

Australian Land Yachting Federation (inc.)

Sailing rules : January 2012

National Championships

The Federation will

- 1 Collect entry fees and forms (as prescribed in the notice of race).
- 2 The Federation will provide (where a local host club can not)
 - a. Markers - highly visible. (road markers, painted drums, stacked tires or flags)
 - b. Flags
 - Orange for markers
 - Chequered for finish
 - Black for stop racing
 - Red for last lap .
 - c. Starting Grid – numbered 1-20. easily visible numbers . Minimum 3 mtr's apart
 - d. Toilet facilities – to suite local clubs bye laws .
 - e. Race starter – to oversee all race activities.
 - f. Scorers – one with a good knowledge of Federation
 - g. First Aid Facilities and a first aid officer.

Sailing Rules .

The federation will provide:

- a. Notice of race.
- b. Entry forms.
- c. Scoring material and race cards.
- d. Trophies and/or certificates

Procedures

A host club will not control the event .

The event will be managed by the nominated Federation committee.

If the host club has concerns they are to address their concerns to the race committee, who's determinations will be final (safety issues will be deemed as paramount.)

A Pilot who infringes the start of a race maybe removed from the race, with out notice by the starter.

1. The race marshal/starter is in charge of all race activities
2. The race marshal/starter in conjunction with the race committee shall decide and set the courses and the number of laps per race .
3. The race marshal/starter shall receive any written protests.
4. The chief scorer is in charge of all scorers and markers
5. The start positions will be allocated by one of the race committee members.
6. The race marshal/starter and the chief scorer may abandon a race at any time due to safety issues or lack of wind.
7. Federation sailing rules apply at all times and all pilots must be familiar with them. Signing the nomination form also will indicate to the race committee that pilots are

aware of the rules and they are familiar with them as per the notice of race.

Race Entrants .

1. Age limits a. senior – 16 years and over
 b. junior 16 years and under .
2. Entrants must have been paid all federation fee's and must be members of the federation, the only exception to the rules will be made for overseas pilots and there fees will set by the race committee.
3. Entrants must be capable of operating their land yacht in a controlled and safe manner.
4. All pilots shall be subject to the race committees direction and control.

Safety regulations.

1. It is compulsory to wear a seat belt at all times during a race, the exception to this rule will be a fully enclosed type yacht (eg Standart) solid type construction .
2. It is compulsory to wear a safety helmet and closed in foot wear for racing. (upon presenting a valid reason a pilot may be given an exemption to this rule).
The minimum requirement for a safety helmet is the Australian Standard Lightweight Protective helmet .
3. Sail ropes must not drag on the ground .
4. All pilots must take adequate precautions to avoid collision with other yachts , spectators and obstacles .
5. Attendance at the pilots meeting is *COMPUSORY*. A ten minute signal will be given to warn of the impending pilots meeting .
6. When a course is laid out for practice all yachts will sail in the same direction. Any thing else will not be excepted .
7. All yachts not racing must be parked away safely from the race course.
8. If there is an accident the pilot must signal by getting out of his yacht, standing up, and walking around their yacht so as to show a passing yacht and the race officials that they are alright. If there is no visible signal from the yacht, it must be assumed that the pilot is seriously injured . If this is the case do not remove the pilot from the yacht unless there no further chance of causing more injury, The first aid officer will make the necessary decisions.

Finishing.

1. A pilot has finished the race when any part of the yacht has crossed the finish line and the chequered flag is flying. The race is finished regardless of what lap the yacht is on. Pilots must then proceed to the nominated staging area without recrossing the finish line.
2. The nominated staging area is a safe parking area for the yachts that have finished racing and is away from the race course.
3. Yachts must not leave the staging area until the race starter/ marshal has signaled them to do so.

Infringements

Infringements of any of the racing rules can be voided by doing a 720° turn (ie two

360° turns prior to the yacht completing the race, without hindrance to any other competing yacht , and away from the course line .

Disqualification.

The nominated race starter/ marshal disqualify any pilot at any time.

1. Any infringement that involves the safety of any yacht. Including class specifications, or pilot and the violation of any of the sailing rules.
2. The result of any protest of an infringement that the race committee determines in favor of the protester.

Protests

1. Any competing pilot, any race official, or any of the race committee may enter a protest.
2. A competing pilot, a race official or race committee may be protested.
3. Pilots must their intent to protest to the race starter/marshal immediately after the race.
4. The protested party must be informed as soon as possible after the infringement has occurred.
5. The pilot must then present a protest in writing with the protest fee within 30 minutes after the finish of the race in which the protest occurred.
6. If a protest has been entered, no score shall be posted until the protest has been decided.
7. The protest parties will be notified by the race committee of the time and place the hearing of the protest.
8. The race committee's decision will be final with no rite of appeal.
9. If the protest is upheld the fee will be refunded.
10. The protest fee is set at \$20.00.

Advertising

A yacht may display at any time, the logo or the advertisement of a sponsoring company on either the seat or sail or both. It shall not impede the viability of the sail number or national letters. It must be tasteful and must not be crude or sexist.

Scoring

1. All yachts shall score - .75 1st place
- 2 points 2nd place
- 3 points 3rd place etc .
2. DNF (did not finish) yachts shall receive the number of points corresponding to the number of finishers +1.
3. DNS (did not start) yachts shall receive the number of points corresponding to the number of finishers +2
4. DSQ (disqualified) yachts shall receive the number of points corresponding to the number of finishers +3 .
5. In the case of a dead heat in any one race, each yacht will receive the number of points corresponding to their finish. Any yacht finishing after the tied yachts the points score for the position one worse than the yachts that finished ahead.

6. Ties between two yachts scoring the number of points overall shall be decided in favor of the yacht with the greater number of wins against each other.
In the case of equal wins then the highest number of second placings, to third placings etc .
7. Duplicate individual trophies shall be awarded for yachts still tied after all levels of the tie breaking procedures have been followed. Perpetual trophies are to be engraved with both names
8. At the first days pilot meeting for the competition, it will be decided if there will be a 'race discard'. It may also be displayed in the notice of race. If it is agreed to, the following procedure shall be followed
 - a. 1 out of each block of six races will be discarded. (ie . Race 1-6. drop one race. 7-12, drop one race)
 - b. A DSQ cannot be discarded under any circumstance at all.
 - c. A DNS cannot be discarded unless a full block of six races has a DNS against each race, then one can be discarded.
9. When there is a tie on overall points, excluding discards, the discards shall not be included to break the tie. The procedure in ' 6 ' shall be followed.
10. Minimum entries per class and trophy allocation
 - 3 yachts 1st place only
 - 4 yachts 1st place only
 - 5 yachts 1st and 2nd only
 - 6-9 yachts 1st - 3rd
 - 10-14 yachts 1st - 4th
 - 15 + 1st - 5th

This applies to all ladies and juniors