

2026 MISSA BAKER QUALIFER  
Organized by MISSA  
Hosted by Hoover Sailing Club  
In conjunction with COHSSA  
**Sailing Instructions (SIs)**

**1 RULES**

1.1 The event is governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028, the prescriptions of US Sailing, ISSA Procedural Rules 2025-2028, MISSA District Rules, the Notice of Race, and these Sailing Instructions.

1.2 ISSA Procedural Rules 2025-2028 are available at <https://hssailing.org/resources/rules/>.

1.3 MISSA Supplemental Rules are available at <https://missa.hssailing.org/about/missadistrict-rules>.

1.4 The organizing authority (OA) is MISSA in conjunction with Hoover Sailing Club and COHSSA

1.5 In the event of a conflict between the governing documents, the Sailing Instructions will take precedence.

1.6 The following rules are changed or removed for this event:

1.6.1 RRS D4.2(b) is changed by SI 6

1.6.2 ISSA PR 15 through 17 do not apply. See RRS Appendix D for handling protests and hearings.

1.7 Electronic devices with GPS or communication functionality are not allowed.

1.8 PR Appendix 7 does not apply. RRS Appendix D applies. All races will be umpired per RRS Appendix D2.

1.9 In accordance with ISSA PR 18 (a) 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.

## **2 NOTICE TO COMPETITORS**

2.1 Official notices including changes to SIs will be posted on the official notice board online at the MISSA Baker 2026 Tech Score Website ([scores.hssailing.org](https://scores.hssailing.org)).

2.2 Any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

2.3 Changes to SI 6 may be made on the water and will take effect immediately.

## **3 BOATS/ DAMAGE/ BOSUN**

3.1 420Es provided by Hoover Sailing Club shall be sailed as provided

No modifications are permitted to running or standing rigging except for the following:

3.2 BOSUN - The Bosun is part of the Technical Committee, they shall be on the racecourse taking notes on all boat contact, mark contact and report all information to the OA.

3.3 Boats involved in contact must wait at the "I Dock" to report contact to the Bosun. The Bosun shall be hailed on VHF 72.

3.4 The boats have been equalized in performance potential to the extent possible and organized into fleets.

3.5 Claims regarding the performance of the boats will not be grounds for a redress request. This changes rule 61.2.

#### **4 CODE OF CONDUCT & SPORTSMANSHIP**

4.1. Competitors shall handle the boats and equipment with proper care and seamanship both on land and afloat.

4.2 Trash shall be properly disposed of on shore and afloat.

#### **5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the race committee start boat.

5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 15 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

#### **6 REGATTA FORMAT**

6.1 The intended initial format for the event is:

6.1.1 One full round-robin amongst all teams. This may be altered to two round-robins at anytime given time and weather constraints.

6.1.2 A gold or "championship" round comprised of a number of team as determined by the OA, Chief Umpire and PRO.

6.1.3 A silver round comprised of a number of teams as determined by the OA, Chief Umpire and PRO.

6.1.4 Scores carry forward from any and all round-robins onwards to any and all gold/championship or silver rounds, as per RRS Appendix D 4.3(c).

6.2 The OA, in consultation with the MISSA Representative, Principal Race Officer and Chief Umpire, may terminate or alter format in progress, change assigned boats, change the order of races or make such other arrangements as may be necessary to conclude the event. This changes RRS D4.2(b) and ISSA PR 11.3

#### **7 RACING AREA**

7.1 This event will be sailed in the vicinity of Hoover Sailing Club on the open waters of Hoover Reservoir. The distance from shore will be determined by the wind direction.

## **8 COURSE**

8.1 The course used for the event will be a Digital N.

8.2 All turning marks will be small orange spheres. The start and finish marks will be small green spheres.

## **9 THE START**

9.1 The starting line is between a staff displaying a blue Race Committee flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the green port-end starting mark.

9.2 A boat that does not start within 2 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing and scored according to RRS Appendix D3.1(a).

## **10 CHANGING THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

10.1 The Race Committee may change the next leg of the course that begins at a rounding mark by changing the position of the next mark or the finishing line, but no mark shall be moved when any boat is on the leg that it terminates.

10.2 Subsequent legs may be changed to maintain the course configuration. There will be no visual or audible signals for a course change. No leg of the course will be deleted. This changes RRS 32 and 33.

## **11 THE FINISH**

11.1 The finish line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the green port-end finishing mark.

## **12 HEARING REQUESTS**

12.1 Hearing requests will comply with RRS Appendix D1.2(c).

12.2 Hearings will be held on the water during rotations or ashore on the north side porch of the Clubhouse.

## **13 CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT**

13.1 All competitors are required to bring their own dry suit for this event.

13.2 Due to water temperature, competitors may be required to wear a dry suit. This requirement will be updated for each day of racing and communicated at the competitors' meetings.

13.3 Competitors failure to wear a dry suit, while racing on a day where dry suits are required by the OA, will be scored as if the boat had not finished per RRS D3.1(a).

#### **14 COACHING & SUPPORT PERSONS**

14.1 All coaches shall be registered as a coach on their team's ISSA registration page.

14.2 All coaches shall assist when and where necessary for safety or at the request of the Race Committee.

14.3 No coaches shall go afloat from the time of registration through the conclusion of the regatta

14.4 Coaches shall be prompt rotating their teams

#### **15 RISK STATEMENT**

15.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race.

15.2 The OA and the Host will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta.

#### **16 FURTHER INFORMATION**

For sailor or parent questions regarding this regatta, please ask your team leader or coach before emailing the host venue.

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