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Conditions of Conduct for Australian Sailing National Championships

This policy comprises three sections that detail the operational requirements and responsibilities of AS and a Host Club (Organising Authority) appointed by AS to host the Championships. Section 1 applies to both the Australian Youth Championships and the Australian Yachting Championships and Sections 2 and 3 outline specific conditions applicable to each of the Championships, respectively.

Sections

1. General Conditions
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SECTION 1 – GENERAL CONDITIONS APPLICABLE TO BOTH THE AUSTRALIAN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS AND THE AUSTRALIAN YACHTING CHAMPIONSHIPS

1.1 GENERAL

- 1.1.1 The prime objective of the Australian Youth and the Australian Yachting Championships is to ensure that the highest quality of regatta conduct and racing is provided for accomplished and skilled sailors within Australia.
- 1.1.2 The Australian Youth and the Australian Yachting Championships shall normally be held annually.
- 1.1.3 The Championships shall be conducted under the current World Sailing (WS) Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the Prescriptions and special regulations of Australian Sailing, the rules of the Classes (if any) to be used, the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions. Any Class rule that requires a competitor to be a member of the class association shall not apply.
- 1.1.4 Unless otherwise specified, the Organising Authority (OA) for the Championship shall be the Host Club. The Championship will be conducted by the Host Club in conjunction with Australian Sailing (AS).
- 1.1.5 The OA, AS Staff and AS Board members are required to advise of any conflicts or potential conflicts of interest with regard to their involvement in the Championship. The AS Conflict of Interest policy therefore applies.
- 1.1.6 All Codes of Conduct in relation to officials, coaches, parents and sailors shall apply in relation to the Championships.
- 1.1.7 In the case of each Championship, an OA (Host Club) shall be appointed by the AS Board following a formal EOI process.

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- 1.1.8 AS has ownership of sponsorship, broadcast, news media, participant data and intellectual property rights for the Championships, which will be negotiated with the OA as necessary.

1.2 OFFICIALS

- 1.2.1 Except in exceptional circumstances, the Principal Race Officer and Jury Chair will be qualified at the international level respectively.
- 1.2.3 AS shall appoint the Principal Race Officer and Jury Chair. The Host Club will recommend, and AS approve, the other Race Officer roles. The Host Club will appoint the remaining race course and on-shore officials and volunteers. All positions shall be filled and communicated to AS at least three months prior to the regatta.
- 1.2.4 A National Jury, constituted in accordance with Rule 70.5 and Addendum A, Part 2, of the RRS, is recommended for the Championships.
- 1.2.5 A National Jury shall be constituted of not less than three members. There shall be as a minimum two National Judges and at least one other member shall be as a minimum a State Judge. Not less than two States or countries shall be represented.
- 1.2.6 AS may appoint or require additional officials for the Championships as outlined in the Specific Conditions. The Host Club shall meet any expenses associated with the provision of these officials.
- 1.2.7 The OA shall recommend and AS approve a National Measurer for all the classes racing at the Championships. This shall be completed three months in advance of the Championships. The National Measurer should be present at the Championships.
- 1.2.8 AS shall appoint a Technical Delegate who may or may not be an AS staff member.

1.3 ELIGIBILITY

- 1.3.1 The OA shall ensure that all Australian competitors in the Championships are members of a yacht / sailing club affiliated with an MYA. Proof of such membership may be required if membership is not current on the AS database at the time of Registration.
- 1.3.2 International competitors and/or crews are eligible to compete at the absolute discretion of AS. International competitors or crews however, will not be eligible for the Australian Champion title or prizes.

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SECTION 2 – AUSTRALIAN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS – SPECIFIC CONDITIONS

2.1 DESIGN OF THE CHAMPIONSHIPS

2.1.1 The Championships will, when possible, include an educational aspect so as to assist young sailors in better understanding their options in developing their sailing careers and setting their sailing goals. This may take the form of coaching, discussion forums and lecture sessions as well as the opportunity to meet key coaching and administrative staff in AS.

2.1.2 The Championships shall be hosted by AS in conjunction with the OA, generally in accordance with the following rotation roster:

TAS

VIC

WA

NSW

SA

QLD

2.1.3 As the Championships are currently tied to the rotation and timing of the National Class Championships for the Laser Radial, Laser 4.7, 29er and 420 classes, the Championships reflects the class rotation and consequently does not include the ACT and the NT.

2.1.4 The Championships shall be conducted during the second week of January (10th – 14th approx.). The Championships shall be held in the period so as to complement the National Class Championships of as many of the classes involved in the Championships. AS may approve the conduct of the Championships outside of this period for exceptional circumstances including when impacted by the dates of the WS World Youth Sailing Championship or certain Youth Class world championships taking place in a similar timeframe.

2.1.5 The Championships shall be held at, or very close to, the venue of one or more of the National Class Championships of the classes involved in the Championships. The objective of this is to reduce the transport logistics for the youth sailors and their parents/supporters.

2.1.6 Where other events are being conducted at the same venue and time, these events shall have separate race management resourcing, including a separate Principal Race Officer, from the Championships.

2.1.7 The Championships shall be conducted for the following classes:

Championship	Nominal Class	Races
Single Handed Dinghy Girls	Laser Radial	10
Single Handed Dinghy Boys	Laser Radial	10
Single Handed Dinghy Girls	Laser 4.7	10
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Sailboard Girls	Techno 293	10
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Multihull Open	Nacra 15	12
Double Handed Skiff Girls	29er	12
Double Handed Skiff Boys & Mixed	29er	12
Double Handed Dinghy Girls	420	10
Double Handed Dinghy Boys & Mixed	420	10
IKA Kiteboards Girls		16
IKA Kiteboards Boys		16

AS reserves the right to consider other classes in order to keep the level of competition high and the cost to participants and organisers at an acceptable level. If WS decide that other classes will be included in the WS World Youth Sailing Championship, these may also be considered.

- 2.1.8 AS will nominate which classes the Championships will be conducted in each year. These classes will generally reflect those used at the WS World Youth Sailing Championship.
- 2.1.9 Unless otherwise adjusted by AS, the Championships shall consist of a series races scheduled over four days, depending on the class, as outlined in the table in 2.1.7. There will be one 'drop' per class, unless otherwise advised by AS. Three races are required to constitute a series. No more than four races may be scheduled per day.
- 2.1.10 The preferred racing schedule is:
- Day 1 Registration & Welcome Function
- Day 2 Races 1, 2 & 3
- Day 3 Races 4, 5 & 6
- Day 4 Races 7 & 8 or 7, 8 & 9 (for 12 race series)
- Day 5 Races 9 & 10 or 10, 11 & 12 (for 12 race series) & Presentation Function
- IKA Kiteboards 4 races per day
- 2.1.11 Unless otherwise agreed by AS three course areas shall be used. In the interests of safety and risk management, the OA will consult with AS about which classes share a course.
- 2.1.12 Course area A and B shall be a trapezoid with inner and outer loops, including an inner loop gate and separate finishing line for the outer loop course. The course shall include options to conduct a windward/leeward race on the inner loop.
- 2.1.13 Course area C shall be a windward leeward, with a leeward gate, and finishing downwind.

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- 2.1.14 The length of the legs in the course and the number of loops on either course area shall be adjusted to achieve an approximate racing time as detailed in the following schedule:

Laser	45 to 50 minutes with a time limit of 75 minutes
Double Handed Dinghy	40 to 45 minutes with a time limit of 75 minutes
Skiff	25 to 30 minutes with a time limit of 50 minutes
Sailboard	10 to 15 minutes with a time limit of 25 minutes
Multihull	20 to 25 minutes with a time limit of 45 minutes
IKA Kiteboards	4 minutes

In the event of lost time and if up to four races are required to be raced in one day, these prescribed timings can be slightly reduced.

- 2.1.15 Unless otherwise agreed by AS, where the same equipment is being used for more than one Championship, those using the same equipment shall race as one fleet. There is no minimum number of entries for any Championship.
- 2.1.16 The Low Point Scoring System in accordance with Appendix A of the RRS shall apply. Each class of boat will be scored as one fleet and the scores for each Championship will be extracted from the class scores.

2.2 ENTRY FEE

- 2.2.1 The entry fee should be kept as low as possible to encourage and enable as many youth as possible to participate. The proposed entry fee should be included in the EOI to conduct the Championships. As a guide, the fee should be in the vicinity of \$310 for single-handed classes and \$440 for double-handed classes, depending on inclusions. These are 2017 guideline prices which should increase by CPI each year, rounded to the nearest \$10.
- 2.2.2 A late entry fee may be charged for late entries received after one month prior to the first day of the Championships. This must be outlined in the NOR.
- 2.2.3 A percentage of the regatta fee, as outlined in the NOR, will be non-refundable by the OA if the competitor cancels due to unforeseen reasons.

2.3 ELIGIBILITY

- 2.3.1 The Championships are open to competitors who have not attained their 19th birthday before the end of the year in which the Championships are sailed.
- 2.3.2 All competitors will be required to agree to comply with the Athlete Code of Conduct, which will form part of the Entry Form.
- 2.3.3 All competitors shall be required to complete the ASADA Anti-Doping Level 1 Course prior to completing registration at the Championships.

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2.4 OFFICIALS

- 2.4.1 AS shall endeavor to appoint the Principal Race Officer (PRO) and Jury Chair to the Championships for a period of three years. The OA shall meet any expenses associated with these positions.
- 2.4.2 It is preferred that the National Jury spend all race days afloat so as to assist in monitoring Rule 42 of the RRS (Propulsion). The OA shall provide suitable boats for the National Jury to go afloat.
- 2.4.3 The National Jury, where appropriate, will conduct open protest hearings for the purpose of providing opportunities for competitors to learn more about the protest hearing procedure.
- 2.4.4 Australian Sailing may appoint a Technical Delegate. The attendance costs for this position will be the responsibility of AS.
- 2.4.5 The OA shall appoint, and AS approve, an Equipment Inspector for the Championships to be present for the duration of the Championships, or at least until all measuring duties have concluded, to inspect each class represented. The Equipment Inspector may be one or more persons. A guideline outlining the requirement for the Championships will be provided to the appointed person who will liaise with AS.

2.6 EVENT REQUIREMENTS

- 2.6.1 AS will provide a perpetual trophy to the winner in each class.
- 2.6.2 The OA shall ensure that all parties involved with the Championships comply with their respective state child safety standards including satisfactory Working With Children and Police Checks and any other child protection requirements.

SECTION 3 – AUSTRALIAN YACHTING CHAMPIONSHIPS – SPECIFIC CONDITIONS

3.1 DESIGN OF THE CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 3.1.1 The objective of the Championships is to provide an event tying into the existing circuit and movement of the majority of IRC, ORCi and PHS rated boats, enabling them to meet and engage in the highest possible level of competition.
- 3.1.2 AS shall select the host club and approve the date of the Championships.
- 3.1.3 Whilst there will be some emphasis on state based Eastern seaboard rotation, as listed below, the Championships will be hosted in the most suitable location in line with clause 3.1.1 above.
 - QLD
 - NSW
 - VIC
 - TAS
- 3.1.4 Entrants from all states and territories will be encouraged to take part.

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- 3.1.5 The Championships shall be held at, or very close to, the venue and timing of one of the existing yachting events. The objective of this is to reduce the transport logistics for the boats and their crew, families and supporters.
- 3.1.6 International competitors and/or crews are eligible to compete and are eligible for the Australian Champion title and prizes.
- 3.1.7 The Championships shall be conducted for the following classes:

IRC Class A:

- LOA: 12 m and longer
- IRC Hull Factor: 10.0 and higher
- IRC DLR: 160 and lower
- IRC TCC: 1.16 and higher
- IRC Age Date: 2000 or later

ORCi and PHS division to be determined by AS on confirmation of entries.

Boats which meet the requirements for IRC Class A shall race in that Class.

Boats that do not meet all the requirements for IRC Class A and have a TCC of 1.35 or greater may be considered for entry into IRC Class A by application to the Race Committee, however any such boats shall sail in IRC Class A for the duration of the Championships.

IRC Class B:

IRC rated boats that do not meet the requirements of IRC Class A and have a TCC of 1.07 and higher.

IRC Class C:

IRC rated boats that do not meet the requirements of IRC Class A and have a TCC of 1.069 and lower.

- 3.1.8 AS reserves the right to consider other IRC, ORCi and PHS Classes or events in order to keep the level of competition high and the cost to participants and organisers at an acceptable level.
- 3.1.9 The Championships shall consist of seven to ten races scheduled over three to five days. Three races are required to constitute a series. No more than three races may be scheduled per day.
- 3.1.10 The Championships format shall include a mix of short passage, long passage and around the buoys type courses, providing a mixture of windward, running and reaching angles.
- 3.1.11 There shall be four courses provided unless otherwise agreed between the OA and AS.
- 3.1.12 Course A shall be a short passage race including windward, leeward and reaching legs.
- 3.1.13 Course B shall be a long passage race including windward, leeward and reaching legs.

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- 3.1.14 Course C shall be a windward leeward course.
- 3.1.15 Course D shall be a triangular course.
- 3.1.16 The preferred racing schedule is:
 - Day 1 Registration and Welcome Function
 - Day 2 Races 1 & 2
 - Day 3 Races 3 & 4
 - Day 4 Race 5 Long Passage
 - Day 5 Races 6 & 7
 - Day 6 Races 8 & 9 followed by the Presentation Function
- 3.1.17 Where sufficient entry numbers exist, each class should be started separately, except the Long Passage race.
- 3.1.18 The Low Point Scoring System in accordance with Appendix A of the RRS shall apply.

3.2 ENTRY FEE

- 3.2.1 The entry fee may be set by the OA with AS approval.
- 3.2.2 A late entry fee may be charged for late entries received after one month prior to the first day of the Championships.

3.3 ELIGIBILITY

- 3.3.1 The Championships are open to boats holding a valid IRC, ORCi and/or PHS Rating.
- 3.3.2 With the approval of AS, WS Sailor Classification limitations may be applied by AS.
- 3.3.3 The maximum total crew weight in kilograms that may sail aboard a boat shall not exceed the crew number printed on the boat's IRC Certificate multiplied by 85 or the crew weight stated on the boat's ORCi certificate.

3.4 OFFICIALS

- 3.4.1 The OA shall appoint an International Jury or a National Jury.
- 3.4.2 The OA shall make available to the National Jury the current IRC and ORCi Rules.
- 3.4.3 The Jury, where appropriate, shall conduct open protest hearings for the purpose of providing opportunities for competitors to learn more about the protest hearing procedure and for transparency.
- 3.4.4 The Principal Race Officer shall be approved by AS and shall be at least a National Race Officer and preferably be an International Race Officer.
- 3.4.5 If separate course areas are used, race officers in charge of course areas shall be National Race Officers.

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- 3.4.6 The OA shall appoint a Measurer for the Championships to be present at least at the time of registration or preferably for the duration of the Championships to inspect boats within each class represented. The Measurer may be one or more persons.
- 3.4.7 The OA shall appoint an Equipment Auditor for the Championships to be present at least at the time of registration or preferably for the duration of the Championships to audit boats within each class represented. The Equipment Auditor may be one or more persons.

3.5 EVENT REQUIREMENTS

- 3.5.1 The OA will provide trophies to the winners, second and third place getters in each class.
- 3.5.2 AS will provide a perpetual trophy to the winner of each class.
- 3.5.3 AS will provide a plaque for the host yacht club.