

South Atlantic Yacht Racing Association SAYRA Junior Grand Prix Championship Series

Notice of Series 2021 v4 Posted 5/2/21



1.0 Rules:

- 1.1 The series will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* and:
- 1.2 The SAYRA Junior Championship Committee “[Code of Ethics](#)”: All competitors, parents, coaches, or other parties of interest are expected to comply with all rules of sportsmanship (RRS) and the “Code of Ethics”. Violation on their part may result in the competitor’s disqualification from the race, regatta, or Series and reporting to their member club.
- 1.3 Host Club’s Notice of Race (NOR), section 1 RULES shall reference this SAYRA Junior GRAND PRIX Championship Series NOR

2.0 Club Host Regatta Eligibility:

Appendix A and B reflect Host Requirements and Recommendations, please read completely.

- 2.1 Club shall be a member in good standing of the SAYRA organization.
- 2.2 Club shall provide point of contact for scores and regatta information.
- 2.3 Club shall report scores to the SAYRA Jr. Chair within 1 week after event.
- 2.4 Club shall comply with section 7.0 Scoring. Additional specifications for host club responsibilities can be found in Appendix A. Please reference this additional specification prior to the regatta and with your regatta scoring delegate. If any questions, please ask: Dan Machowski, danmachowski@comcast.net or Martine Zurinkas marzurinkas@gmail.com.
- 2.5 Any Club failing to follow these NOR Club eligibility requirements may be subject to removal from future series participation.

3.0 Sailor Series Eligibility and Entry:

- 3.1 This series is open to boats of the following classes:
 - Optimist** – Green, White, Blue and Red Fleets,
 - Sunfish** – Junior Fleet
 - ILCA** – 4.7, Radial, and Full Fleets,
 - Club 420** – Spin & Trap and College style (Club 420 & College 420 must start together)
 - O’Pen Skiff** (U13 and 13+ divisions)
- 3.2 To qualify for the series, each sailor shall be a member of a SAYRA organization, or a dependent, or a ward of a member of a SAYRA organization. If you are a member of more than one club, please note that on your registration to the series.
- 3.3 Each sailor shall conform to the eligibility requirements of the host club’s Notice of Race;
- 3.4 **All sailors participating in this series are required to register: their name, birthday, home club, contact information, and division sailing at the Host Club Regatta event.**
- 3.5 Acceptance of a registration by the host club does not automatically qualify an individual to be scored in the SAYRA Junior Series unless he or she meets the eligibility requirements of this Notice of Race.
- 3.6 Optimists are sailed in four divisions:
 - Green Fleet: Open to all novice sailors under age 15 and through 12/31 of the calendar year in which they turn age 15;
 - White Fleet: Age 10 and under;
 - Blue Fleet: Age 11 - 12;
 - Red Fleet: Age 13 – 15, and through 12/31 of the calendar year in which they turn age 15.
 - Skipper’s age on the first day of a regatta determines his or her fleet for that regatta (consistent with USODA requirements). Skippers move fleets on their 11th and 13th birthdays. Those turning 15 may continue in the Red Fleet through December 31st of that year.
 - SAYRA Series Scoring: Sailors who change fleets during the year will still receive participation points for each regatta sailed. Optimist Red, White, and Blue sailors will be assigned a fleet for SAYRA Series year-end scoring purposes. The fleet assigned is the appropriate fleet for the last regatta of the year. Example: A sailor sails 2 individual regattas in Blue fleet and then 2 in Red fleet as directed by the age requirement above. For the SAYRA Junior GRAND PRIX Championship scoring, the sailor will be placed in Red fleet (based on their age at the year-end SAYRA regatta in November) and the best 3 scores of the eight regattas sailed will be used as their score. Green fleet scores are handled separately and do not contribute to the year-end standing of Opti RWB sailors. For proper scoring of Optimist Red, White and Blue see Scoring below Section 7.
 - USODA requests that participation trophies are awarded to all Green Fleet sailors. If you are unclear, please contact those listed in section 2.4.

- 3.7 Sunfish Class Age Restrictions
Junior Fleet Eligible to race if they will not reached their 19th birthday in 2021
- 3.8 ILCA Age Restrictions
ILCA 4 (4.7) Eligible if they have not reached their 18th Birthday in 2021
ILCA 6 (radial) Eligible if they have not reached their 19th Birthday in 2021
ILCA 7 (full) Eligible if they have not reached their 21st Birthday in 2021
- 3.9 Club 420 (spin/trap & non-spin 420)
Spin/Trap Division – C420 Skipper and crew may not have reached their 19th Birthday in 2021
Non-Spin Division – College style 420
- 3.10 O’Pen Skiff
Under 13 yrs old Division Eligible if they have not reached their 13th Birthday in 2021
13 years + years Division Eligible if they are 13+yrs old and have not reached their 21st Birthday in 2021

4.0 Schedule of Events

The events that can be attended and counted towards the championship can be found on the SAYRA website in the SAYRA calendar. Complete details here: <https://sayra-sailing.membershiptoolkit.com/JrChamp>

June 12-13	Salt	South Carolina YC Junior Open
July 10-11	Salt	Hobcaw YC Open
July 24-25	Salt	Carolina YC SC Invitational
August 7-8	Salt	Carolina YC NC Open
September 11-12	Salt	Beaufort YSC Pluff Mud Jr Regatta
September 25-26	Fresh	Lake Norman YC Board Bash
October 9-10	Fresh	Augusta Sailing Club Halloween Regatta
November 6-7	Fresh	Columbia Sailing Club Midlands

5.0 Qualification

- 5.1 To qualify for the Series, a competitor must sail a minimum of 1 saltwater and 1 freshwater regatta.
 5.2 For ALL fleets except OPTI GREEN, the best 3 of 8 regattas in the series will be scored.
 5.3 For **Opti Green fleet, the best 2 of 8 regattas** will be scored.

6.0 Protests

- 6.1 Regatta Protests: All protests or requests for redress emanating from an alleged breach of a rule of the Racing Rules of Sailing in a regatta will be administered by the host club’s Protest Committee. Host Clubs are encouraged to carefully select Protest Committee members so as to avoid conflicts of interest.
 6.2 Series Protests: Requests for redress/protest concerning scoring and eligibility will be acted upon by a panel of judges selected by the SAYRA Judges Chair.
 6.3 Series Protests Time Limit: The time limit to file a protest or redress request with the SAYRA Judges Chair shall be 1 January 2022. This will be determined by the time stamp of the request. The request shall be filed via email and in accordance with the RRS Part 5, Section A.

7.0 Scoring

The High Point Scoring System will apply to this series as follows:

- 7.1 The Series will be scored on the basis of the finishing position attained in their class and the number of eligible boats in her class at each event. * Boats that are not SAYRA club/organizational member boats are ignored.
 7.2 NOR Section 5.0 indicates how many regattas are counted, and the minimum requirements to qualify. Only one score per competitor will be used per venue.
 7.3 Regatta results shall be provided in overall Class of boat as well as Division results. For example: 1st – 10th Overall scoring for Optimists as well as Fleet Divisional results. Please see Appendix A and B for the Host guidelines and scoring template. If you don’t understand this, please ask those listed in section 2.4 PRIOR to the event.
 7.4 Scores shall be sent to the SAYRA Youth Championship Series Scorer as specified in section 9 within 1 week after the regatta. It is the responsibility of the host club’s SAYRA Jr. Representative to submit the scores properly and promptly. Failure to do so will jeopardize the host club’s event scores being used in the series scoring. See NOR Section 2.0. NOTE: if the regatta has been sailed prior to the date of this NOR, those scores will be accepted.
 7.5 Each club shall provide the complete registration information with their event scores as outlined in Appendix C.

8.0 Awards

Trophies will be awarded as follows in the SAYRA Junior GRAND PRIX Championship Series provided the award winner meets the qualifications according to this NOR. The awards will be presented at the 2022 SAYRA Annual Meeting. Series standings will be posted online at www.sayra-sailing.com and updated within 30 days of each regatta.

Optimist – Green - Participation Awards for qualified sailors

The purpose of the Green fleet is to encourage novice sailors. To discourage sailors from staying in Green fleet, in order to win races and receive awards, USODA’s policy is to present “Participation Awards” to all skippers sailing in the green fleet that meet the participation requirements in section 6.0. By not recognizing a champion, sailors and their parents are encouraged to move to the appropriate age fleet as they become more confident of their abilities.

Optimist Red, White and Blue	1 st – 3 rd Overall each division
Sunfish Junior	1 st – 3 rd Overall
ILCA 4, 6 or 7	1 st – 3 rd Overall each division
College 420 Non-Spin - Skipper & Crew	1 st – 3 rd Overall
C420 Spin/Trap - Skipper & Crew	1 st – 3 rd Overall
Open Bic U13 and Open Bic +13	1 st – 3 rd Overall each division

***overall scores – eligible sailors – only SAYRA Sailors/no adults**

APPENDIX A: HOST Club Requirements

- Club shall be a member in good standing of the SAYRA organization (Series NOR 2.1).
- Each club will have a SAYRA Jr representative that shall act as point of contact for scores and regatta information (Series NOR 2.2).
- The club's SAYRA Jr representative is responsible for making sure scores are submitted properly to the SAYRA Jr Chair within 1 week of the regatta and that submitted scoring follows the template in Appendix B (Series NOR 2.3)
- Club shall use the SAYRA Junior GRAND PRIX Championship Series NOR section 7.0 Scoring for reporting regatta results to be used in the SAYRA Junior GRAND PRIX Championship Series.
- Fleets can be started together where practical and based on registered sailors.
 - Optimist Red White & Blue Fleet should always start together.
 - Optimist Green should always start separate.
 - O'Pen Skiff U13 & 13+ should always start together.
 - C420 Spin & College Non-Spin should always start together.
 - ILCA 4, 6 and 7 can start together when practical based on registrations.
 - Confusion or questions please contact Jr Committee prior to regatta.
- Failure to follow these NOR Club eligibility requirements may cause scores for their event not to be used in the series and jeopardize the club's ability to submit to be a host the next year.

APPENDIX B: HOST Club Regatta Recommendations

Sailing Instructions/NOR:

- Host shall provide youth friendly NOR/SI specifying age requirements for class divisions in accordance Series NOR (3.7-3.10).
- SI shall include youth course diagrams.

Skippers Meeting:

- Provide a separate youth course competitors meeting.
- Provide a separate Green Fleet skippers meeting that includes white board diagrams and 'class' like instruction. Mindful that this is likely their first out of town event and we want to encourage a positive experience.
- Identify Coach boats & Spectator boats on the Jr Course and share with them the safety plan and VHF Channel to monitor.

Launch Plan:

- If regatta is combined with a larger open event, clubs are encouraged to have a separate launch plan for the junior fleet and explain in detail at the Jr Skippers meeting (i.e., to avoid adults and juniors launching at the same time on the same ramp).
- Utilize parents and coaches to help achieve goal.

On the Water:

- Host shall provide an appropriate number of safety boats for the junior course based on the number of participants and sailing conditions.
- Utilize the coach boats/parent spectator boats as needed in times of safety plan activation. (Share safety plan ahead of time.)

APPENDIX C: Host Scoring DATA REQUIRED

Each club shall provide the following information with their event scores: Name – First & Last (all sailors including skipper and crew for 420s)

- Date of Birth (all sailors including skippers & crew)
- Club Representing (for 420's skipper and crew)
- Male /Female (all sailors)
- Class of boat sailed (ILCA, Optimist, 420, Sunfish, O'Pen Skiff)
- Division of boat
 - Optimist: Red, White, Blue, Green
 - ILCA 4, or 6, 7
 - Junior Sunfish
 - Club 420 (Spin/Trap) or College 420 (Non-Spin)
 - O'Pen Skiff U13 or O'Pen Skiff +13
- Overall Class finishing place (ex: 1st overall, 2nd overall, etc.)
- Division Scoring (ex: 1st ILCA 6, 1st red fleet, etc.)
- ILCA/Sunfish PLEASE use (raw) scores per fleet (4,6 or7) and identify junior sailors
- C420 = must start the spin/non-spin at the same start and score OVERALL
- Please do not award place finishes for Opti green fleet. See section 8.

Multiple formats for the results are accepted (e.g., Regatta Network, SailWave, Yacht Scoring, Excel).