

## **Interscholastic National Championship Regatta Conditions**

### **1. SCHEDULING**

The responsibility for each Championship is assigned to a Member District Association on a rotating basis by the Board of Directors. The assigned Member District must present tentative proposals at the ISSA Annual Meeting two (2) years before the Cressy and one-and-a-half years (1.5) before the Mallory and Baker regattas. Firm plans are due one (1) year before the Cressy and a-half-a year before the Mallory and Baker and Mallory events. All three National Championships shall not exceed two days in length. The Friday prior to the event shall be used for registration and practice. No race shall be started after 1600 on the last day.

**Cressy:** This event shall normally be scheduled by the ISSA Board of Directors for a weekend in the Fall that is either a weekend prior to or after the Intercollegiate Sailing Association Singlehanded National Championships.

**Mallory & Baker:** These events shall normally be scheduled by the ISSA Board of Directors for a weekend in the Spring between May first and June fifteenth. They shall be scheduled at least two weeks apart

### **2. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRANTS:**

**DISTRICT:** Each District Association shall be awarded a number of berths in each National Interscholastic Championship by the Board of Directors. The number of entrants awarded to each district shall be based on the number of eligible schools reported by each member district to the President of ISSA by June first of each year.

The number of berths shall be calculated using the following formula:

**Cressy:** The number of allotted berths for each district equals the number of eligible schools in the district, times twelve, divided by the total number of ISSA eligible schools.

**Mallory:** The number of allotted berths for each district equals the number of eligible schools in the district, times twenty, divided by the total number of ISSA eligible schools.

**Baker:** The number of allotted berths for each district equals the number of eligible schools in the district, times twelve, divided by the total number of ISSA eligible schools.

All districts get at least one berth.

If the integers of the numbers do not add up to the total available berths, the allotted berths not assigned shall be assigned in descending order starting with the highest decimal portion of the allotted berths numbers, disregarding berth allotments with zero as an integer.

When two or more Districts are tied with respect to the number of eligible schools, any tie for berths shall be broken in favor of the District or Districts with the better record of competitive strength, and fulfillment of ISSA commitments and obligations during that year.

Better record will be determined by averaging the scores for all the district teams that competed in that specific regatta for the past five years. If a tie still remains, the district that placed higher in that regatta the previous year will be awarded the berth. (added 2022-4-7)

Qualifying regattas for National Championships are to be scheduled prior to the corresponding National Championship.

### **3. PARTICIPANTS:**

**SCHOOLS:** Contesting Schools for each regatta shall meet the eligibility requirements of ISSA Procedural Rule 1 and shall be selected through qualifying regattas scheduled by their District Associations. The substitution by a District Association of a team not participating in a District qualifying regatta must be approved by the President.

**Cressy:** Each team shall consist of one person. If a District is awarded more than one berth, schools may not be limited to one team. However, the teams that they send must have qualified through their district.

**Mallory:** Each team shall consist of at least four sailors, two skippers and two crews, but shall not exceed eight sailors. A school may enter only one team.

**Baker:** Each team shall sail three boats in each race. Each team shall consist of at least six sailors, three skippers and three crews, but shall not exceed nine sailors. A school may enter only one team.

**INDIVIDUAL:** Each individual participant must meet the eligibility requirements of ISSA Procedural Rule 1 for the season in which the Championship is held.

### **4. RULES**

All Championships shall be conducted using the current Racing Rules of Sailing as modified by the ISSA Procedural Rules, these General Conditions, the Notice of Race, and the Sailing Instructions for the regatta. The Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions for all ISSA Championships shall be approved in advance by the Racing Operations Committee and the President of ISSA.

### **5. PRACTICE**

Once a team has qualified for a National Championship, members of that team shall not sail at the site to be used for the event, unless that site is their School's home waters or there is a

previously scheduled ISSA regatta. Violation of this condition may be cause for disqualification of the team from the event.

## **6. BOATS:**

**Cressy:** The event shall be sailed in one person dinghies of not less than eleven feet, nor more than fifteen feet in length.

**Mallory & Baker:** The event shall be sailed in two person dinghies of not less than eleven feet, nor more than fifteen feet in length. The boats may be either sloop or cat-rigged.

## **7. RACE MANAGEMENT:**

### **ISSA REPRESENTATIVE**

The President shall appoint an ISSA Representative for each Championship who shall ensure that the event is conducted in compliance with the Procedural Rules and applicable Conditions. The host school shall extend to the Representative any facility necessary to this end, including the facility for the Representative to be on the water. The Representative may assist regatta management personnel.

### **JUDGES/UMPIRES**

The Judges and/or Umpires for each Championship shall be composed of qualified individuals representing as wide a geographical distribution as possible. They shall be selected by the Host District and regatta chair, and approved by the ISSA Racing Operations and the ISSA President. If possible, at least one Judge/Umpire is to be on the water during each race of all Championships.

## **8. ENTRY FEES**

The Entry Fees shall be determined by the regatta host, paid directly to the host.

Such entry fees must be specified in the hosting proposal approved by the Board of Directors for the event(s).

Whether or not an entry fee is specified for a National Championship, reasonable charges may be made to participants for items used or consumed which are not related to the boats and equipment used in the event, such as food, lodging, and transportation.

## **9. VACATED BERTH**

### **FILLING A VACATED BERTH**

If a team vacates a National Championship berth and the qualifying District is unable to fill it, that berth shall then be awarded first to the Championship host District. Secondly, ISSA will reallocate vacant district quotas. Any berth not filled seven (7) days prior to the Championship shall remain vacant.

### **DISTRICT PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO COMPETE**

If a District vacates a berth to any National Championship less than seven (7) days prior to that Championship, that District's allocation for the following year's corresponding Championship shall be reduced by one (1) berth. This penalty shall be applied even if it eliminates the District's only berth.

### **10. TROPHIES**

The perpetual trophy(s) for each Championship will be on permanent display at the ISSA Hall of Fame and shall not be transported to the regatta site(s). Keeper trophies provided by ISSA shall be awarded to the top three teams at the Mallory and the Baker and to the top three sailors in each fleet at the Cressy

Cressy: The winner's name and school shall be engraved on the Cressy Trophy.

Mallory: The winning school shall be engraved on the Mallory Trophy.

Baker: The winning school shall be engraved on the Baker Trophy.