



# NWISA Fleet Race Championships

May 9-10, 2026

Zuanich Point Park, Bellingham, WA



## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

**UPDATED 5-8-2026 11:00pm**

### 1. RULES:

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, the ISSA Procedural Rules, the Scholastic Dinghy Class Rules, and the NWISA District Rules.
- 1.2. Under ISSA PR 18(a), the right of appeal is denied.
- 1.3. The US Sailing prescriptions to rule 63.1 are deleted and will not apply.
- 1.4. Races will be judged according to the guidelines for Rule 42 enforcement in Appendix 8 of the ISSA PR.
- 1.5. Appendix P, Special Procedures for Rule 42, as modified by ISSA Procedural Rule 13(c) will be in effect.

### 2. NOTICES 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 posted no later than one hour prior to the first warning signal on the day it will take effect **unless a change is made during the skippers meeting**.

### 3. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 3.1. Signals made ashore shall be displayed from a FJ mast on the youth dock. Postponement may also be communicated verbally to coaches over the designated VHF channel.
- 3.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 20 minutes" in the race signal AP.

### 4. BOATS

- 4.1. Per ISSA PR 7.11, the standing rigging of boats shall not be altered without approval of the ISSA Representative. The penalty for breaking ISSA PR 7.11 will be disqualification from all races sailed in which that rule was broken.
- 4.2. Competitors have the option to rig mainsheets 3:1 or 4:1.
- 4.3. Main sails shall be sailed with the foot of the sail in the boom track.

### 5. THE START

- 5.1. The start line will be between a staff on the race committee boat displaying an orange flag and **the course side of** an orange buoy located to port.
- 5.2. Races will start in accordance with ISSA PR 7.9.
- 5.3. **Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with ISSA PR 7.9(b).**
- 5.4. **General recalls will be signaled in accordance with ISSA PR 7.9(c).**

### 6. COURSE AND MARKS

- 6.1. Courses will be in accordance with ISSA PR 7.8. See diagram below.
- 6.2. The race committee may indicate the course on a whiteboard affixed to the signals boat or announced verbally prior to the warning signal and may continue to repeat the course during the starting sequence.
- 6.3. If a gate mark is missing, or no longer on station, competitors shall round the remaining mark to port.
- 6.4. 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.

## 7. SHORTENING AND ABANDONING RACES

- 7.1. In accordance with ISSA PR 7.8(d) races will not be shortened, but a race may be abandoned. No signals are required. A race may be abandoned at any time at the discretion of the race committee.

## 8. THE FINISH

- 8.1. The finish line shall be between a race committee vessel displaying a blue flag and an orange buoy to port.
- 8.2. If a boat is delaying the finish of a race, the race committee may end the race and score the boat in its current position. And, a boat shall not start later than 2 minutes after her starting signal. A boat that starts later than 2 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored DNS. This changes Rule A4.

## 9. PROTESTS

- 9.1. Protest procedure and 30 minute time limit will be in accordance with ISSA PR Part VI.
- 9.2. Protest forms will be available at the shed on the youth dock or at the boat ramp at the conclusion of racing each day.
- 9.3. Protest hearings will be held as soon as practicable, which may include between rotations. Protests may be heard ahead of racing Sunday morning.

## 10. SCORING

- 10.1. The regatta will be scored in accordance with ISSA Procedural Rule 9.
- 10.2. Teams failing to enter Record of Participation (RP) information on TechScore by the end of the protest time limit on Sunday shall be assessed an automatic penalty in accordance with PR 4.3(a).

## 11. BREAKDOWNS and DAMAGE

- 11.1. Breakdown requests shall be filed in the same manner as protests.
- 11.2. Breakdowns shall be scored in accordance with ISSA PR 9(e). Compensation shall be consistent with the guidelines listed in ISSA PR Appendix 5.
- 11.3. All damage, no matter how minor, shall be reported to the Race Committee, or representative of the host organization, as soon as practicable.
- 11.4. A compulsory protest hearing shall be initiated by the Race Committee when there is a collision that results in serious damage or injury.

## **12. SAFETY**

- 12.1. Competitors shall wear a USCG-approved PFD per ISSA PR2.2.
- 12.2. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee either before leaving the course, or if that is not possible, immediately after arriving at the rotation dock.
- 12.3. Per RRS 3, it is the decision of each boat to race, or continue racing. However, the race committee reserves the right to send ashore any boat that it considers to be a danger to itself or others.
- 12.4. Competitors shall not impede commercial traffic. Competitors shall comply with any instructions given by safety boats. Any competitor which interferes with the safe passage of commercial traffic or fails to follow directions issued by a safety boat shall be protested by the Race Committee.

Course 1: Start-1-1a-2s/p-1-1a-Finish



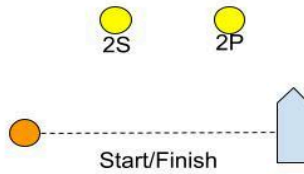
Course 2:  
Start-1-1a-2s/p-1-1a-2s/p-1-1a-Finish

Start/Finish line is open

The offset mark is ignored if not present

If a gate mark is missing, the remaining gate mark shall be rounded to port

Angles are approximate



Course 3: Start-1-1a-2s/p-Finish

Course 4: Start-1-1a-2s/p-Finish(U)



Course 5:  
Start-1-1a-2s/p-1-1a-2s/p-Finish

Course 6:  
Start-1-1a-2s/p-1-1a-2s/p-Finish(U)

Start/Finish line is open

The offset mark is ignored if not present

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