



HOBIE 16 NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Juana's Pagodas, Navarre Beach, FL

September 9 – 14, 2018

Organizing Authority:

Hobie Class Association of North America (HCA-NA)

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, pursuant to 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, the location of which will be announced via email and SMS text on Sunday, September 9 and at the competitors' meeting the following morning.
- 2.2 There will be a general competitors' meeting on Monday, September 10 at 0900 hrs on the deck at Juana's Pagodas. 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 a sailboat's mast on the venue beach.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in race signal AP. *This changes Race Signal AP.*

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 The North American Championship shall have five (5) days of racing (9/10 – 9/14) with the objective of three (3) to five (5) races per day, back to back. There is no maximum number of races per day or for the regatta.
- 5.2 The scheduled first warning signal for Monday, 9/10 through Friday, 9/14 is 1000 hrs.
- 5.3 On the last day of the event, no warning signal shall be made after 1500 hrs.

6 CLASS FLAGS

Round-Robin Start 1 – Hobie "flying H" logo on a white field.
Start 2 – Hobie "flying H" logo on a pink field.
Finals Gold Fleet – Hobie "flying H" logo on a gold field.
Silver Fleet – Hobie "flying H" logo on a light gray field.
See instruction 10 – Racing Format.

7 RACING AREA

The racing area will be in Santa Rosa Sound, west of Juana's Pagodas.

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 Hobie Class Association standard courses will be used. Refer to Attachment A for course configurations.
- 8.2 Only courses 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 and 7 will be used and will be designated by a placard on the starboard side of the signal boat.
- 8.3 The “G” option will not be displayed by the RC. Mark C may be a single mark or a gate. If Mark C is a single mark, it shall be left to port.
- 8.4 No later than the warning signal, the RC signal boat may 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, B and C (gate) shall be **yellow** inflatable marks.
- 9.2 Change marks, as provided in instruction 12.1, shall be **orange** inflatable marks.
- 9.3 The starting and finishing marks shall be inflatable marks, or an anchored boat displaying a staff with an orange flag.

10 RACING FORMAT

- 10.1 Round-Robin Series – September 10-12:
 - a. Competitors will be seeded across four groups of approximately equal size.
 - b. Competitors shall fly a colored ribbon identifying their group from the aft end of the lowest mainsail batten: Red, Blue, Yellow, Green.
 - c. Two groups will start in the first start of each race; the other two groups will start in the second start. See Attachment B – Round Robin Schedule.
 - d. No later than the warning signal for each start, the RC will display plain colored flags of the two groups in that start from staffs on the signal boat.
- 10.2 Gold / Silver Fleet Series – September 13-14
 - a. Competitors with the lowest scores as determined in the Round-Robin Series will advance to the Gold Fleet. The remaining competitors will comprise the Silver Fleet.
 - b. The number of competitors advancing to the Gold Fleet will be forty (40).
 - c. For scoring purposes, the Gold Fleet will retain their scores from the Round-Robin Series. The Silver Fleet Series will stand on its own – competitors will not retain their scores from the Round-Robin Series.

11 THE START

- 11.1 The starting line shall 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 A boat starting later than five (5) minutes after her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. *This changes RRS A4 and A5.*
- 11.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races. [DP]

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1 If there is a significant wind shift during after the first start, but before the second start in each race, the Race Committee may signal a change of course for the second start as follows: Flag C will be displayed at or before the warning signal with multiple sounds. The compass bearing of the new weather mark will be displayed. The new Mark A will be orange, but after a second change during the race, the changed mark will be yellow.
- 12.2 To change the position of the next mark during a race, the RC shall 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 shall 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

The Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty. *This changes RRS 44.1.*

15 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

15.1 Time limits and target times are as follows:

Race Target Time	Race Time Limit	Mark A Time Limit
40 minutes	90 minutes	30 minutes

15.2 If no boat has passed Mark A within the Mark A 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, 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 Four races are required to be completed to constitute a series in the Round-Robin/Gold Fleet series; one race is required to be completed in the Silver Fleet 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 races have been completed in the Round-Robin/Gold Fleet and Silver Fleet series.

17.3 In the Round-Robin Series, the “number of boats entered in the series” is defined as the sum of the two largest round-robin groups. In the Gold / Silver Fleet series, the “number of boats entered in the series” is defined as the number of boats in the Gold and Silver fleets respectively. *This changes RRS A4.2.*

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS [NP][DP]

18.1 Boats shall check in by 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]**
Substitution of damaged or lost equipment shall not be allowed unless authorized by the Protest Committee. Requests for substitution of equipment shall be made to the Protest Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS [NP][DP]**
A boat or equipment 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 North American competitor in the Gold Fleet shall be declared the “Hobie 16 North American Champion.”
- 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

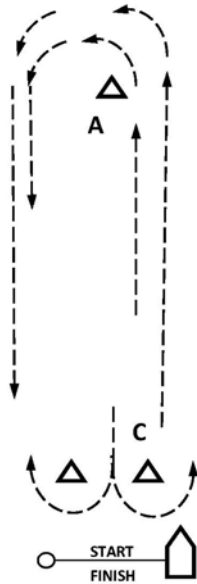
ILLUSTRATING THE COURSES

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

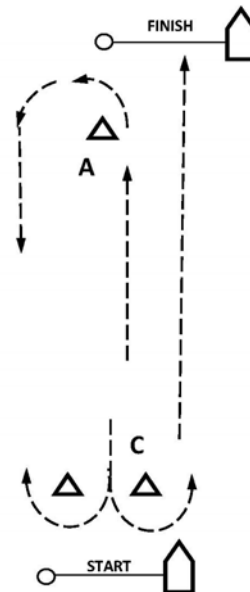


COURSE 5 and 6 DIAGRAM and ROUNDING ORDER (Not to Scale)

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

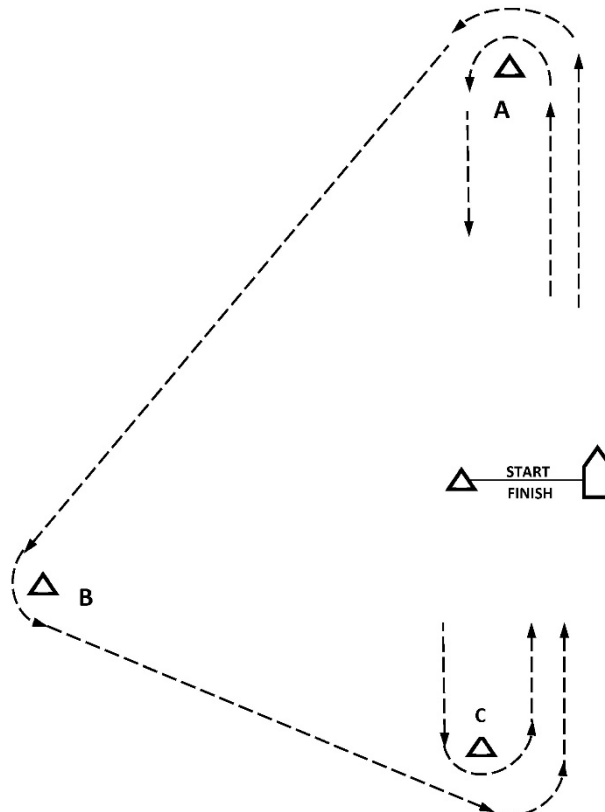
Course 6: START – A – C – A – C – FINISH
(2 ½ laps / 5 legs, upwind finish)

Mark C may be either a gate or a single mark



COURSE 3 and 7 DIAGRAM and ROUNDING ORDER (Not to Scale)

COURSE 3 - START – A – C – A – B – C – FINISH
COURSE 7 - START – A – C – A – B – C – A – C – FINISH



ATTACHMENT B
Round-Robin Schedule

Race	Class Flag	Groups
1	White	RED BLUE
	Pink	YELLOW GREEN
2	White	RED YELLOW
	Pink	BLUE GREEN
3	White	RED GREEN
	Pink	BLUE YELLOW
4	White	YELLOW GREEN
	Pink	RED BLUE
5	White	BLUE GREEN
	Pink	RED YELLOW
6	White	BLUE YELLOW
	Pink	RED GREEN
7	White	RED BLUE
	Pink	YELLOW GREEN
8	White	RED YELLOW
	Pink	BLUE GREEN
9	White	RED GREEN
	Pink	BLUE YELLOW
10	White	YELLOW GREEN
	Pink	RED BLUE
11	White	BLUE GREEN
	Pink	RED YELLOW
12	White	BLUE YELLOW
	Pink	RED GREEN
13	White	RED BLUE
	Pink	YELLOW GREEN
14	White	RED YELLOW
	Pink	BLUE GREEN
15	White	RED GREEN
	Pink	BLUE YELLOW