

ICSA National Dinghy Invitational Tournament + College Sailing Invite Proposal

This proposal is to create an additional 1-2 ICSA mixed postseason events (including both coed & women's teams) in a format similar to the NCAA College Basketball's postseason. In NCAA, the top 64 teams qualify for the their National "March Madness" Tournament, then the next 32 teams qualify for the National Invitation Tournament (NIT) and then the final 16 teams qualify for the College Basketball Invitational (CBI). ICSA Should apply this same concept to their spring postseason due to such high interest from teams that missed qualification, but still are seeking a postseason goal to work towards. In addition to ICSA Coed & Women's National Semi Finals (and TR/WTR), the ICSA should also host a National Dinghy Invitational Tournament (NDIT) and possibly a third event called the College Sailing Invitational (CSI) if there's enough interest for teams that did not qualify for the NDIT. The target start date for this complete event(s) would be during National Week in Spring 2023. For Spring 2022, the ICSA Selection Committee could do a mock draft of the team's that would qualify for the NDIT & CSI and gauge interest from those qualified teams via survey to gather further input on the event from those target teams. A smaller scaled down version of just the NDIT Event (without the semi final format) could possibly be pulled off this spring as a test event with just coed teams 37-48 & women's teams 37-42.

Proposal Format:

- The Top 36 +/- College Sailing Teams in the country qualify for ICSA Coed/Women's National Fleet Race Semi Finals and Team Race Nationals each spring postseason. For the rest of the ICSA during Nationals' week, there should also be a mixed National Dinghy Invitational Tournament Semi Finals comprised of the next 24 coed teams (37-60) and the next 12 women's teams (37-48) all chosen by the ICSA selection committee at a venue capable of hosting. *If there is enough interest, then a 3rd event called the College Sailing Invite (CSI) could also take place that same weekend comprised of the next 12 coed teams (61-72) and the next 6 women's teams (49-54). Adding these two events would be asking the ICSA Selection Committee to pick the Top 72 Coed Teams and Top 54 Women's Teams in the country, which is only an additional 22 +/- teams on the coed side and an additional 4 +/- on the women's side. Adding these 1-2 events will create a far more inclusive postseason for the ICSA that is still purely merit based. These events would also create more sponsorship and added revenue opportunities for the ICSA to utilize.

National Dinghy Invitational Tournament:

- A National Dinghy Tournament does have incredible interest based off similar attempts at creating this event. This event needs to take place in the postseason (same week as National Dinghy Championships) and not count towards the use of every teams 18 weekend competition limit (just like The Rose Bowl and all National Championship competition exemptions). Attempting to do this event in season wouldn't be feasible in terms of ranking teams via selection committee and takes away from its significance.
- So, the NDIT starts with two Semi Finals that would be a mix of coed & women's teams making the event truly open, equitable & inclusive, while also displaying top talent across both disciplines. The ratio of 24:12 coed to women's teams at the this proposed event is reflective of the number of total coed to women's teams eligible for it, which is 122:27 (which would be reflected as 29.5:6.5 adjusted to 36 berths, so a 24:12 split is actually more equitable towards women's teams by nearly double).
- The NDIT would NOT discriminate against teams based on their classification and be open to all Cross Regional, Regional & Fundamental teams that qualify. This event can be utilized as a proving ground for local regional teams that don't get to normally compete against cross regional or top level regional teams from other conferences. There are approx. 44 Cross regional teams currently, which means that 8 +/- CR teams would qualify for this event as either coed or women's. For top level regional teams seeking to become cross regional, this event could act a catalyst in initiating that process. This event may also act as a proving ground for CR teams that missed qualifying for National Semi Finals, by giving them the ability to show they may have belonged in the National Semi Finals with a strong result at the NDIT. It's goal is to be a premier showcase of the top teams that missed out on qualifying for National Semi Finals.
- Women's teams #37,39,41,43,45,47 go to Open NDIT Semi Final (A) and #38,40,42,44,46,48 go to Open NDIT Semi Final (B).
- Coed teams #37,39,41...59 go to Open NDIT Semi Final (B) and #38,40,42...60 go to Open NDIT Semi Final (A).
- The Top 9 from each of those Semi Finals (regardless if coed or women's) qualifies for what would be the ICSA National Dinghy Invitational Tournament Final.

College Sailing Invitational:

- If the interest for the NDIT is so great that even more teams are seeking post season inclusion (that missed qualifying for the NDIT), then there could also be a 3rd tier event mimicking the NCAA Basketball's College Basketball Invitational that could be called the College Sailing Invitational (CSI).
- The CSI would be held at a separate venue from SDIT and be the 3rd tier standalone showcase to be held during Nationals Week. It would be ambitious to host two showcase events during Nationals Week (NDIT & CSI), but if there is such an overflow of interest (especially as these events develop), then it should be feasible.
- The CSI would be comprised of the next 18 teams that did not qualify for the NDIT (Women's Teams #49,50,51,52,53,54 & Coed Teams #61,62,63...72). There would be no Semi Finals for this event and it would round out all of the ICSA's spring postseason events.

NCAAB vs. Proposed ICSA Postseason Expansion Comparable

National Championship

Top 68 Teams in the country qualify in both Men's & Women's (1-68 Men's & 1-68 Women's)



VS.

Top 36 Teams in the country qualify in both Coed & Women's (1-36 Coed Semi Finals & 1-36 Women's Semi Finals)



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2nd Tier Showcase Tournament

Next 32 Teams in the country qualify in both Men's & Women's (69-100 Men's & 69-100 Women's)



VS.

Next 24 Coed Teams & Next 12 Women's Teams Qualify (37-60 Coed vs. 37-48 Women's in a Mixed Semi Final Event)



3rd Tier Showcase Tournament

Next 16 Teams in the country qualify in both Men's & Women's (101-116 Men's & 101-116 Women's)



VS.

Next 12 Coed Teams & Next 6 Women's Teams Qualify (61-72 Coed vs. 49-54 Women's in a Mixed Final Event)



National Dinghy Invitational/College Sailing Invitational Qualification Template

Coed FR Selection Committee Rankings			Women's FR Selection Committee Rankings		
Rank	Team	Class	Rank	Team	Class
1		CR	1		CR
2		CR	2		CR
3		CR	3		CR
4		CR	4		CR
5		CR	5		CR
6		CR	6		CR
7		CR	7		CR
8		CR	8		CR
9		CR	9		CR
10		CR	10		CR
11		CR	11		CR
12		CR	12		CR
13		CR	13		CR
14		CR	14		CR
15		CR	15		CR
16		CR	16		CR
17		CR	17		CR
18		CR	18		CR
19		CR	19		CR
20		CR	20		CR
21		CR	21		CR
22		CR	22		CR
23		CR	23		CR
24		CR	24		CR
25		CR	25		CR
26		CR	26		CR
27		CR	27		CR
28		CR	28		CR
29		CR	29		CR
30		CR	30		CR
31		CR	31		CR
32		CR	32		CR
33		CR	33		CR
34		CR	34		CR
35		R	35		CR
36		CR	36		R

Qualified for Coed and/or Women's National Semi Finals/TR
Qualified for National Dinghy Invitational Tournament (NDIT) Semi Finals
Qualified for College Sailing Invite (CSI)
Missed Qualifying for any Postseason Events

**If a team qualifies for Women's National Semi Finals and not Coed Semi Finals (or vice versa), they may attend both Women's National Semi Finals & NDIT Semi Finals if they choose to.*

****Top 36 Coed FR Teams (1-36) & Top 36 Womens' FR Teams (1-36) qualify for their National Semi Finals (all chosen by the ICSA Selection Committee, using CSR Rankings as a reference)***

**Qualification Template continued on pg. 3*

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37		CR	37		CR	*Next 24 Coed FR Teams (37-60) & Next 12 Womens' FR Teams (37-48) qualify for NDIT Semi Finals (all chosen by the ICSA Selection Committee, using CSR Rankings as a reference)
38		CR	38		CR	
39		CR	39		CR	
40		R	40		R	
41		R	41		CR	
42		CR	42		R	
43		R	43		CR	
44		R	44		R	
45		R	45		R	
46		R	46		R	
47		R	47		R	
48		CR	48		R	
49		CR	49		R	*Next 12 Coed FR Teams (61-72) & Next 6 Womens' FR Teams (49-54) qualify for CSI Finals (all chosen by the ICSA Selection Committee, using CSR Rankings as a reference)
50		R	50		R	
51		R	51		R	
52		R	52		R	
53		R	53		R	
54		CR	54		R	
55		R	55		R	*Coed FR Teams (73-158) & Women's FR Teams (55-63) miss qualifying for any ICSA Postseason Events.
56		R	56		R	
57		CR	57		F	
58		R	58		R	
59		R	59		R	
60		CR	60		R	
61		R	61		F	
62		R	62		R	
63		R	63		F	
64		R				
65		R				
66		R				
67		R				
68		R				
69		R				
70		R				
71		F				
72		R				
73		R				
74		R				
75		F				
76-158		R/F				

National Dinghy Invitational Tournament Template

NDIT Semi Final (A)
Women's 37
Coed 38
Women's 39
Coed 40
Women's 41
Coed 42
Women's 43
Coed 44
Women's 45
Coed 46
Women's 47
Coed 48
Coed 50
Coed 52
Coed 54
Coed 56
Coed 58
Coed 60

NDIT Semi Final (B)
Coed 37
Women's 38
Coed 39
Women's 40
Coed 41
Women's 42
Coed 43
Women's 44
Coed 45
Women's 46
Coed 47
Women's 48
Coed 49
Coed 51
Coed 53
Coed 55
Coed 57
Coed 59

NDIT Final
NIT Semi Final (A) 1
NIT Semi Final (A) 2
NIT Semi Final (A) 3
NIT Semi Final (A) 4
NIT Semi Final (A) 5
NIT Semi Final (A) 6
NIT Semi Final (A) 7
NIT Semi Final (A) 8
NIT Semi Final (A) 9
NIT Semi Final (B) 1
NIT Semi Final (B) 2
NIT Semi Final (B) 3
NIT Semi Final (B) 4
NIT Semi Final (B) 5
NIT Semi Final (B) 6
NIT Semi Final (B) 7
NIT Semi Final (B) 8
NIT Semi Final (B) 9

The Top 9 from each Semi Final (A & B) qualify for the NDIT Final (regardless if coed or women's team). The Semi Finals would be days 1-2 and The NDIT Final would take immediately afterwards on days 3-4 (same format as National Dinghy Semi Finals/Finals). Geared as a National Showcase of the 8 +/- Cross Regional Teams that just missed out on qualifying for National Coed and/or Women's Semi Finals mixed with the top Regional Teams from across the country.

College Sailing Invitational Template

CSI Final
Women's 49
Women's 50
Women's 51
Women's 52
Women's 53
Women's 54
Coed 61
Coed 62
Coed 63
Coed 64
Coed 65
Coed 66
Coed 67
Coed 68
Coed 69
Coed 70
Coed 71
Coed 72

A two day event held at the same time as NDIT at a separate venue. No Semi Finals, just a top 18 event made up of coed teams 61-72 & women's teams 49-54. Geared as a National Showcase of high performing developing Regional Teams and top tier Fundamental teams that qualify.