

SEISA District Rules

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SUPPLEMENTAL RULES FOR

SOUTH EAST INTERSCHOLASTIC SAILING ASSOCIATION (SEISA)

Please see additional League Rules that may be in place for both the SEISA West and SEISA East

These rules modify certain Interscholastic Sailing Association (ISSA) Procedural Rules and supplement the ISSA rules to best govern, organize, and promote high school sailing within SEISA.

1. Organization

- 1.1. SEISA is one of seven districts in ISSA and composed of Alabama (South), Florida (Panhandle), Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas.
- 1.2. SEISA is governed by its bylaws as allowed for in the ISSA bylaws.
- 1.3. Routine business of SEISA, including modification of these rules, is conducted by its Board of Directors.

2. SEISA Regatta Levels and Grade Levels of Sailors

- 2.1. Level 1: SEISA Qualifiers for ISSA regattas and SEISA District Championship Regattas, grades 9-12 only.
 - 2.1.1. Qualifier may include grade 8 ONLY if the ISSA regatta specifies this in the NOR.
- 2.2. Level 2: Varsity Regattas, grades 9-12.
 - 2.2.1. May include grade 8, If specified in the NOR.
 - 2.2.2. Split teams (see 6.2) allowed, if specified in the NOR. (modifies ISSA PR 1.2)
- 2.3. Level 3: Local Regattas, grades 7-12 & Split teams (see 6.2) allowed unless restricted otherwise in the NOR. (modifies ISSA PR 1.2)

3. Eligibility

- 3.1. Schools are encouraged to register with ISSA by October 1st of each year. All schools must be members in good standing with ISSA prior to competing in any SEISA/ISSA event and all competitors must be registered with and appear in the online roster (ISSA Database) of the school that they attend or their assigned school. Failure for a competitor to be on this roster may be grounds for disqualification of the team in any and all races in which that competitor sailed, without a hearing.
- 3.2. Each team must have an adult leader (coach and/or advisor). Coaches/advisors may work with multiple teams. All Teams must have a **Responsible Adult who should be onsite at all times during racing/sailing. Please see ISSA PR 1.3.**
- 3.3. Teams may be comprised of one or more sailors. Each team should strive to increase membership to be in a position to field full teams for fleet racing (4 or more sailors) and team racing (6 or more sailors).
- 3.4. Competitors must be:
 - 3.4.1. full time students of the school they represent, and subject to the academic and discipline requirements of that school; or
 - 3.4.2. full time students of a feeder school for the school they represent; or
 - 3.4.3. home-schooled students, associated with a team upon approval of the District Director per ISSA PR 1.2 (Please note that home-schooled students must apply to District Director by Sept 1/Jan 1 for association with an existing school team.)

4. Boats

- 4.1. CFJs or C420s shall be used for all two-person boat events. Exceptions may be made by District Director.
- 4.2. Level 1 district regattas (Level 2 encouraged) shall be round robin, *on competitively equal boats in good working order*.
- 4.3. Lasers shall be used for the single-handed events.
- 4.4. Local regattas may specify other boats or formats with inclusion in the NOR.
- 4.5. Rotation of Boats – Please refer to ISSA PR 9 – all and ISSA PR Appendix 3
 - 4.5.1. Teams rotating out of a boat shall leave it in race-ready condition. Any damage to boats and equipment or loss of equipment, however slight, should be reported to the Race Committee immediately upon completion of the race.
 - 4.5.2. Teams shall report any problem with the boat they are rotating into after inspection of the boat and prior to leaving the rotation dock to the Rotation Dock Official, or in their absence, the Race Committee immediately upon reporting to the race area. Any problem with a boat found after leaving the dock should be reported to the Race Committee immediately upon reporting to the race area.

5. Regatta Formats, Registration, Host Requirements

- 5.1. SEISA will assign a regatta Rep to assist the host with any SEISA questions/scoring issues, upon submission of the NOR to SEISA for review.
- 5.2. All [SEISA Level 1] Qualification or Championship Regattas for National Regattas must follow the ISSA Procedural Rules and Conditions for the ISSA Championship regatta, *subject to ISSA Procedural rule 3 on competitively equal boats in good working order*. Only Full Teams may participate.
- 5.3. All [SEISA Level 2] SEISA District, East or West Regional regattas must follow the ISSA Procedural Rules, the SEISA District Rules and any applicable League Rules. Any modifications not specified in the SEISA District Rules/League Rules must be requested in writing in advance and be approved by the District President or his/her designee.
- 5.4. All other [SEISA Level 3] SEISA Regattas must follow the ISSA Procedural Rules, the SEISA District Rules and any applicable League Rules. Modifications not specified in the SEISA District Rules to these rules must be requested in advance and be approved by the District President or his/her designee.
- 5.5. All regatta forms should be created using the standard ISSA templates located on the ISSA website.
- 5.6. NORs and SIs must be reviewed/approved by SEISA President/Director or their designee prior to posting. NOR should be sent for posting to SEISA as close to 30 days prior to date of event to enable consistent timing for registration. SIs – Posting online no later than check-in is recommended, with 1 copy posted on Notice Board on site. Changes to the SIs which deviate from ISSA PR or SEISA District/League Rules MUST be approved by a designated SEISA rep as the OA.
- 5.7. The Regatta Chair or designee and team advisors must validate that teams are current active members in good standing of SEISA and all sailors registered are listed on the online ISSA roster prior to participating in the regatta.
- 5.8. Regatta Registration Priority: If more teams register for any **SEISA Level 1 or 2 Regatta** than the number of boats the host team provides, then priority will be assigned in the following order: (1) full teams in order of registration received (2) split teams.

- 5.9. If registrants exceed number of boats provided by the regatta host, additional teams may request approval from the regatta chair to bring a boat of comparable quality to be used in the boat rotation throughout the regatta. The boat will be inspected by the regatta chair or designee. If deemed unacceptable, then that team may not participate in the regatta.
- 5.10. ALL regatta hosts should score regattas using TechScore, (<https://ts.hssailing.org>) the ISSA Official Scoring Program.
- 5.11. **Record of Participation** (RP Forms) forms shall be submitted online via the TechScore program by the close of protest filing deadline each day.
- 5.12. Regatta results are due to the SEISA Director or designee within 72 hours after completion of the regatta to include a summary of the event including: host organization, location, weather/sailing conditions, # of teams, thank you to the host and award winners. Regatta Summaries in TechScore with all applicable info included fulfill this requirement if submitted.
- 5.13. Regatta hosts may allow multiple teams from a school to participate, and so indicate by including this in the NOR.

6. Team Compositions

- 6.1. A Full Team is a team comprised of sailors, all from the same school team, otherwise meeting the grade level requirements of the particular regatta.
- 6.2. "Split" Teams:
 - 6.2.1. When an eligible school can field only a single dinghy crew (comprised of two eligible individuals from the same school) for any 2 division SEISA regatta, that team may compete in either division A or B division. They will be paired by SEISA or host with another school in the same situation, in order to balance entries in A and B divisions. Advanced notice must be given to regatta chair by the entry deadline.
 - 6.2.2. Such teams will be scored individually based on the division they are competing in and shall be scored a DNS for the other division.

7. Discipline

- 7.1. Fair sailing under the Corinthian spirit should be encouraged and promoted by all coaches and advisors.
- 7.2. No contestant shall use, either on or off the water, alcoholic beverages (beer, wine, distilled spirits) or use any controlled substance (marijuana, cocaine, etc.), the possession of which is unlawful. Infringements of this regulation will be the basis for disciplinary action.
- 7.3. No contestant shall use foul language. Continued infringement of this regulation will be the basis for disciplinary action.
- 7.4. The SEISA Board of Directors or their designated SEISA representative has jurisdiction over disciplinary matters.

8. Regattas/Championships/Qualifications

- 8.1. Location of all SEISA Championship/elimination regattas should be rotated around the SEISA District from year to year; a schedule may be put forth and approved at the annual District General Meeting.
- 8.2. All SEISA Championship/elimination regattas must adhere to ISSA Procedural Rules and Regatta Conditions for the corresponding championship regatta. A minimum of 3 races in each division will constitute a complete regatta if conditions do not permit more races to be completed.

- 8.3.** The final standings from each corresponding SEISA District Championship event will determine which team(s) qualifies to attend the corresponding ISSA National Championship event.
- 8.4.** Final standings of the SEISA Spring Championship Fleet Race will determine the order of selection for the following year for any ISSA/Invitational Regatta Berths assigned to the SEISA District.
- 8.5.** Any team that qualifies for an ISSA Championship or Invitational Regatta via a SEISA Championship, Qualifier regatta, or Berth assignment must register or confirm with the SEISA Director that they will attend within 72 hours of qualification or berth assigned, or the berth may be re-assigned to the next school in line.
- 8.6.** Any team that accepts a SEISA Berth to an ISSA Invitational regatta and later does not attend may be disqualified from earning or being assigned a SEISA Berth for the next 12 months. This applies to ISSA Invitationals where SEISA is allotted a berth to assign to a SEISA team; it does NOT apply to ISSA National Championships.
- 8.7.** Any team that would like to be assigned a SEISA berth to an ISSA Invitational regatta should send notification/request to the SEISA Director by Sept 15 of each year.
- 8.8.** All SEISA Championship events should have 2 judges for fleet-racing and a minimum of 2 umpires (4 is considered normal and 6 is ideal) for Team Racing. (U.S. Sailing certification preferred)
- 8.9.** Any exception to team eligibility for a SEISA Championship must be approved by the SEISA President/Director.

8.10. Double-Handed District Championship (Mallory Qualifier)

- 8.10.1.** One SEISA Double-Handed District Championship following ISSA Procedural Rules shall be held approximately 4 weeks prior to the national championship. The final standings from the SEISA Double-Handed District Championship will determine which team(s) qualifies to attend the ISSA Mallory National Championship.
- 8.10.2.** To be eligible to attend the SEISA District Mallory Championship, a team must have sailed in at least 3 SEISA regattas in the academic year. (May be waived for brand new team, by SEISA President/Director/Designee)
- 8.10.3.** All SEISA Mallory District championship regattas should be scheduled for 1 or more full rotations (12 or more races per division).

8.11. Single-Handed District Championship (Cressy Qualifier)

- 8.11.1.** One SEISA District Championship regatta (following ISSA Procedural Rules), shall be held approximately 4 weeks prior to the National Championships in both full rig and radial rig Lasers. The final standings from the SEISA Single-Handed District Championship will determine which team(s) qualifies to attend the ISSA Cressy National Championship.
- 8.11.2.** This is a “bring your own boat” event.

8.12. Team Racing District Championship (Baker Qualifier)

- 8.12.1.** One SEISA team race regatta, following ISSA Procedural Rules, shall be held approximately 4 weeks prior to the national championships. The final standings from the SEISA Team Race Championship will determine which team(s) qualifies to attend the ISSA Baker National Championship.

- 8.12.2. The race course should be the Digital N (see diagram in ISSA Procedural Rules, Appendix 6)
- 8.12.3. To be eligible to attend the SEISA District Baker Championship, a team must have sailed in at least 3 SEISA regattas in the academic year.

8.13. Great Oaks Regatta

- 8.13.1. To be eligible to attend the Great Oaks Regatta, a team must have sailed in at least 3 SEISA regattas in the current *calendar* year (Spring and Fall semesters). Any exception to this rule must be approved by the SEISA President/Director. This does not apply to a new team.
- 8.13.2. SEISA will hold regional qualifiers in the fall for the SEISA berths for Great Oaks.
- 8.13.3. Berth assignment will be based upon the number of participating teams in the qualifiers.
- 8.13.4. If qualifiers are not held, berths will be assigned by the SEISA President/Director; teams should submit resume to the Director.

8.14. National Keel-Boat Invitational

- 8.14.1. If there are more schools interested than allotments, SEISA will hold a qualification regatta approximately 4-6 weeks prior to the Invitational.
- 8.14.2. Qualifications may alternatively be made by resume at the discretion of the SEISA Board.