

SKATE SAILING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

SPECIAL RULES

In the interpretation of these rules, it shall be understood that the word "SHALL" is mandatory, the words "CAN" and "MAY" are permissive, and the word "SHOULD" shall be taken as a strong recommendation but not mandatory

PART 1 - GOVERNING RULE OF NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

1.1

If any member of the Association finds any section and/or subsection of these Special Rules contained in parts 2 and 4 inclusive is not complied with, he may report this to a General Meeting of the Association and it shall be the decision of the members present as to whether to cancel the series or not. This is irrespective of whether the series has started or finished

1.2

If a series is cancelled under 1.1, the previous Australian Champion before the series shall remain the Champion until the next series is held

PART 2 - ASSOCIATION RESPONSIBILITY RE: NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

2.1

The Association shall, at every Annual General Meeting, make a decision as to which State/Territory Association shall be responsible for the organising of the following National Championship series. This meeting shall not decide the Actual venue

2.2

The Annual General Meeting shall be held on the day of the fifth (5) heat

PART 3 - STATE/TERRITORY ASSOCIATION RESPONSIBILITY RE: NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

3.1

The Association shall hold a meeting as soon as practicable after the Annual General Meeting of the Australian Association and make a decision as to the venue for the following National Championship series. Before making this decision the Association shall canvas all clubs they are considering and Ensure these clubs are familiar with these rules 3.2 It shall be the responsibility of the State/Territory Association to ensure that all other State/Territory Associations are informed of the venue and dates on which the series shall be conducted. This shall be done before July 1st prior to the series

3.3

It shall be the responsibility of the host club to ensure that at least 15 Notice Of Race and Entry Forms are sent (or emailed) to the Secretary of each State/Territory Association before November 1st, (checking by phone of receipt of forms) prior to the series. The Notice Of Race shall comply with I.Y.R.U. Rule 2 and A.Y.F. Addendum "D" No 2. The Entry Form should be similar to that shown in I.Y.R.U. Rule 18, amended where necessary. It shall also contain provision for the following additional information

3.3.1. The date of birth of the Skipper

3.3.2. The name and address of the Crew

- 3.3.3. A section for the Secretary of the boats home club to sign stating that the Skipper is fully financial with the club and is registered with the State/Territory Y.A. at That club
- 3.3.4. A section for the Secretary of the State/Territory Skate Association to sign stating that the Skipper or Crew is fully financial with the Association and is the boat And/or Skipper and /or Crew selected to represent his State/Territory in the series
- 3.4 The host State/Territory Association shall decide the entry fee after consultation with the host club
- 3.5 The closing date for entries should be no earlier than December 1st, prior to the series. The host State/Territory Association shall decide the closing date for entries after consultation with the host club
- 3.6 The host State/Territory Association shall organise the provision of all equipment that is required for the measurement and weighing of boats and sails

PART 4 - HOST CLUB RESPONSIBILITY RE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

- 4.1 The host club shall be responsible for the overall conduct of the series
- 4.2 The host club shall organise the following personnel for the conduct of the series
 - 4.2.1 Officer of the day - He should be the Chairman of the Race Committee. He shall be responsible for the overall running of the series. He shall be a non - competitor
 - 4.2.2 Race Secretary - He should be the Chairman of the Protest Committee. He shall be responsible for the allocation of positions and points in each race, as well as to ensure that the Results Notice Board is accurate and kept up to date. It shall be His responsibility to ensure that all rules under which the series is conducted are complied with He should have a thorough knowledge of the rules under which the series is being conducted. He should be a non - competitor
 - 4.2.3 Starter - It shall be his responsibility to ensure that the start of every race is conducted fairly. He may also be the Finisher. He should be familiar with The rules under which the series is being conducted, particularly with regard to the rules relating to starts (and finishes if he is the Finisher). He shall Be a non - competitor.
 - 4.2.4 Finisher - He shall be responsible for the finish of every race and also that the correct times are recorded. It shall be his responsibility to position the finish line. He should be familiar with the rules under which the series is conducted, particularly With regard to the rules relating to finishes. He shall be a non-competitor
 - 4.2.5 Measurement Committee - This shall consist of the Registrar of the Skate Sailing Association of Australia and two other persons who may be other officials for the series. They shall have the power to co - opt other persons into the committee. They shall be responsible to ensure all boats entered in the series comply with the measure and registration regulations of the Skate Sailing Association of

Australia. The Registrar of this Association may nominate a representative to take his place on the committee

PART 5 GENERAL RULES RE: NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

5.1

The series shall be scheduled to consist seven heats using the "Olympic Scoring System" as laid down in A.Y.F. Addendum A.1.. The Series shall be conducted under rules of the I.Y.R.U., A.Y.F, host State/Territory Skate Association and the host club. There should be an "Invitation Race" sailed before the start of the series to enable visiting boats to familiarize with the course and local conditions.

5.2

The first race of the series shall start after December 25th, but before January 7th, of the following year

5.3

There shall be at least two lay - days preferably three, during the series. There should be no race on January 1st, unless it is absolutely necessary

5.4

There shall be no more than one race per day unless a previous race has been postponed or cancelled

5.5

All communication to the Race Committee of the series shall be in writing and shall be addressed to the officer of the day.

5.6

The Measurement Committee shall measure the sails of a competitor. These sails once measured shall be signed and shall include the current sailing season date, using a waterproof ink . The Measurement Committee's decision shall be final.

5.7

No person shall measure the sails from the boat on which he sails

5.8 a.

The Measurement Committee shall weigh all hulls of boats competing in the series before the start of their first race. This Committee shall take this opportunity to make random checking measurements of the hull and spars as it sees fit to do so.

5.8.b.

Any boat under hull weight shall have lead correctors equally distributed on the ends of the hull within 1 metre of the ends and firmly secured. Lead or similar materials shall not be placed anywhere in the boat other than as in rule 5.9. (b).

5.9

No boat shall race with sails on board that have not been stamped by the Measurement Committee. If it does so it shall be disqualified without protest. It is the responsibility of the skipper of each boat to ensure that he is sailing with approved sails on board.

5.10

No boat shall race if the Measurement Committee has not approved its hull. If it does it shall be disqualified without protest.

5.11

If it is required, all Skippers shall sign on before the start of each race, stating the name of the Skipper and the name of the Crew. If this is not done, the offending boat shall be classed as a non-starter in that race. The signing-on sheet shall be made available at least one (1) hour before the start of the race.

5.12

If it is required, all Skippers shall sign off after they have finished or retired from a race, stating whether his boat is to be classed as a finisher or a non-finisher. If

this is not done, the offending boat shall be disqualified without protest. The signing-off sheet shall be made available until at least one (1) hour after the finish of the last boat.

5.13

There shall be no change Skipper or Crew during the series without the express approval of the Race Committee in writing before the start of that race.

5.14

The "SWAN BREWERY" perpetual trophy shall be awarded to the Skipper of the overall point score winning boat on scratch (National Champion). The "Invitation Race" perpetual shield shall be awarded to the Skipper of the first boat on scratch in the Invitation Race. The "Junior National Championship" perpetual trophy shall be awarded to the Junior Skipper who gains the best placing in the overall point score on scratch. The "Veterans Trophy" shall be awarded to the Skipper, who gains the best placing in the overall point score on scratch, with the combined Skipper/Crew age of the five oldest crews being eligible to compete. The host club shall pay for any engraving of these or other trophies awarded. Prizes shall be awarded to the Skipper and Crew of the following boats: 1st, 2nd 3rd, 4th and 5th and the Invitation race on scratch; 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th in the handicap point score. Other prizes may be awarded to other boats at the discretion of the host club

5.15

It shall be the responsibility of the State/Territory Skate Association of the current holders of all perpetual trophies and shields to ensure that these are made available for the presentation to the new holders at the end of the series. If any of these trophies or shields are lost, stolen or damaged, the responsible State/ Territory Association shall be required to replace or repair them with trophies or shields of a similar type, style, size and quality before they are required for presentation to the new holders.

5.16

Any boat or Skipper that fails to comply with these rules in part 5 shall be disqualified after protest unless stated otherwise in this part.

5.17

A junior entry in the National Championship Series shall be any boat whose entered Skipper is under the age of twenty-one on the first day of January during the series. A junior shall still be eligible to win the National Championship. If there are no Juniors there shall be no award, if there is one but less than three juniors then the next youngest Skipper/s will be eligible to compete to make up the numbers to three minimum.

5.18

Each State/Territory Association shall be limited to enter twenty Skates in the National Championship Series. This twenty shall include the current National Champion Skipper and also the current runner-up Skipper to the National Champion. The host State/ Territory Association may make up any shortfall to a maximum of thirty.

PART 6 - GENERAL RULES GOVERNING ALL SKATE RACES AT ALL TIMES THROUGHOUT AUSTRALIA

6.1

All races shall be conducted under the rules of the I.Y.R.U. A.Y.F., Y.A. of the host State/Territory, Skate Sailing Association of Australia, Skate Sailing Association of the host State/Territory and the local club.

6.2

One crewmember on a Skate shall be a financial member of a recognised sailing club unless the express permission of the committee of the host has been given for a non-member to sail.

6.3

At least one crewmember on a Skate shall be a financial member of the Skate Sailing Association of Australia.

6.4

The protest flag, signifying the intention to protest shall be international code flag "B", measuring not less than 150mm by 225mm.

6.5

A Skate shall not carry on board more than one jib, one mainsail and one spinnaker whilst racing. The jib shall be set at all times between the stem and hounds whilst racing. The hound height shall be not less than 1833mm from the tip of the mast with the halyard lock fully extended.

6.6

The number of crew on a Skate shall be not less than two whilst racing.

6.7

A.Y.F. Safety Regulations, Appendix 9, part 3 shall be complied with at all times, whether racing or not racing.

6.8

No Skate shall be eligible to race unless it is registered with the Skate Sailing Association of Australia.

6.9

At least one crew member on a Skate shall have at least one part of his body in contact with the hull at all times unless a crew member has fallen overboard. This rule applies to boats fitted with sliding planks. (2133mm from the opposite gunwhale) frames used in conjunction with one trapeze, (3048mm from the opposite gunwhale) frames used without a Trapeze.(Frames used with two trapeze are not included)

6.10

Any Skate that fails to comply with these rules in part 6 shall be disqualified after protest