



2026 MISSA Baker Qualifier
April 25-26, 2026
Hosted by Hoover Sailing Club
In conjunction with MISSA & COHSSA
4250 Smothers Road Westerville, OH 43081

Notice of Race (NOR)

1 RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, including Appendix D, Team Racing Rules, and Appendix P shall apply as modified by ISSA procedural rule 14.

1.2 The Official Procedural Rules for the Interscholastic Sailing Competition and the MISSA By-laws and District Rules shall apply.

1.3 This is a team racing event.

1.4 Races will be umpired according to RRS Appendix D2.

1.5 In accordance with ISSA PR 18 (b) and US Sailing prescription to RRS 70.3(b), there shall be no appeal of the decision of a protest or request for redress. US Sailing's permission has been granted.

1.6 In the event of a conflict between the governing documents, the Sailing Instructions shall take precedence.

1.7 Rule 60.4 (a)(2) is changed as follows: '(2) if it alleges a breach of rule of Part 2 or rule 31 and is from a boat that was neither involved nor saw the incident'

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2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 The sailing instructions will be available on Techscore (scores.hssailing.org) on April 23, 2026

3 COMMUNICATION



3.1 The official notice board will be located online on techscore (scores.hssailing.org) and/or posted inside the HSC Clubhouse near the whiteboard.



3.2 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors & coaches on VHF radio channel 72.

3.3 While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 This event is open to qualifying MISSA member schools in good standing. A total of 10 berths will be allocated to MISSA Areas, in accordance with MISSA Rule 5.5.

4.2 This is a MISSA Tier 1 regatta.

4.3 A team shall have no fewer than six sailors and a maximum of nine sailors.

4.4 Teams should register by submitting the official online Entry Form by 1700 EST on Friday, April 17, 2026. <https://hooversailingclub.com/regatta/lvEPstLiqo>

Please include your school's name, graduation year and t-shirt size on Clubspot when registering.

4.5 Each school shall enter one team, with or without alternates.

4.6 Entered teams unable to compete must notify the Regatta Chairperson and their MISSA representative as soon as possible. All entry fees are final and nonrefundable after 0900 EST on Monday April 20. Registrations are not transferrable between teams.

4.7 Complete team rosters shall be emailed to jjone45@outlook.com no later than 1200 EST Friday, April 24, 2026



5 ENTRY FEES

5.1 The entry fee is \$75 per sailor. Registration fees can be paid online via the registration link. Breakfast and lunch will be provided for all sailors and coaches Saturday and Sunday. An event t-shirt is included with registration. A water filling station will be available on site.

6 BOATS AND CREW LIMITATIONS

6.1 HSC will provide 18 E420s. Boats shall be sailed as provided.

6.2 No alterations shall be made to any boats sailed.

6.3 Substitutions for the regatta will follow the ISSA PR 4.2 – “In Team Racing, substitutions are unlimited.”

7 UMPIRING

7.1 It is the intention for the regatta to be umpired using Appendix D as modified by ISSA PR 12.

8 SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 25 2026

0745 Registration and rigging of boats

0820 Coaches meeting

0830 Registration closes

0830 Competitor's meeting

0900: First warning, races to continue throughout the day



Sunday April 26 2026

0745 Rigging of boats

0900 Warning signal for first race

1500 No warning signal after this time

Awards to follow racing

9 CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

9.1 Due to water temperature, competitors are required to adhere to the following:

9.1.1 Provide their own dry suit and have it on hand at the venue on each day of racing per ISSA PR 2.3.

9.1.2 On each day of racing, the OA will announce whether dry suits will be required to be worn by competitors racing on that day.

9.1.3 Competitor's failure to wear a dry suit while racing on a day where dry suits are required by the OA the team will be scored DSQ by the RC without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1.

10 VENUE

10.1 This event will be sailed in the vicinity of Hoover Sailing Club on the open waters of Hoover Reservoir

11 COURSE

11.1 The race committee anticipates using the prescribed course according to ISSA PR 7.8.

12 FORMAT AND SCORING

12.1 The format will be decided by the PRO, in conjunction with the OA, based on the time and, weather conditions and team participation.

12.2 The preferred format is as follows: A double Round Robin followed by the top 4 teams in a single Round Robin "Gold Fleet." A team's scores will carry forward to the Gold Fleet.



12.3 If the above format is not possible in the allotted time, an alternate format will be announced by the PRO &/or the OA to provide maximum racing.

13 SUPPORT VESSELS AND COACHING

13.1 Coaching will take place ashore. Coaches shall not go afloat from the time of registration through the conclusion of the regatta.

13.2 Rotations will take place on docks in front of the clubhouse or near the drysail area and will be determined on the day of the event. Extra care and timeliness is requested during rotations.

13.3 HSC will not be responsible for rotating sailors.

13.4 Spectator boats are not permitted. Spectators are encouraged to view racing from the sunny banks of Hoover Sailing Club

13.5 HSC is a “NO DOGS” facility, so please leave Rover home.

14 RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

14.1 By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the Organizing Authority the right, in perpetuity, to make, use and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio, and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.

15 RISK STATEMENT & DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

15.1 RRS 3 states: ‘The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.’ By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

16.2 The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any



boat or other property or injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

16 AWARDS & QUALIFICATION

16.1 Prizes will be awarded to the top four teams.

16.2 Invitations will be granted as follows:

Teams placing 1st and 2nd overall will be invited to compete at the 2026 ISSA High School Team Racing National Championship for the Baker Trophy, Teams placing 3rd and 4th overall will be invited to compete at the National Invitation Tournament (NIT) Regatta.

16.3 Per MISSA Rule 5.9, berths not accepted by noon Central Time on the Tuesday following this regatta shall be rescinded and offered to the next eligible school by the MISSA District Director.

18 FURTHER INFORMATION

18.1 Regatta Contacts

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