

2025 Texas High School Fall State Championship

November 1-2, 2025

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. **RULES** This regatta shall be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the ISSA Procedural Rules, the SEISA District Rules, the SEISA West Rules, and these Sailing Instructions. The organizing authority of this regatta is the Austin Yacht Club in conjunction with SEISA.
2. **COMMUNICATION** Official Notices will be posted online on TechScore. The Race Committee may make verbal changes to the Sailing Instructions on the water during racing, if all competitors are made aware of such changes.
3. **SCHEDULE**
 - Saturday, November 1
 - 0830 Check in/Rigging
 - 0915 Mandatory Competitors Meeting
 - 1000 First warning. Racing throughout the day.
 - 1700 No warning signal will be given after this time

 - Sunday, November 2
 - 0800 Report Time
 - 0900 First warning. Racing throughout the day.
 - 1400 No race will be started after 1400.
4. **BOATS & EQUIPMENT** One division of 420Es will be provided for competitors, who shall not modify any boat or cause them to be modified in any way, with the exception that the mainsheet can be rigged 3:1 or 4:1. The standing rigging shall not be adjusted. The penalty for infringing Sailing Instruction 4 will be disqualification from all races sailed in contravention of those instructions.
5. **ROTATION** The rotation of boats will be in accordance with the provided rotation sheet posted on TechScore. If the number of teams exceeds the number of boats available, teams will take turns sitting out a BYE race, which will be scored (per ISSA PR 9) as the average of the scores of their other races. However, if a full round robin is completed (defined in a single division as the number of races completed equal to the number of teams present, the BYE will be excluded.
6. **COURSES** The courses will as shown in the course diagram. Course marks colored balls or small mobile Mark-Bots. The Race Committee will signal the course before each start.
7. **STARTS/FINISHES** The start/finish line will be between a flag on the port side of the committee boat and a white marker ball or mark-bot located at the port end of the line.
8. **RECALLS** Individual recalls will be made by a sound or vocal signal in accordance with the ISSA PR
9. **CHANGING THE COURSE** No course will be changed or shortened during a race. A course may be changed between races or rotation.
10. **ABANDONMENT** A race may be abandoned at the discretion of the Race Committee.
11. **SCORING** The Event will be scored on the low point system according to the RRS, modified by the ISSA PR such that there will be no throw-out.

12. **FINISH IN PLACE** A competitor may be finished in place by the Race Committee in the interest of time efficiency. Such cases will be advised to each competitor at that time.

13. **SAFETY** USCG approved Type III PFDs shall be worn and zipped or fastened at all times while on the water.

14. **PROTESTS** Protests will be in accordance with ISSA PR. The intent to protest must be signaled immediately by a loud hail of "PROTEST," and the sail number of the boat being protested. Protests must be registered with the Race Committee upon completion of the race. Protests must be delivered to the regatta chair or a member of the protest committee within 60 minutes of the conclusion of the last race, for each day.

15. **CAPSIZE** Boats may be recovered and continue to race at any time before or during a race. If the safety of the crew is in doubt or the progress of the regatta is affected, the Race Committee may insist that assistance be accepted and the yacht retired from the race. Starts will not be delayed to accommodate capsized boats.

16. **BREAKDOWNS** If a boat suffers a breakdown, the boat's crew shall make all reasonable efforts to fix the damage and continue racing, unless that would result in further damage or risk to the crew. Race officials may require a damaged boat to retire. When a boat's finishing position is materially prejudiced either by equipment failure clearly not the fault of the boat's crew or by swamping, capsizing, disablement or damage caused by an infringing boat as determined by a protest hearing, that boat may be awarded redress.

17. **COACHING** Coaching will be limited to dock side, unless all coaches are allowed access on the water, in which case coaching will be allowed between races. Otherwise, all coaches, parents, and spectators shall remain on shore with the exception of those helping with Race Committee or those spectating on spectator boats provided by AYC.

18. **Disclaimer of Liability** - By participating in the Fall Series, each boat owner, skipper and crew agree to sail and use the Austin Yacht Club facilities at his or her own risk. To the fullest extent permitted under Texas law, each boat owner, skipper, and crew unconditionally and irrevocably release and discharge the Austin Yacht Club, its Officers, Board of Directors, agents, and all other persons who assist in maintaining equipment or in organizing and/or conducting races, from all claims and legal liability for personal injury, death, or property damage incurred in connection with the event.