

A Resolution to Change the ILCA Rules

Governing North American Championship, Article XIII

- WHEREAS, The International Lightning Class Association, Inc. (ILCA) has rules that govern the conduct of the North American Championship, and
- WHEREAS, Article XIII of those Rules addresses the conduct of the 2018 North American Championships, and
- WHEREAS, The ILCA, and its member competitors, benefit from increased participation in District and Area Championships, and
- WHEREAS, The following proposed changes to Article XIII of the Rules Governing North American Championship would improve the quality of the sailing experience at the 2018 North American Championship and possibly encourage increased participation, and
- WHEREAS, It is in the best interest of the ILCA, and its member competitors, to make measured changes that are evaluated on an experimental basis, now, therefore be it
- RESOLVED, That the ILCA Governing Board, in quorum assembled, SUBSTITUTES the following for the Rules Governing North American Championship, Article XIII, and be it further**
- RESOLVED, That this change shall take effect on December 1, 2017 and shall expire on July 31, 2018 at which time, the original language shall, again, be in force.**

ARTICLE XIII- RACING CONDITIONS

A. DIVISIONS AND QUALIFYING SERIES (Applicable for 70 boats or fewer)

1. **Divisions** – All competitors entitled to enter the North American Championships shall sail in the Championship Division.
2. **Qualifying Series** – There shall be no qualifying series for the 2018 North American Championship.

B. SCORING (Applicable for 70 boats or fewer)

1. The number of races scheduled shall be ten (10). If six (6) races or more are sailed than a competitors worst race shall be dropped. This provision changes RRS A2, and it shall be included in the Sailing Instructions to be valid.

C. PRELIMINARY SERIES (Applicable for 71 boats or more)

1. **Preliminary Series Fleets** - In the event 71 boats or more are entered, there shall be a Preliminary Series. All boats entered in the 2018 North American Championship Regatta shall be divided into four equal flights and shall sail a Preliminary Series. Flights shall be rotated between races so that each Skipper will have an opportunity to sail against as many different Skippers as possible. Six races shall be scheduled in the Preliminary Series, which shall be sailed in the first two days. If fewer than five races have been sailed by any flights in the first two days, the Preliminary Series will continue on the third day. If, at the end of the Preliminary Series some flights have more race scores than others, any extra races will be abandoned so that all boats in the Preliminary Series have the same number of race scores.
2. **Preliminary Series Scoring** – When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When 6 Preliminary Series races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst Preliminary Series score.

D. FINAL SERIES (Applicable for 71 boats or more)

1. **Final Series Fleets** — If, by the end of the second day, at least five races have been sailed by all flights, the Preliminary Series will be terminated and the boats will be split in Championship and President's Cup Fleets. The Championship and President's Cup fleets will be, as nearly as possible, of equal size but so that the President's Cup fleet is not larger than the Championship fleet. Any recalculation of Preliminary Series ranking after boats have been assigned to Championship or President's Cup fleets will not affect the assignments except that a redress decision may promote a boat to the Champion fleet.
2. **Final Series Scoring** — 4 races shall be scheduled in the Final Series. No Races in the Final Series may be discarded. The Preliminary Series races and the Final Series races will count for total points in the championship.

Existing Language:

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 waive 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 to sail in that series as shall the odd Skipper should the number to be divided be unequal.

B-FINAL SERIES

1. The number of races scheduled in each of the final series, Championship, Presidents' Cup and Governors' Cup, shall be six, five of which will be scored. If, at the end of scheduled racing, two races or less have been completed, the final results of the Qualifying Series (including ties) will be counted as one race in the Championship Series, Presidents' Cup and Governors' Cup.

In case the defending North American Champion chooses not to sail in the Qualifying Series, 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.