



2022 Fall MASSA TEAM RACING CHAMPIONSHIP

Hosted by **Youth Sailing Virginia**
381 Fenwick Rd.
Fort Monroe, VA 23651

Oct. 22-23, 2022

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES: The regatta will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing, including Appendix D.

2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS:

- 2.1 Official notices will be posted on the official notice board located on Tech Score.
- 2.2 Changes to the sailing instructions shall be approved by the protest committee and the MASSA representative and posted no later than one half hour prior to the first warning signal on the day it will take effect.

3. SCHEDULE AND FORMAT:

- 3.1 Report times each day are listed in the NOR.
- 3.2 The number of races each day will be at the discretion of the regatta chair.
- 3.3 Rotation schedules and boat assignments will be posted on Tech Score after the skipper's meeting.

4. COURSES AND MARKS:

- 4.1 Courses will be in accordance with ISSA PR Appendix 6 (Digital N Course)
- 4.2 All marks will be orange balls. Pins will be white balls.

5. START/FINISH AND SIGNALS:

- 5.1 Races will start in accordance with ISSA PR 7.9.
- 5.2 ISSA PR 7.9(c) shall not apply.
- 5.3 The start/finish line will be between a flag on the race committee boat and a mark.

6. BREAKDOWNS:

- 6.1 Breakdown requests shall be filed in the same manner as protests.
- 6.2 Breakdowns shall be scored in accordance with ISSA PR 12.2. Compensation shall be consistent with ISSA PR Appendix 3.

6.3 Competitors are responsible for inspecting their assigned boats before each race for possible breakdowns and missing equipment. Discrepancies must be resolved immediately.

6.4 Competitors shall report any damage, breakdown, or loss of equipment, however slight, to the regatta representative managing rotations on the changing dock immediately upon arriving on shore and to the race committee finish boat on the water immediately after all boats in their race have finished. Compliance with this instruction is required regardless of whether a scoring change for a breakdown is being requested. Failure to make this report will be subject to such penalty as the protest committee may impose, including loss of one or more race wins. This changes RRS 64.1(a).

7. UMPIRING:

7.1 RRS D2 shall apply for all races.

7.2 The red flag requirement is deleted in RRS 61.1(a), D1.2(c) and D5.2, and Appendix D is modified below as follows: RRS D2.2(a) is changed by replacing the phrase “display a red flag” with “display a raised open hand.”

7.3 Coaches will serve as umpires. Each team attending the regatta will need to have a coach qualified to umpire available throughout the event.

8. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS:

8.1 Protests procedure will be in accordance with ISSA PR Part VI and Appendix D2.

8.2 Pending a Yellow Flag and a competitor notifying the finish boat of intentions to protest, a 3- minute justice hearing will be held immediately on an umpire’s boat or on the dock.

8.3 The red flag requirement is deleted in RRS 61.1(a), D1.2(c) and D5.2 and Appendix D is modified below as follows: RRS D2.2(a) is changed by replacing the phrase “display a red flag” with “display a raised open hand.”

8.4 An umpire shall signal a decision with long sound and the display of a flag for no penalty as follows: a green flag or a green and white flag. This changes RRS D2.4(a).

8.5 In lieu of displaying a black flag, an umpire may hail, “black flag” or “report incident to the protest committee”. This changes ISSA PR Appendix 7.

8.6 For protests not involving a rule listed in rule D2.2, competitors shall inform an umpire or the race committee at the finish or at the first opportunity prior to rotating boats or going ashore.

8.7 The protest time limit for requests for redress on an incident in the racing area that is to be heard on shore and for a breakdown request to be heard on shore is 15 minutes from the time the team rotates out of boats and shall be submitted in writing to the scorer.

8.8 Should a redress, or scoring change hearing be necessary ashore, the time, place and nature of the hearings will be posted on the Official Notice Board no later than 30 minutes after the race committee signal boat docks.

8.9 The umpires will, when appropriate, attempt to hear protest, requests for redress, and requests for scoring changes while afloat.

9. SCORING: Scoring will be in accordance with ISSA PR 12.

10. FORMAT:

10.1 PLAN A: Two full round robins of all 10 teams followed by a final four round will be attempted.

10.2 In accordance with ISSA PR 12.3, if conditions make the PLAN A format unmanageable, the PRO and Chief Umpire may alter the format at any time as they deem fair to ensure an equitable determination of the winner.

If it is necessary to change the format, the priority protocol is as follows:

- PLAN B : One full round robin of all 10 teams followed by one top 6 gold and one bottom 4 silver round, and a final 4.
- PLAN C : One full round robin of all 10 teams followed by one top 4 gold.
- PLAN D : One full round robin of all 10 teams 13.3 Scores will be carried over from all completed rounds.

11. SAFETY:

11.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee either before leaving the course, or if that is impossible, immediately after arriving ashore.

11.2 The race committee may request a boat to retire from the race at any time should their safety be in question.

11.3 If either the air or water temperature is below 50 degrees fahrenheit, wetsuits or drysuits are required.