



2024 HOBIE 18 AND HOBIE 17 NORTH AMERICAN OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Washington Irving South Recreation Area, Cleveland, OK

October 7 - 10, 2024

Organizing Authority:

Hobie Class Association of North America in conjunction with Hobie Class Division 14, Tulsa Hobie Fleet 25 and Windycrest Sailing Club

PREAMBLE

[NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat and for which the protest committee may refuse to hold a hearing. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

1.1 The regatta shall be governed by the *rules* as defined in the current *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).

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The Class Rules of the International Hobie Class Association shall apply.

1.3 In accordance with RRS 90.2(b), the US Sailing prescriptions are posted on the official notice board.

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 General competitors' meeting on Monday, October 7 at 1000 hrs near the Beach Shelter. Other competitors' meetings may be scheduled as required.

2.3 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF Channel 72.

2.2.1. The race committee (RC) may report all visual signals displayed by the RC and report OCS boats after the start on the courtesy channel. Information reported by the RC is provided as a courtesy to competitors, failure to hail her sail number, failure to hear such a hail or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1 (a).

2.2.2. [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 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 CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1 Signals made ashore shall be displayed from the Race Committee (RC) signal boat moored at the beach dock.

5.2 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.*

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 The North American Championship will have four (4) days of racing (10/7 – 10/10). The intention of the RC is to have three (3) to four (4) races per day, back-to-back. The maximum number of races is sixteen (16) for the regatta.
- 6.2 The scheduled first warning signal for Monday, 10/7 is 1200 hrs.
- 6.3 The scheduled first warning signal for Tuesday, 10/8 through Thursday, 10/10 is 1100 hrs.
- 6.4 On the last day of the event, no warning signal will be made after 1500 hrs.

7 CLASS FLAG

- 7.1 The class flag for the Hobie 17 class will be green with a black Hobie “flying H” logo.
- 7.2 The class flag for the Hobie 18 class will be white with a black Hobie “flying H” logo.

8 RACING AREA

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

9 THE COURSES

- 9.1 Only IHCA courses 1, 2, 5 and 6 will be used as described in Attachment A.
- 9.2 The RC will not display the "G" option. Mark C may be a single mark or a gate. When there is a gate, boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark. If only a single gate mark is in position, that mark shall be rounded to port.
- 9.3 The course will be displayed by a number placard on the starboard side of the RC signal boat.
- 9.4 No later than the warning signal, the RC signal boat may display the approximate compass bearing and distance of the first leg.
- 9.5 All marks shall be left to port, except gates.

10 MARKS

- 10.1 Marks A and C will be **orange** round marks.
- 10.2 Change marks, as provided in instruction 12.1, will be **yellow** round marks.
- 10.3 The starting and finishing marks will be round yellow marks, or an anchored boat displaying a staff with an orange flag.

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 that does not start within five (5) minutes after her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. *This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2*

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1 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

- 13.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue 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 In the first sentence of RRS 44.1, Two-Turns Penalty is replaced with One-Turn Penalty. This changes RRS 44.1.
- 14.2 US Sailing Prescription V2 shall apply.

15 [NP] TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

15.1 Time limits and target times for all fleets 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, A5.1 and A5.2.*

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.*

15.5 Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. *This changes RRS 62.1(a).*

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). 15.5 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

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]

20.1 A boat, equipment or crew weight may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules. 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]

- 21.1 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 RISK STATEMENT

- 23.1 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 \$300,000 (USD) or the equivalent.

25 SPECIAL NOTES

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

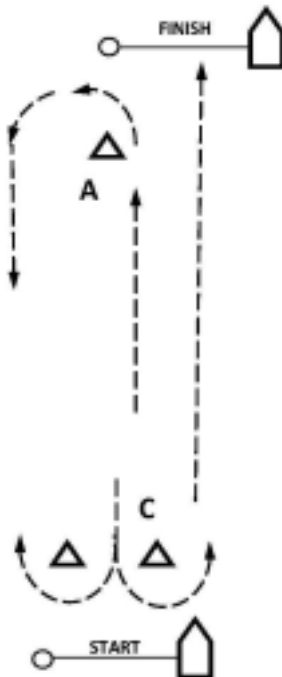
ATTACHMENT A
ILLUSTRATING THE COURSES

COURSE 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 / 6 legs, upwind finish)

Mark C may be either a gate or a single mark

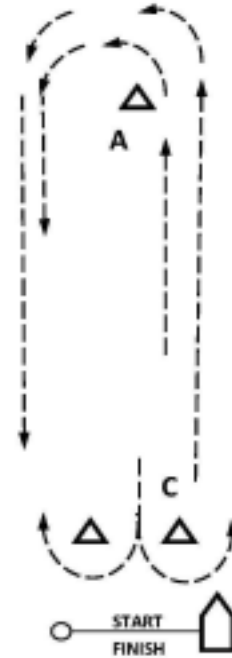


COURSE 1 and 2 DIAGRAM and ROUNDING ORDER (Not to Scale)

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



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