MASSA 2026 Fall Girls Championship

Hosted by **Toms River Yacht Club**
1464 Riviera Avenue, Toms River, NJ 08753
Saturday & Sunday, November 7-8, 2026

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
AMENDED 11-7-26

1. RULES:
1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, the ISSA Procedural Rules, and the Scholastic Dinghy Class Rules, the MASSA Supplemental Rules, the MASSA Code of Conduct, the NOR, and these Sailing Instructions. In the event of a conflict between the governing documents and the Sailing Instructions, the latter shall take precedence.
1.2 The Organizing Authority (OA) is the MASSA District, in conjunction with the NJISA League and Toms River Yacht Club and Barnegat Bay Yacht Racing Association

1.3. Appendix P, Special Procedures for Rule 42, as modified by ISSA Procedural Rule 13(c) will be in effect.

1.4. Decisions of the protest committee are final, and US Sailing permission has been granted.

1.5. Rule 60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows: "(2) if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in, and did not see, the incident, or"

2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS:
2.1 Official notices will be posted on the official notice board located on Techscore.
2.2 Changes to the sailing instructions shall be approved by the regatta chair and MASSA Representative and posted no later than one half hour prior to the first warning signal on the day it will take effect on Techscore.

3. MASSA CODE OF CONDUCT: The MASSA Code of Conduct will apply to all sailors, coaches, parents and spectators participating and attending our events.

4. SCHEDULE:
4.1 Report times each day are listed in the NOR.
4.2 The number of races each day will be at the discretion of the regatta chair.
4.3 Rotation schedules and boat assignments will be posted on Techscore after the skipper's meeting.

5. BOATS:
5.1 18 CFJs will be provided. Boats are to be sailed as provided.
5.2 Any and all damage to boats is to be reported by competitors before rotating out of a given boat. Damage not reported will be the responsibility of the last team to sail the boat.

6. FORMAT:

6.1 The regatta is single division.

Teams will be divided into two fleets for qualifying racing. Initial fleet assignments for the first day's qualifying races will be seeded into blue and white divisions.

6.2 Fleet assignments and boat rotations for qualifying races will be posted in Techscore no later than the end of the competitors meeting on Saturday. Teams will be reseeded after the qualifying races and posted ASAP in Techscore.

6.3 Qualification races will be sailed on the first day in each of two fleets, blue and white. Boats will be assigned alphabetically by the scoring program, Techscore. The blue and white fleets will be started separately.

6.4 ~~After the initial qualifying round, teams will be split into gold and silver fleets, with the gold fleet comprising the championship races. The gold fleet will consist of the top six teams in each qualifying division, plus whichever seventh place team finishes with the lower point score in the qualifying round. In the event of a tie between the seventh place teams, it shall be the team with more firsts, then seconds, then thirds, etc. If a tie still remains between teams, they shall be ranked in order of their scores in the last race where all of the tied teams received a score.~~ After the initial qualifying round, teams will be split into gold and silver fleets, with the gold fleet comprising the championship races. The gold fleet will consist of the top **SEVEN** teams in each qualifying division and the silver fleet will consist of the remaining 14 teams.

7. COURSES AND MARKS:

7.1 Courses will be in accordance with ISSA PR 7.8

7.2 The race committee may designate course selection orally.

7.3 Rounding, start and finish marks will be orange or yellow balls.

8. START/FINISH AND SIGNALS:

8.1 Races will start in accordance with ISSA PR 7.9.

8.2 The start line will be between an orange flag on the race committee boat and a mark. The finish line will be between a blue flag on the race committee boat and a mark.

9. BREAKDOWNS:

9.1 Breakdown requests shall be filed in the same manner as protests.

9.2 Breakdowns shall be scored in accordance with ISSA PR 9(e). Compensation shall be consistent with ISSA PR Appendix 5.

9. PROTESTS:

9.1 Protests procedure will be in accordance with ISSA PR Part VI.

9.2 Protests must be filed between sets, or for the last set the protest time limit shall be thirty minutes after the Race Committee boat docks after the last race of the day. This changes ISSA PR 15(e). The Race Committee docking time shall be posted on the Notice board under the blue canopy.

9.4 Video, data and/or photographs taken from any source shall not be presented by the competitors as evidence at protest hearings. This changes RRS Rule 63 an Appendix M.

10. SCORING:

10.1 Scoring for each division will be in accordance with ISSA PR Part IV, except that each division will be scored as a separate regatta in Techscore. Scores from blue and white divisions will not carry over into silver and gold divisions. Gold division scores for first, second and third place will be the first, second and third placing boats for

the championship.
10.2 If a boat is delaying the completion of a race, the Race Committee may terminate the race and score the last place boat in its current position.
10.3 Ties for the final regatta finishes will be calculated using only the final division scores.

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 All competitors shall wear USCG approved PFDs in accordance with ISSA PR 2.2.

12. COACHING: Coaching will be in accordance with MASSA District Supplemental Rule 6.9.1 Coaching Between Sets: Competitors may receive coaching, including instruction, assistance, equipment or sustenance, only between sets on the dock or on shore unless otherwise directed by the regatta chairperson. This changes ISSA PR 8(a).

13. REGATTA CONTACTS:

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