



Sail Canada Championship Requirements

Minimum Race Officer and Judge Certification Levels

Regatta organizers are invited to discuss issues that arise from this policy with the Chair of the Sail Canada Race Management Sub-Committee or Sail Canada Judge Sub-Committee as appropriate.

Race Officer Certification

Minimum Race Officer Certification levels for Sail Canada title events	
Event	Principal Race Officer & Course Race Officer(s)
Regional (Sail West, Sail Central, Sail East)	RRO
Youth Championships	NRO
Senior Championships	NRO
Women's Keelboat Championship*	NRO
Canada Games	NRO

A Course Race Officer certified at one level below the minimum level may be appointed, provided that either,

- the Principal Race Officer is at least one level above standard, **OR**
- the Course Race Officer so appointed has a Mentor on the signal boat of at least the minimum event level.
- Being held on one course, the Women's Keelboat Championship has only a single Course Race Officer and no Principal Race Officer.

Judge Certification

Minimum Judge Certification levels for Sail Canada title events			
Event	Chief Judge	# of Judges	Other Judges
Regional (Sail West, Sail Central, Sail East)	NJ	4	RJ, CJ, CJ
Youth Championships	NJ	6	NJ, NJ, RJ, RJ, CJ
Senior Championships	NJ	6	NJ, NJ, RJ, RJ, CJ
Women's Keelboat Championship	NJ	3	NJ, RJ, RJ
Canada Games	IJ	6	IJ, IJ, NJ, NJ, RJ

Race Conduct

Preparatory signals for Sail Canada title events		
Event	First	Second (if the line for the first start was fair)
Regional (Sail West, Sail Central, Sail East)	"Papa" < 21 boats "Uniform" > 20 boats"*	"Black"
Youth Championships	"Papa" < 21 boats "Uniform" > 20 boats" *	"Black"
Senior Championships	"Papa" < 21 boats "Uniform" > 20 boats" *	"Black"
Women's Keelboat Championship	"Papa"*	"Black"
Canada Games	"Papa"*	"Black"

* After the first race of a day "Uniform" may be used in the first start of subsequent races if fleet conduct or conditions warrant it.

Target times for Sail Canada title events	
Class	First
Laser, Laser Radial, Laser 4.7, C420, 2.4mR, Optimist	50 minutes
49er, 49erFX, 29er	30 minutes
Boards	20-25 minutes

Appendix P

Appendix P Penalties for Sail Canada title events	
Event	Penalty
Regional (Sail West, Sail Central, Sail East)	P2.1 & P2.2
Youth Championships	P2.1, P2.2 & P2.3
Senior Championships	P2.1, P2.2 & P2.3
Women's Keelboat Championship	n/a
Canada Games	P2.1, P2.2 & P2.3

Appendix P, Special Procedures for RRS 42 will apply as changed by the following SI statements. (use applicable SI numbers)

- For all events (except Women's Keelboat Championships):
For the 29er, 49er, 49erFX and Nacra 17 classes, rule 44.1 and P2.1 are changed so that the Two-Turns penalty is replaced by the One-Turn penalty.
- For Regional events, add:
RRS P2.3 will not apply and RRS P2.2 is changed so that it will apply to all penalties after the first incidence.

Additional Requirements

1. Average wind speed will be determined over a five-minute period.
2. Races will not be started in less than an average of 5 knots of wind established over the entire course area, unless the respective class association specifies a different limit. This lower limit may be higher if there is strong current in the racing area, or other adverse conditions.

3. Races will not be started in more than an average of 25 knots. For the 49er and 49er FX classes this upper limit is approximately 2 to 5 knots less in heavy seas and/or gusty winds. These limits may also vary for all classes depending upon sea conditions, current and rapid changes in velocity.
4. For trapezoid courses, the reaching leg angle shall be consistent with the respective class association rules or best practice, and this will require prior consultation with the class. Examples include 110° for Laser & Radial; and 120° for Optimist, I420, C420 & 470.
5. Gates will be 8-10 hull lengths wide, laid square to the sailing wind. Variations in width and angle may be appropriate to adjust for current or other prevailing conditions. Laser range finders will be used to determine the width of gates.
6. The statement "If only one gate mark is in position, that mark shall be rounded to port." shall be included in the SI's.
7. Line sighters will use a hand-held voice recording device and record, without stopping, from at least 90 seconds before the starting signal until after anything of interest after the start. A commentary of anything of interest will be recorded (such as boats getting close to the line, bunching, etc.).
8. Competitors who have been scored OCS, UFD or BFD, and their coaches, may listen to the voice recording(s) of the applicable start(s). The line sighter will be available, with his/her recordings, at the protest desk up to the protest time limit. Boats may review all evidence that the RO used to call the penalty, but may not cross examine members of the race committee.
9. Best practice is that boats recorded as OCS, UFD or BFD be posted on the start boat before the completion of the race in question. **Full sail numbers only** shall be posted unless the SI allows for provincial codes or bow numbers. Flag I (RRS 30.1) and Flag Z (RRS 30.2) should not be used.
10. Races should be shortened using RRS 32 only in exceptional circumstances. Consider using RRS 33 first.
11. RRS 33, Changes in length of legs¹
 - (a) The race management team will attempt to minimize the number of changes in leg length to achieve target times. In general, changes in length will only be made if it appears that the time for the first finisher will be more than 20% outside the target time.
 - (b) Change in leg lengths will not be made to reduce a leg to less than 50% or increase a leg to more than 150% of original leg length.
 - (c) Changes in current may justify variations from these guidelines.

1. ¹[https://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/20190717RaceManagementPoliciesFleetRacing11-\[25241\].pdf](https://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/20190717RaceManagementPoliciesFleetRacing11-[25241].pdf)