

RULES FOR EASTERN DISTRICT **CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS**

These rules are to be read in conjunction with the MYA Standard Sailing Instructions which are modified by them to meet the needs of the Eastern District of the MYA

Revision History.

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1. General.

1.1 The classes for which District Championships will be held in any calendar year will be decided at the previous year's AGM.

1.2 The form of the competition will be decided at the previous year's AGM.

1.3 Clubs within the district will be invited to host the events, and venues and dates will be decided at the previous year's AGM. The dates shall not clash with that class' National Ranking Events.

1.4 Where it is not possible to comply with any or all of 1.1; 1.2; 1.3 above, the District Officers shall use their best endeavours to make the appropriate decisions as soon as possible.

1.5 Entry shall be limited to members of clubs affiliated to the MYA. Only members of Eastern District Clubs can win Eastern District Titles (such as Eastern District Champion), Eastern District Trophies or attain Eastern District Points if the event is part of a series.

2. Rules governing the events.

2.1 The event will be governed by Eastern District Standard Sailing Instructions which are the current issue of the MYA SSIs modified as follows.

2.2.1 Clause 1.2(b) is deleted and replaced by:-

Except where additional instructions are permitted in clause 5.1 and by these rules, the race committee shall not modify these instructions or any other rules of RRS, MYA, HMS.

2.2.2 Clause 4 is deleted and replaced by:-

4. Registration.

4.1 Except as provided in 4.3, crews shall present their measurement or rating certificate, and Personal Number Certificate valid on the day of the event, to the race committee at any time requested during the event or within the following 7 days. Facsimiles are acceptable

4.2 No Prizes, Awards, Titles, Trophies or District Championship Points shall be awarded to any crew/s that have not presented certificates in compliance with 4.1 above or are competing under the discretion permitted by 4.3.

4.3 Boats which have no valid certificate will be allowed to compete in one event at the discretion of the Race Officer who shall be satisfied that the boat complies reasonably with the class rules and gains no significant advantage where it does not do so. There shall be no appeal against the Race Officer's decision.

2.3 To maintain its Championship status an event shall have at least 5 boats from at least 2 clubs that have started in at least one race.

3. District Championship Points.

3.1 Where the District Champion is to be decided from a series of events then District Championship points will be awarded based on the results of predetermined qualifying events. An event that does not comply with rule 2.3 shall lose its qualifying status.

3.2 The number of events counting towards the championship shall be one plus half the number of events in the series, rounded upwards (see table below).

Completed Qualifying events	Counting Events
7	5
6	4
5	4
4	3
3	3
2	2
1	1

- 3.3 (a) The competitor with the highest total of District Championship points in his best counting events will be the District Champion.
- (b) In the event of a tie then it shall be broken in favour of the competitor who has won the most events.
If that fails then the most second places in events shall be used and so on.
- (c) If (b) fails to break the tie then it shall be decided by the competitor with the best place in the last event in which the tied competitors met.
- (d) If (c) fails to decide the tie then it shall be done by the toss of a coin using proxies if necessary

3.4 Calculation of a competitor's District Championship points.

To obtain District Championship points at an event a competitor shall start in at least one heat. A competitor's point shall be calculated using the formula below where:-

S is the no. of yachts that start in at least one heat in the event

F is the competitor's finishing position.

$$\text{Points} = \frac{(S - F) \times 90}{(S - 1)} + 10 \text{ (rounded to the nearest whole number)}$$

3.5 Calculation of Race Officer's District Championship points.

The Race Officer and other members of the Race Committee shall be awarded the average of his/her District Championship points from the events competed in, and shall be recalculated after each event.

4. Cancellation.

Where it becomes impossible to hold an event on the published date and/or at the published venue then either or both may be changed by arrangement with the District Secretary provided :-

The new date (together with a new venue if necessary) is no sooner than 4 weeks after the published date or;

A new venue on the same date is within a reasonable distance of the published venue.

In either case all competitors are informed.

5. Entry Fees and Closing date.

5.1 Entries may be made verbally.

5.2 The host club may charge an entry fee for the event.

5.3 The closing date for entries shall be no more than seven days before the event.

6. Duties of the Race Officer.

6.1 The Race Officer shall be responsible for the management of the event on behalf of the Eastern District. The Race Officer shall be responsible for ensuring that it is conducted strictly in accordance with these rules, the appropriate racing rules and the appropriate class rules.

6.2 The Race Officer may delegate responsibilities to officials as he may require; such officials to be under the Race Officer's authority and to act within the areas assigned to them.

6.3 Within fourteen days of the completion of the event the Race Officer shall submit to the Eastern District Sailing Secretary the final scores of all competitors and any decisions made or rulings given by the Race Officer concerning the interpretation of any of the rules governing the event where these appear doubtful or silent.

6.4 The Race Officer shall not compete in the event