

REQUIREMENTS: SOUTH AFRICAN CLASS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (SEM -010)

1. DEFINITIONS

- 1.1 "Crew" shall include the skipper unless specifically excluded.
- 1.2 "ISAF" shall mean the current International Sailing Federation Racing Rules of Sailing and the South African Sailing (SAS) prescriptions thereto.
- 1.3 "South African Sailing" (SAS) shall mean the South African Racing Association.
- 1.4 "Skipper" means the member on board and in charge of the yacht as required by the ISAF Racing Rules.
- 1.5 "Yacht" or "boat" shall include sailboards and Radio-Controlled yachts .

2. RULES

- 2.1 All National Championships shall be sailed under the ISAF, these rules and such other requirements as approved by SAS.
- 2.2 The organisers shall submit an application for sanction of the Event to the SAS Sailing Management Standing Committee and not to issue any Notice of Race and other documents before receiving the approval of this Committee.
- 2.3 The organising Committee shall be required to appoint an accredited National Race Officer to preside at any SAS National Championship (a full list of NRO's is included with the pack of Sanction Document or is available from SAS or a Regional Offices).
- 2.4 The Organising Committee shall appoint a Judge for the event with the responsibility of ensuring that protests are correctly run and that the paper work is in order, especially with regard to possible appeals.

3. VENUES AND DATES

- 3.1 All National and Youth National Class Championships shall be held at venues, dates and times approved by the SAS Sailing Management Standing Committee.
- 3.2 In the case of multi-class National Regattas, SAS shall decide the venues, dates and classes to be included.
- 3.3 In all other cases the relevant Class Association shall first agree with the proposed host club the dates and venue, the courses, other races that will be held simultaneously in the same vicinity, entry fees covering those required by the club, by SAS, by the Class Association and by any other body supplying services, the functions of the club and of the Class Association.

3.4 The approval of the Provincial Association to the proposed arrangements should then be obtained to ensure no problem will be created within the Province. At this stage the Class Association should inform SAS of the venue and dates for its approval and inclusion in the racing events calendar. (Provincial Associations, Clubs and the relevant Class Association members should be given at least 6 months 'notice' of the venue and dates)

3.5 The Class Nationals year shall run from 1 January to 31 December in each calendar year. No Class may organise more than one national event in each calendar year.

4. ORGANISATION

4.1 The host club shall be the Organising Authority in terms of ISAF RRS and shall appoint the regatta committee, the race committee and jury, in conjunction with the relevant Class Associations, if appropriate.

5. NOTICE OF REGATTA

5.1 The draft Notice of Race in terms of IYRR shall be compiled by the Organising Authority in conjunction with any relevant Class Association and sent to SAS, for confirmation of compliance with ISAF Racing Rules, not less than 3 months prior to the date fixed for the first race.

5.2 Not less than 2 months prior to the date fixed for the first race the copies of the Notice of Race shall be sent to Provincial Sailing Associations and to members of each Class Association concerned.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

6.1 The Sailing Instructions shall comply with the requirements of the IYRR.

6.2 The draft Sailing Instructions shall be sent to the SAS not less than 2 months prior to the date fixed for the first race.

6.3 The official Sailing Instructions (a copy of which must be sent to SAS) shall be available for competitors to collect from the Organising Authority during working hours commencing 24 hours prior to the schedules start of the first race.

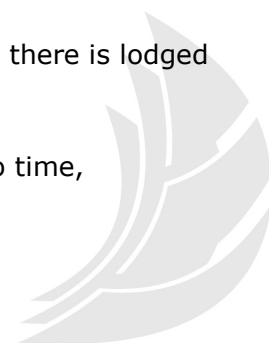
7. ELIGIBILITY

7.1 Yachts

7.1.1 Only yachts conforming with their class rules and restrictions and holding valid registration certificates from SAS will be eligible for the contest.

7.1.2 In lieu of a registration certificate it will be sufficient if, before the first race there is lodged with the Race Committee:

7.1.2.1 a non-refundable fee as determined by the SAS Council from time to time,



- 7.1.2.2 either a written undertaking in terms of IYRR to produce a previously issued certificate before the end of the series, or
- 7.1.2.3 a written statement signed by the measurer or class representative declaring that the yacht has been measured and complies with all of the rules of her class and that application is being made for a SAS registration certificate.
- 7.1.3 Foreign International Class yachts holding valid international measurement certificates and the owners and skippers thereof are exempted from the provisions of Rule 7.

7.2 OWNER & SKIPPER

- 7.2.1 The owner and the skipper of each yacht entered shall be a member in good standing of a club affiliated to, and in good standing with, SAS and where applicable, the relevant Class Association.

7.3 CREW

- 7.3.1 Every crew member other than the skipper of a yacht competing shall be a member in good standing of a club affiliated to, and in good standing with, SAS.
- 7.3.2 Alternatively a crew member other than the skipper may pay a full individual SAS membership fee for submission to SAS.
- 7.3.3 Crew members who are not South African residents may be exempted for the requirements of this rule at the discretion of the SAS Executive Committee.

7.4 SAS LEVIES

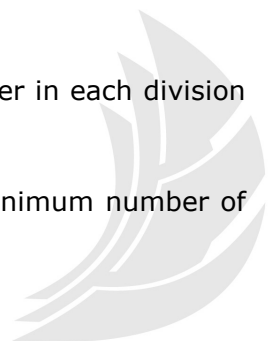
- 7.4.1 It shall be the responsibility of the Organising Committee to check that the Skipper and Crew are members in good standing of a Club affiliated to SAS and that they have paid their SAS Levy. The Organising Committee shall account to SAS on this point.

8. ENTRIES

- 8.1 Entries shall be on official entry forms and submitted to the specified SAS office, together with the required entry fees for the event by the time limit specified in the Notice of Race.
- 8.2 A portion of the entry fees may be refunded in the case of boats prevented from competing in the series if an application in writing for such refund is received within seven days of the end of the contest.

9. MINIMUM NUMBERS

- 9.1 In order to qualify as a National Championship there shall be at least 10 valid entries 1 hour before the first race and at least 10 finishers in any two races of the series.
- 9.2 In the case of classes having weight or other divisions the minimum number in each division shall be 10.
- 9.3 In the case of keelboat classes requiring crews of more than three, the minimum number of entries and finishers in any two races of the series shall be 5.



- 9.4 Failure to achieve the required number of entries by the time the entries close may result in the cancellation of the Championship by the Organising Authority.
- 9.5 Failure to achieve the required final number of entries and finishers will not necessarily prevent the regatta from being held or completed, but will not be recognized as a National Championship Regatta for the purpose of awarding SAS medals.

10. CHANGE OF CREW

- 10.1 During the contest any crew member may be changed for a good cause with the permission of the Race Committee and subject to the Class Rules as applicable.
- 10.2 The required membership qualifications of the substituted crew shall be submitted to the Race Committee together with the request for the change.

11. MEASUREMENT

- 11.1 After consultation with the relevant Class Association the Organising Authority shall appoint a Measurer or Measurement Committee responsible for advising the Race Committee about all measurement matters.
- 11.2 Before or during the contest any competing yacht may be checked and measured at the sole discretion of the Race Committee or the appointed Measurer or Measurement Committee. If practicable the measurement of all competing yachts should be organised for the day preceding the first race of the regatta. Random checks may nevertheless be made during the regatta.
- 11.3 Unless International Class Rules provide otherwise, each competing yacht shall only use or carry on board sails which bear a measurement stamp duly endorsed by an official measurer to signify that such sails comply with the rules of the class concerned.

12. NUMBER OF RACES

- 12.1 The number of races scheduled shall appear in the Notice of Regatta and in the Sailing Instructions.
- 12.2 A minimum of 6 races shall be scheduled.
- 12.3 Unless otherwise specified in the Sailing Instructions, if more than 4 but less than 10 races are completed the worst score for each yacht will be excluded and if 10 or more races are completed the two worst scores for each yacht will be excluded.
- 12.4 If fewer than 4 races are completed, the contest will not qualify as a National Championship.

13. NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

- 13.1 The crew of the yacht with the best net total points and crewed by South African permanent residents will be the South African Champions for the Class concerned until such time as the next National Championship for the Class is completed.



14. SAS MEDALS

14.1 Depending on the number of competitors (i.e. minimum number of finishers in any two races of the series) SAS Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals will be awarded to the skipper and other crew members who are full members of SAS in good standing of the first, second and third placed yachts respectively, regardless of nationality, in accordance with the following table.

	KEELBOATS WITH CREWS EXCEEDING MEDALS	ALL OTHER THREE CLASSES
GOLD	to 7	to 14
GOLD & SILVER	to 11	to 19
GOLD, SILVER & BRONZE	or more	or more

Where a medal winning crew has been changed during the series, the medal will be awarded to that crew member who has sailed in the most races.

15. RESULTS

Within 7 days of the completion of any National Championship series the Organising Authority shall transmit the complete results of the Championship, including the names of the skipper and all crew members of each competing yacht to the head office of SAS.

