

MASSA SPRING TEAM RACING CHAMPIONSHIP

And BAKER QUALIFIER

Hosted by

Washington College (MDISA)

April 29-30

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

(Rev. 4/28/2023)

1. RULES:

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) including Appendix D, the prescriptions of US SAILING, the 2021-2024 ISSA Procedural Rules (PR), the MASSA District Rules, the Notice of Race (NOR), and these Sailing Instructions and any amendments. 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 Mid-Atlantic Sailing Association (MASSA) in conjunction with host league, the Maryland Interscholastic Sailing Association (MDISA).

1.3 1.5 In accordance with RRS 70.5(a) decisions of the protest committee are final, US Sailing permission has been granted.

2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS:

2.1. Official notices will be posted on the official notice board located on Tech Score.

2.2. Changes to the sailing instructions shall be approved by the protest committee and the ISSA representative and posted no later than one half hour prior to the first warning signal on the day it will take effect.

3. CODE OF CONDUCT: Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials, and the MASSA Code of Conduct.

4. SCHEDULE and ROTATION

4.1. SCHEDULE:

Saturday, April 29

0900 Report Time

0915 Competitors' meeting

First warning as soon as possible after the competitors' meeting

Sunday, April 30

0830 Report Time

0930 First Warning

1400 No Starting Signal After

Awards - immediately following stowing of boats

Changes to the schedule will be posted on the official notice board.

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 Tech Score.

5. BOATS: 18 collegiate FJ's will be provided by the host. Boats will be sailed as provided.

6. COURSES AND MARKS:

6.1. Courses will be in accordance with ISSA PR Appendix 6 (Digital N Course)

6.2. Rounding marks will be red balls, start and finish marks will be white balls.

6.3. In accordance with ISSA PR 7.8(c) after the starting signal, the race committee may change the position of any mark to maintain course configuration, provided that no boat is on that leg of the course. No signals are required. (changes RRS 33).

7. START/FINISH AND SIGNALS:

7.1. The start/finish line will be between an orange staff on the race committee boat and a nearby white mark.

8. BREAKDOWNS:

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

8.2. Breakdowns shall be scored in accordance with ISSA PR 12.2 (RRS D.5). Compensation shall be consistent with ISSA PR Appendix 3.

8.3 Competitors shall report any damage, breakdown, or loss of equipment, however slight, to the regatta representative managing rotations on the changing dock immediately upon arriving on shore and to the race committee finish boat on the water immediately after all boats in their race have finished. Compliance with this instruction is required regardless of whether a scoring change for a breakdown is being requested. Failure to make this report will be subject to such penalty as the protest committee may impose, including loss of one or more race wins. This changes RRS 64.1(a).

9. UMPIRING:

9.1 RRS D2 shall apply for all races.

9.2 The red flag requirement is deleted in RRS 61.1(a), D1.2(c) and D5.2, and Appendix D is modified below as follows: RRS D2.2(a) is changed by replacing the phrase "display a red flag" with "display a raised open hand."

9.3 RRS Appendix D1.1(e) is in effect for all races.

10. PROTESTS:

10.1 Protests procedure will be in accordance with ISSA PR Part VI and Appendix D2.

10.2 Protest forms will be available on the deck of the Washington College boathouse.

10.3 Video, data and/or photographs taken from any source shall not be presented by the competitors as evidence at protest hearings. This changes RRS 63.6.

11. SCORING: Scoring will be in accordance with ISSA PR 12.

12. SAFETY:

12.1 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.

12.2 The race committee may request a boat to retire from the race at any time should their safety be in question.

13. FORMAT:

13.1 **Plan A:** Three full round robins of all 8 teams followed by one top 6 round, and a final 4 round. (105 races)

413.2 In accordance with ISSA PR 12.3, if conditions make the PLAN A format unmanageable, the Regatta Chair and Chief Umpire may alter the format at any time as they deem fair to ensure an equitable determination of the

winner. If it is necessary to change the format, the priority protocol is as follows:

1. **PLAN B:** Three full round robins of all 8 teams followed by a final 4 round. (90 races)
2. **PLAN C:** Two full round robins of all 8 teams followed by top 6 round, and a final 4 round. (77 races)
3. **PLAN D:** Two full round robins of all 8 teams followed by one top 4 round. (62 races)
4. **PLAN E:** One full round robin of all 8 teams followed by a top 6 round and a final 4 round. (49 races)
5. **PLAN F:** One full round robin of all 8 teams followed by a final 4 round. (34 races)
6. **PLAN G:** One full round robin of all 8 teams. (28 races)

13.3 Scores will be carried over from all completed rounds.

14. SAFETY:

14.1 If both the air and water temperature are below 50 degrees fahrenheit, dry suits will be required.

14.2 Masks are optional indoors.

15. PRIZES: Prizes will be awarded to schools placing 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the regatta. The top ranking two schools will be offered berths to the Baker National Team Race Championship. The third and fourth ranking schools will be offered berths in the National Invitational Tournament Team Race Regatta.