

**Ohio High School Sailing Association**  
**Ohio State Championships**  
**May 2-3, 2026**  
**4250 Smothers Rd**  
**Westerville, OH 43081**  
**Sailing Instructions**

**1. Entries**

Competing schools must be members in good standing of MISSA, located in Ohio. Membership will be verified prior to registration. This is a Tier 3 regatta. All teams must be accompanied by an adult advisor, coach or parent.

**2. Notices to Competitors**

Notices to Competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located on the East wall inside the clubhouse next to the white board.

**3. Changes in the Sailing Instructions**

Any change in the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect. Other changes may be made to expedite the running of the event if Judges approve and all teams are notified before the race in which the change would take effect.

**4. Schedule of Races**

**Saturday** Reporting time: 0800

Rigging, Registration and boat launch: 0800-0900

Mandatory skippers meeting: 0900

First Warning for 1<sup>st</sup> race: 0930, Races to continue throughout the day

Warning for subsequent races will be sounded as soon as possible after the last boat finishes.

Starts will not be delayed.

**Sunday** Reporting time: 0800

Rigging and boat launch: 0800-0900

First Warning for 1<sup>st</sup> race: 0930

No A division race will start after 1200

**5. Personal Flotation**

Life Jackets shall be worn by all competitors shore to shore. This changes RRS 40.

**6. The Course**

This event will be run as a combined division event. Both A's and B's will sail together. Scoring will be broken out into A division and B division.

We will run a W4 course with a downwind finish on the 2<sup>nd</sup> run. A diagram of the course will be posted at the competitors meeting Saturday morning. The Race Committee may change the position of any mark after the starting signal provided that no boat is on that leg of the course. There will be no signal for any change. This changes RRS 33.

**7. Marks**

All marks will be orange balls.

## **8. The Start**

8.1 Sound-Signal Starting System shall be used.

8.2 The starting line will be between a staff with a Blue RC Flag on the Race Committee boat at the starboard end and the nearby orange mark at the port-end.

8.3 The Race Committee may attempt to notify individual boats by hailing their sail numbers. (This changes RRS 29.1 and S6) Failure to hail or the order of hails shall not be ground for redress.

## **9. The Finish**

9.1 The finishing line will be between a staff with a blue Race Committee flag on the Race Committee boat at the starboard end and the nearby orange mark on the port end.

9.2 If a boat is delaying the finish of a race, or the rotation, the Race Committee may end the race and score the boat in its current position. A boat finished in place shall not be entitled to redress for the action of the RC to finish her in place.

## **10. Penalty System**

RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

## **11. Protests and Breakdowns:**

A boat intending to protest shall notify the race committee immediately following the race. I strongly recommend you figure it out on the water and do your turns if you're in the wrong. 3 minute justice hearings will be held onshore as soon as possible and may be held between sets of races.

## **12. Scoring**

Scoring will be according to ISSA PR 9.

## **13. Prizes**

Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 teams overall, Top 3 A division and Top 3 B division. The winning team will be awarded the Ohio Cup. They are expected to bring that back for the 2027 regatta.