

March 20, 2019

Governing Board Meeting – Temporary Amendment #1

Pursuant to Article XVIII paragraph 5. of the International Lightning Class Constitution, the Executive Committee proposes the following amendment to Document Governing All Sanctioned Lightning Class Championships, Articles Which Apply Specifically to the North American Championship.

Temporary Amendment #1: To allow entry to the 2019 North American Championship Fleet for the skippers sailing the 2019 Pan American Games, the following is proposed in paragraph #4. Red highlighted section indicates new wording:

Article XIII – Racing Conditions

A- ELIMINATION RACES

1. All boats entitled to enter the North American Championship Regattas shall be divided into equal flights and shall sail a Qualifying Series. Boats shall be rotated between flights so that each Skipper will have an opportunity to sail against as many different Skippers as possible. Four elimination races shall be scheduled, to be sailed the first two days. If all are sailed, three will be scored. If less than four are sailed, all will be scored. If, by the end of the second day, at least three races have been sailed, the Qualifying Series will be terminated. If less than three races have been sailed in the first two days, the Qualifying Series will continue on the third day. As soon as a total of three races have been sailed (including those sailed previously) the series will be terminated and yachts scored on the basis of the races sailed. If, after three days, only one race has been completed, the Qualifying Series will continue until two races have been completed. This changes RRS A2 and shall be included in the Sailing Instructions to be valid.
2. The right of appeal shall be denied for the qualifying series per RRS 70. The Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions shall so state and there are specific stipulations in RRS 70. The Executive Committee may wave this requirement if the host venue can not meet the requirements of RRS 70.
3. The 33 Skippers receiving the lowest number of points in the races plus the reigning North American Champion and all Skippers tied for 33rd place shall be entitled to sail the final series to determine the North American Champion. However, if the reigning Champion chooses and so notifies I.L.C.A. at least thirty days ahead of the first elimination race, he may sail in the Qualifying Series. If he qualifies for the final series to determine the North American Champion the Fleet will be increased to 34 and all Skippers tied for 34th place. The remaining Skippers shall sail for the Presidents' Cup, except that where more than 35 remain after selection of the Championship group, a Governors' Cup series will be conducted. In such case the remaining Skippers shall be divided equally between the two series with those totaling the least points sailing in the Presidents' Cup series. Skippers tied for the last qualifying position in the Presidents' Cup series shall be entitled
4. **For the 2019 North American Championship only, due to a scheduling conflict between events, all Skippers that skipper an entry in the 2019 Pan American Games shall be allowed entry into the final series to determine the North American Champion without sailing the Qualifying Series. Entry of any of the 2019 Pan American Games Skippers will have no affect on the number of Skippers allowed entry from the Qualifying Series into the final series to determine the North American Champion pursuant to Article XIII (A)(3) of the Document Governing All Sanctioned Lightning Class Championships. Under the circumstance where the Qualifying Series will be counted as one race in the Championship Series, the Pan American Games Skipper entries will have his or her average points for the race(s) sailed in the Championship Series will be counted as one race. This changes RRS A2 and shall be included in the Sailing Instructions to be valid.**