

NSSA eSailing

Championship 2020

The Organising Authority is the National School Sailing Association

Combined Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Virtual Racing Rules of Sailing* dated 22nd January 2019.
- 1.2 Rule infringements will be decided by the VR system and its decisions are final and are not appealable.

2. ENTRY & ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 Entry is open to all NSSA Affiliated Groups. Entry is free.
- 2.2 Affiliated Groups to run their championships and submit their winning sailor's details to NSSA by 18th July 2020. Email to jonosweet@hotmail.com
- 2.3 NSSA Affiliated Groups may impose their own eligibility requirements.

3. FORMAT OF RACING

- 3.1 The Championship will consist of Affiliated Group Championships with the Group Champions moving to the NSSA eSailing Championship 2020.
- 3.2 Affiliated Groups will run their own Championships.
- 3.3 Where necessary, the Finals will include qualifying series consisting of quarter-finals, semi-finals and final. Competitors will be randomly assigned to a quarter final.
- 3.4 Maximum number of competitors per race will be 20.
- 3.5 Each race must have a Race Organiser who may be one of the competitors. If the RO is not also a competitor, they shall keep clear of all boats that are racing.
Additionally, the NSSA Final will feature a sailor from the British Sailing Team as one of the competitors (they will be ineligible for any prizes).
- 3.6 Where entries exceed 19 (max 18 competitors for the Final) the entries will be split and randomly assigned to groups for a qualifying round. The top 18 competitors will proceed through to the Final.
- 3.7 The Affiliated Group Organiser will be responsible for collecting results and producing the overall results and submitting the details of their Group's Champion to the NSSA via email and within the Schedule in para 4.1.

4. SCHEDULE

- 4.1 The Affiliated Groups to complete their Championships by 18th July 2020
- 4.2 Qualifying rounds (where required) will be held on 24th July 2020
- 4.3 The National Final for the 'NSSA eSailing Championship' will be sailed on 27th July 2020
- 4.4 Times of the first start and the access code shall be advised by the Race Organizer the day prior to the first start.
- 4.5 Guidance notes are available on the NSSA website for Race Organisers.

5. EQUIPMENT

- 5.1 The equipment to be sailed will be the J70.

5.2 Competitors will require their own Virtual Regatta Inshore account.

6. COURSE

The course will either be “Upwind Medium” or “Upwind Long” – both are a windward / leeward course with an offset mark and a downwind finish. TWO laps. The race target time range will be 5 to 8 minutes. See diagram below.

7. SCORING

7.1 The Low Points Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will apply.

7.2 FIVE races are required to be completed in each round.

7.3 TWO discards can be taken in the FIVE races.

7.4 Ties will be broken in accordance with RRS A8.

7.5 For qualifying rounds RRS A4.2 is changed such that a boat that did not start, did not finish, retired or was disqualified shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats entered in the largest group.

8. STARTING RACES

Races shall be started by using the following signals.

Minutes before starting signal	Visual signal	Sound signal	Means
1:15	P and Virtual Regatta flag	One	Warning signal
1:00	P removed	One	Preparatory signal
0:00	Virtual Regatta flag removed	One	Starting signal

9. PRIZES

Prizes will be presented to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place, as well as spot prizes. These will be in the form of vouchers for RS Sailing Store.

COURSE DIAGRAM

