed Match Racing the Committee is proposing the following for selection criteria

- Results from ICSA Match Racing Conference Championships
- Results from ICSA Match Racing Regattas
- Results from ICSA Doublehanded and Singlehanded Regattas
- Results from previous years ICSA Match Race, Singlehanded and Doublehanded Regattas

The Selection Committee may not look at

- Results from non-ICSA Regattas
- Results of crew members

The Committee is currently looking at multiple methods of selection for ICSA Men's and Women's Singlehandeds and Match Racing.

#### **5. Selection Methods for Coed and Women's Fleet Race**

The Committee has worked for many hours on the selection method for the ICSA Coed and Women's Fleet Race National Championships. The system we propose to use is Conference Champion plus At-Large by selection committee. As part of this method the committee makes the following recommendations:

1. Atlantic Coast Championship Series Berths should be changed to:

NEISA 12 (14)

MAISA 12 (14)

SAISA 6 (5)

SEISA 1 (0)

PCCSC 3 (1)

MCSA 2 (1)

2. The Cross Regional/ Regional Schedule shall provide ample opportunity for CR and R teams to compete in and out of conference.
3. As part of the Selection Process the Selection Committee will be able to look at a computer ranking of teams that is based on their finish at ICSA events. Each event will have a ranking based on its competitive level. The regatta ranking system as well as selection procedure is explained in Appendix A. The regatta ranking system is not meant to be the sole system used for selection.
4. The ICSA Championship/Competition Committee will work with conferences to create rankings for each ICSA event.  
There is no minimum or maximum number of graded regattas a Conference can have. Conference Championships may have different rankings.

The Championship/Competition Committee would like to hire Carl Zimba to help come up with the computer ranking program to assist in the selection process. Carl developed a similar program for NESSA High School Sailing and is confident he can work with us to give us what we are looking for. He has asked for \$2500 to complete the project. The Committee would like ICSA to approve this expense.

#### **6. Diversity Equity and Inclusion**

As part of our commitment to Diversity Equity and Inclusion in College Sailing the Championship Competition Committee proposes that ICSA not hold any ICSA Championship regatta at a venue/host site that does not have an Anti-Discrimination Policy or By-law that expressly forbids any discrimination on the basis of someone's race, color, national origin, religion, creed, sex, gender identity (including gender expression), sexual orientation, or disability.

Items the Committee will be addressing in the Spring

1. Selection Method of ICSA Coed and Women's Team Racing National Championships
2. Host rotation for ICSA Women's Team Race Nationals.

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