

## 2.0 Rules for the National Championship Regatta – 3/11/2020

Section	Existing	Proposed
2.1	<p><b>Sailing Rules.</b> Except as otherwise specified in this Section VI or in the Sailing Instructions, the rules of the United States Sailing Association shall govern.</p>	<p><b>Sailing Rules and Scoring.</b> Except as otherwise specified in this Section VI or in the Sailing Instructions, the United States Sailing Association's <u>The Racing Rules of Sailing (RSS)</u> shall govern.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">a. The following Rules shall be used:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. RSS Appendix A, Low Point System,</li> <li>2. Alternative Penalty at the Time of an Incident (RSS Appendix V1).</li> </ol> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">b. At the discretion of the National Championship Committee the following may be used:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Arbitration (RSS Appendix T), Penalty Taken after a Race (RSS Appendix V2) or other penalty procedures,</li> <li>2. Discarding a score after a specified number of races.</li> </ol>
2.2	<p><b>Crew Numbers.</b> The number of persons aboard a boat shall be not less than three. For crews of five or more a limit of 1000 lbs shall apply. There is no weight limit on crews of three or four persons. Each boat shall be required to carry, throughout all races, the same number of persons on board as at the start of the first race of the regatta. The Notice of Race and/or Sailing Instructions shall address the methods for enforcement of this rule.</p> <p style="color: green; margin-top: 10px;">[No Changes]</p>	<p><b>Crew Numbers.</b> The number of persons aboard a boat shall be not less than three. For crews of five or more a limit of 1000 lbs shall apply. There is no weight limit on crews of three or four persons. Each boat shall be required to carry, throughout all races, the same number of persons on board as at the start of the first race of the regatta. The Notice of Race and/or Sailing Instructions shall address the methods for enforcement of this rule</p>
2.3	<p><del><b>Scoring.</b> The United States Sailing Association's Appendix A, Low Point System, shall be used.</del></p> <p style="color: green; margin-top: 10px;">[Moved to 2.1]</p>	<p><b>Number of Races.</b> There shall be not more than eight races completed (excluding any practice races). <del>Three</del> <b>Two</b> races completed will constitute a Regatta. No more than three races per day can be scheduled or run.</p> <p style="color: green; margin-top: 10px;">[From Existing 2.5]</p>

<p>2.4</p>	<p><b>Courses</b></p> <p>a. The courses shall be Windward-Leeward or Windward-Leeward Triangle courses of the type shown in the United States Sailing Association's Appendix L, Addendum A, or courses substantially similar thereto, and shall be published and illustrated in the Sailing Instructions.</p> <p>b. <del>The minimum length of the course sailed shall be six nautical miles. However, in the event that the completion of a race is threatened by the approach of the time limit, the Race Committee may, at its discretion, shorten the race, provided that the course sailed is judged a "fair" test and will be at least 4 nautical miles in length.</del></p> <p>c. <del>The time limit for each race shall be three hours, subject to such further limitation as may be established by the Committee.</del></p>	<p><b>Courses</b></p> <p>a. The courses shall be Windward-Leeward (preferred) or Windward-Leeward Triangle courses and shall be published and illustrated in the Sailing Instructions.</p> <p>b. Race length shall be three to six (preferred) nautical miles and can be shortened in accordance with the RRS. A shortened course shall consist of at least two legs. When shortening a course – the race sailed must consist of at least two legs and be at least three nautical miles.</p> <p>c. The time limit to the first windward mark shall be 45 minutes and the time limit for each race shall be 460 120 minutes for the first finisher. A finishing window of 20 minutes for subsequent finishers shall apply. Boats not finishing within the finishing window shall be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired). TLE shall be scored points the number of finishers plus two.</p>
<p>.5</p>	<p><b>Number of Races</b></p> <p><del>There shall be not more than eight nor fewer than three races. Three races completed will constitute a Regatta. No more than three races per day can be scheduled.</del></p> <p>[Moved to 2.3]</p>	<p><b>Race Committee Guidelines</b></p> <p>a. Each Shields National Championship race shall be fair and challenging. The Race Committee is expected to consider the schedule and conditions of wind, waves and weather (for the complete regatta) and as guidance should consider postponing or abandoning a race when winds exceed sustained 25 knots or are less than 4 knots. The Race Committee shall not signal conditions where no spinnaker shall be used.</p> <p>b. When setting course lengths and shortening course the following ranked priorities should be considered:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Achieving three two races for the regatta,</li> <li>2. Target race time of 90 minutes,</li> <li>3. Six-mile courses,</li> <li>4. Three races per day.</li> </ol>

<p>2.6</p>	<p><b>Sailing Restrictions – Hiking</b></p> <p><del>Extraordinary means of hiking are prohibited in the National Championship Regatta. (See <a href="#">Section III – Basic Rules, 5.3 Sailing Restrictions – Hiking</a>)</del></p> <p>[Not needed since already part of Basic Rules]</p>	<p><b>Regatta Guidelines</b></p> <p>The following guidelines for the Regatta are to be followed where practical:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Not held in the territory of the same Fleet in two consecutive years,</li> <li>b. Raced in open water as free as possible from headlands, shoals and obstructions,</li> <li>c. Hosted by an active Fleet that can assist with arrangements,</li> <li>d. Held during the month of August, September <b>or October</b>,</li> <li>e. <b>Scheduled over three days (Friday, Saturday and Sunday preferred) and with a preceding practice day.</b></li> </ul> <p>[From Existing 2.7]</p>
<p>2.7</p>	<p><b>Regatta Guidelines</b></p> <p>The following guidelines for the Regatta are to be followed where practicable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. It should not be held in the territory of the same Fleet in two consecutive years.</li> <li>b. It should be held on open water as free as possible from headlands, shoals and obstructions.</li> <li>c. It should be held where an active Fleet can assist with arrangements.</li> <li>d. It should be held either during the month of August or September.</li> <li>e. <del>It should be scheduled over three or four days. The number of races per day shall be determined by the National Championship Committee in coordination with the Race Committee.</del></li> </ul> <p>[Moved to 2.6]</p>	