



2019 HOBIE 18 AND HOBIE 17 NORTH AMERICAN OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Washington Irving South Recreation Area, Cleveland, OK

October 6 – 11, 2019

Organizing Authority:

Hobie Class Association of North America in conjunction with Hobie Class Division 14 and Tulsa Hobie Fleet 25

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the SI means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

The notation '[NP]' in a rule in the SI means that instruction is not grounds for protest or a request for redress by a boat.

This changes rule 60.1.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta shall be governed by the *rules* as defined in the current *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 This is an international competition; therefore, in accordance with the US Sailing Prescription to RRS 88.2, the US Sailing prescription to RRS 40 shall not apply.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS & INFORMATION MEETING(S)

- 2.1 Notices to competitors shall be posted on the official notice board, located in the Beach Shelter at Washington Irving South Recreation Area.
- 2.2 There will be a general competitors' meeting on Monday, October 7 at 1000 hrs near the Beach Shelter. Other competitors' meetings may be scheduled as required.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions shall be posted not less than 60 minutes prior to the first scheduled race on the day it shall take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races shall be posted by 1800 hrs or by the protest time limit, whichever is later on the day before it shall take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore shall be displayed from the RC signal boat moored at the beach.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in race signal AP. *This changes Race Signal AP.*

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 The North American Championship will have five (5) days of racing (10/7 – 10/11) with the objective of three (3) to four (4) races per day, back to back. The maximum number of races is twenty (20) for the regatta.
- 5.2 The scheduled first warning signal for Monday, 10/7 is 1200 hrs.
- 5.3 The scheduled first warning signal for Tuesday, 10/8 through Friday, 10/11 is 1100 hrs.
- 5.4 On the last day of the event, no warning signal will be made after 1500 hrs.

6 CLASS FLAG

- 6.1 The class flag for the Hobie 17 class will be green with a black Hobie "flying H" logo.
- 6.2 The class flag for the Hobie 18 class will be white with a black Hobie "flying H" logo.

7 RACING AREA

The racing area will be located in the SE portion of Keystone Lake.

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 HCA Standard Courses will be used. Only courses 1, 2, 5 and 6 will be used. Reference Addendum A for course geometry.
- 8.2 The "G" option will not be displayed by the RC. The leeward mark may be a single mark or a gate. If the leeward mark is a single mark, it shall be left to port.
- 8.3 The course will be designated by a number placard on the starboard side of the RC signal boat.
- 8.4 No later than the warning signal, the RC signal boat shall display the approximate compass bearing and distance of the first leg.
- 8.5 All marks shall be left to port, except gates. Boats shall pass between gate marks from the direction of the last rounding mark.

9 MARKS

- 9.1 Rounding marks A and C (the gate) will be **orange** round marks.
- 9.2 Change marks, as provided in instruction 12.1, will be **yellow** round marks.
- 9.3 The starting and finishing marks will be round yellow marks, or an anchored boat displaying a staff with an orange flag.

10 [RESERVED]

11 THE START

- 11.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat and the course side of the mark or the staff displaying an orange flag as described in instruction 9.3.
- 11.2 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races. [DP][NP]
- 11.3 A boat starting later than five (5) minutes after her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. *This changes RRS 35, 63.1, A4 and A5.* [DP][NP]

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the position of the next mark during a race, the RC will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it shall be replaced by an original mark.

13 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat and the course side of the mark or the staff displaying an orange flag as described in instruction 9.3.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 The Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty. *This changes RRS 44.1.*
- 14.2 Appendix V2 – Alternative Penalties (a US Sailing prescription) will be used:
PENALTY TAKEN AFTER A RACE After a race, a boat that may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident while racing may take a Post-Race Penalty for that incident. A boat takes the penalty by delivering a written notice to the race office that identifies the race number and when and where the incident occurred. The penalty shall be a 30% Scoring Penalty, calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). However, rules 44.1(a) and (b) apply, and the penalty shall not be taken after a protest hearing involving the incident has begun.

15 [NP] TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

15.1 Time limits and target times are as follows:

Race Target Time	Race Time Limit	Mark 1 Time Limit
40 minutes	75 minutes	30 minutes

15.2 If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 time limit, the race shall be abandoned.

- 15.3 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes shall be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. *This changes RRS 35, 63.1, A4 and A5.*
- 15.4 Boats may be finished on the course at the discretion of the RC. The RC determines the method and order of finishing. *This changes RRS 35, and A4.*

16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 Protest forms are available near the official notice board. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 16.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the RC signal boat has docked after the last race of the day or 60 minutes after the RC signals “No more racing today,” whichever is later.
- 16.3 Notices shall be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings shall be held in the protest room, the location of which shall be posted on the official notice board, beginning at the time posted on the official notice board.
- 16.4 Notices of Race Committee or Protest Committee protests shall be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 16.5 Breaches of IHCA general class rule 8.1 (with respect to the country of certification only) shall not be grounds for a protest by a boat or a request for redress. *This changes RRS 60.1.*
- 16.6 If the race committee posts a list of boats scored OCS, ZFP, UFD, or BFD on the official notice board before the protest time limit, a request for redress based on such a posted score shall be made no later than one hour after the protest time limit. *This changes RRS 62.2.*
- 16.7 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a PC decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. *This changes RRS 62.2.*

17 SCORING

- 17.1 One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.2 In accordance with RRS A2, each boat’s series score shall be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score after four (4) races have been completed.

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS [NP][DP]

- 18.1 Boats shall check in by sailing astern of the RC signal boat on starboard tack and hailing their sail numbers to the RC signal boat before the start of the first race each day (and the first race following any postponement ashore). A boat is checked in when the RC acknowledges her by repeating her sail number.
- 18.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC as soon as possible.

19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT [NP][DP]

- 19.1 Substitution of competitors shall not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee
- 19.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment shall not be allowed unless authorized by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution of equipment shall be made to the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS [NP][DP]

A boat, equipment or crew weight may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat may be instructed by a Technical Committee equipment inspector to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

21 RADIO COMMUNICATION [NP][DP]

On board VHF radios will be permitted during this event for monitoring purposes only, except to notify the RC pursuant to instruction 18.2 or in the case of an emergency situation where they may be used to transmit a distress call to the RC. Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

22 AWARDS

22.1 Awards shall be presented at the Awards Ceremony after the conclusion of racing on the last day of each event. The number of trophies shall be based on pre-registrations.

22.2 The top-placing competitor will be declared the “North American Champion” in the respective classes

23 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk, See RRS 4, Decision to Race. It is the personal responsibility of each competitor to determine their level of safety. If wind, wave or water conditions make you doubtful of your ability to handle the conditions safely, it is your decision and your decision alone to continue sailing or to retire. The organizing authority shall not accept any liability for property damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta.

24 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$100,000 (USD) or the equivalent.

25 SPECIAL NOTES

Any boat receiving ‘hands on’ assistance from rescue/mark boats shall be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. *This changes RRS A5.* The Race Committee may decide when a boat or crew needs assistance.

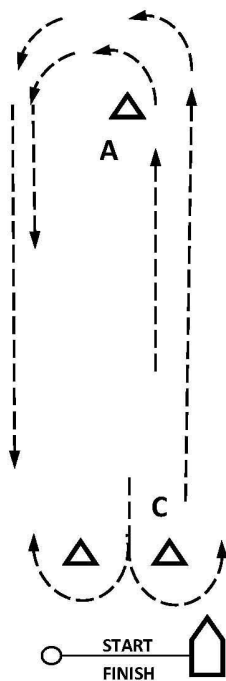
**ATTACHMENT A
ILLUSTRATING THE COURSES**

COURSE 1 and 2 DIAGRAM and ROUNDING ORDER (Not to Scale)

Course 1: START – A – C – A – FINISH
(2 laps / 4 legs, downwind finish)

Course 2: START – A – C – A – C – A – FINISH
(3 laps / 6 legs, downwind finish)

Mark C may be either a gate or a single mark

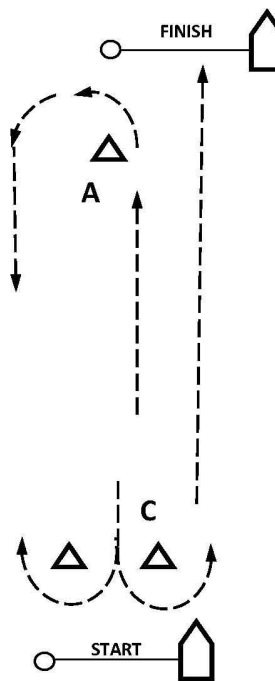


COURSE 5 and 6 DIAGRAM and ROUNDING ORDER (Not to Scale)

Course 5: START – A – C – FINISH
(1 ½ laps / 3 legs, upwind finish)

Course 6: START – A – C – A – C – FINISH
(2 ½ laps / 5 legs, upwind finish)

Mark C may be either a gate or a single mark



If there is only one leeward mark (Mark C), it shall be left to port.