



Scottish Student Sailing BUCS Qualifiers 2019/20

16 / 17 November, 1 / 2 February, 8 / 9 February

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 Rules

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) including Appendix D, Team Racing Rules.
- 1.2 Addenda A, B and C to these sailing instructions (SIs) always apply. Other addenda apply only when so stated. The letters D and I are not used to identify addenda.
- 1.3 The right of appeal is denied in accordance with RRS 70.5(a).
- 1.4 When boats are provided by the Organising Authority
 - 1.4.1 the boats shall be deemed to conform to their class rules;
 - 1.4.2 when class rules change RRS 42, such changes shall not apply;
 - 1.4.3 the race committee will allocate the boats to be used in each race; this allocation shall not be cause for redress and amends RRS 62.1.

2 Eligibility

- 2.1 To become eligible a team shall register as required by the notice of race or, if not specified, on arrival at the event. The team shall provide any required damage deposit before going afloat for the first time.
- 2.2 After registration, no team member may be changed without the prior permission of the race committee which will be given only in exceptional circumstances.
- 2.3 Teams entered under the conditions of NoR 5.4(e) shall not compete in the Gold or Platinum Leagues.
- 2.4 In addition to the requirements of NoR Appendix C, teams permitted to sail under the conditions of SI 2.3 may perform team member substitutions if permitted by the race committee. All substitutes must be approved by the race committee, unapproved substitutes will be penalised 6 points without a hearing. This amends RRS A5.

3 Event Format and Schedule of Races

- 3.1 The intended format of the event is described in SI Addendum B. The format may be modified during the event in a fair and practical way as solely determined by the race committee taking into account the entries, weather conditions, time constraints and any other relevant factors.
- 3.2 The initial schedule of races will be displayed on the official notice board. Any changes thereto and schedules for subsequent races will be displayed not less than 10 minutes before the start of those races.
- 3.3 Every race will be assigned a race number in the race schedule.
- 3.4 The number of the next race to start will be displayed on the committee boat no later than the warning signal (or promptly thereafter if co-incident with the previous start) until the starting signal. The race committee may at any time postpone a race and reschedule it at a later time.
- 3.5 When the race or protest committee orders a resail of a completed race, the race committee may postpone the resail indefinitely and score each team half a race win unless the result is relevant to progress, but not seeding, in the next round.

4 Protests and Penalties

- 4.1 Protests and requests for redress that have not been decided afloat shall be notified to the race office within 10 minutes after the relevant incident or, if the incident is afloat, within 10 minutes after coming ashore.

- 4.2 The protest committee may refuse to hear a protest or request for redress unless its outcome is relevant to progress, but not seeding, in the next round of the competition. This amends RRS 63.1.
- 4.3 When RRS D2 applies and the race umpires together with one other umpire (when available) decide that a boat has broken RRS 14 and there is damage or injury, they may penalise her team by half a race win without a hearing. The boat will be informed as soon as practical and may request a hearing. Any penalty after a hearing will be in accordance with RRS D3.1(d). This amends RRS 63.1.
- 4.4 When the race committee decides that a boat has broken SI A4.3, Time Limit for Starting, or has failed to sail the course and broken RRS 28.2, it shall penalise her 6 points without a hearing. This amends RRS A5.
- 4.5 When the race committee decides that a competitor has broken SI A1.5, personal flotation device, or SI A1.6, wet or dry suits, it may penalise the competitor's team one race win without a hearing. This amends RRS A5.
- 4.6 When the protest committee decides that a breach of a rule, other than a rule of RRS Part 2, has had no significant effect on the outcome of a race, it may make any arrangement it decides is equitable, which may be to order a resale or to impose no penalty. This amends RRS 64.1 and D3.1.

5 Risk Statement, Insurance

- 5.1 Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- (a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- (d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- (e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- (f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances; and
- (g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

- 5.2 When the boats are provided by the competitors, the boat is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party claims in the sum of at least three million pounds (£3,000,000), unless a different sum is specified in the notice of race.

Index to SI Addenda

Not all addenda will apply to every event; see SIs 1.2 and A5.1.

Addenda That Always Apply

- A Event Related Rules
- B Event Format
- C Courses

Race Formats and Schedules

- J Special Event Format (provided by race committee)

Other Addenda

- K When Boats are Supplied by the Organising Authority

Addendum A

Event Related Rules

Event:

Section 1: Additional Rules

A1.1	Races will be umpired. RRS D2 applies.	Yes
A1.2	RRS D1.1(d), Arm Signals when RRS 20 applies, is deleted.	Yes
A1.3	A boat capsized after her starting signal, so that her masthead is in the water, shall retire promptly.	Yes
A1.4	Provided the flag remains on the buoy there shall be no penalty when a boat touches any part of a flag which does not surround the staff of a mark. This amends RRS 44.1.	Yes
A1.5	An adequate personal flotation device shall be worn at all times whilst afloat.	Yes
A1.6	Wet or dry suits shall be worn at all times when afloat.	Yes

Section 2: Communications with Competitors

A2.1 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the clubhouse used for the event or at an alternative location specified at the competitors briefing.

A2.2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Changes to these SIs will be signalled by flying flag L from Club flagpole. Such changes will be posted on the official notice board not less than 10 minutes before the warning signal of the first affected race.

A2.3 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Club flagpole.

Section 3: Courses, Marks, Starting & Finishing Lines, Obstructions and Time Limits

A3.1 RACING AREA

The racing area will be the main sailing area of each venue, close to the clubhouse, or otherwise specified at competitors briefing.

A3.2 COURSE

The course will be an Inverted 'S' course C1 as described in SI Addendum C.

A3.3 MARKS

The marks of the course will be described during the competitors briefing on Saturday morning before racing.

A3.4 MOVING MARKS

The race committee may move marks of the course at any time. RRS 33 will not apply.

A3.5 OBSTRUCTIONS

The following areas are defined as obstructions: shallow areas, pontoons and any other valid obstruction as described at the competitors briefing on Saturday morning before racing.

A3.6 STARTING LINE

The starting line will be between the mast of a committee boat and a starting mark. If this is different due to differing location and provision of committee boat, the 'mast' or starboard end of the line will be defined in the competitors briefing.

A3.7 FINISHING LINE

The finishing line will be between the mast of a committee boat and a finishing mark. If this is different due to differing location and provision of committee boat, the 'mast' or starboard end of the line will be defined in the competitors briefing.

A3.8 TIME LIMITS

The time limit for each race shall be 30 minutes. Boats that fail to finish within 10 minutes after the first boat finishes will be scored DNF. This amends RRS 35.

Section 4: Starting Procedure

A4.1 STARTING SIGNALS

Races will be started by using the signals and timing selected in the following table. Times shall be taken from the start of each sound signal; the failure of a visual signal shall be disregarded. This amends RRS 26.

EVENT SYSTEM			
<i>Signal</i>	<i>Timing</i>	<i>Sound</i>	<i>Alternative visual signals</i>
	<i>Minutes before starting signal</i>		<i>Battens or Coloured Flags</i>
Warning	3	One	3 displayed
Preparatory	2	One	2 displayed
One-minute	1	One	1 displayed
Starting	0	One	None or 3 displayed

Attention may be drawn to an imminent warning signal by a series of short sound signals.

A4.2 RECALL SIGNALS

When a boat is subject to RRS 29.1, flag X need not be displayed for more than 1 minute after the starting signal; this amends RRS 29.1. The race committee may hail the sail numbers or the total number of premature starters.

A4.3 TIME LIMIT FOR STARTING

A boat shall not start more than 2 minutes after her starting signal.

A4.4 GENERAL RECALL

After a general recall, succeeding races may be delayed for the recalled race. Attention is drawn to SI 3.4.

Section 5: Local and Other Rules

A5.1 RULES IN SI ADDENDA

The rules in the following SI addenda apply throughout the event:

Addendum K	When Boats are Supplied by the Organising Authority	Yes
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A5.2 LOCAL RULES

The following local rules also apply: any local rules will be highlighted at the competitors briefing.

Addendum B Event Format

The format for each stage of the event shall be selected from the following standard formats, or from an Addendum J provided by the race committee and included with these sailing instructions. The specified addendum for each format contains the necessary race schedules, or procedures to create the schedules, together with rules which shall apply for scoring and breaking ties.

Each stage of an event may use a different format. The race committee may change the format as provided in SI 3.1.

Code	Description	Format Rules
Groups	Round-robin(s) in groups	RRS D4 and Addendum E
Random	Random pairs (2-boat teams only)	Addendum F
Swiss	Swiss league	Addendum G
HLS	HLS league	Addendum H
RC	Other format provided by race committee	Addendum J
KO	Knock-out	RRS D4

For a stage in Groups, any change to the percentage in RRS D4.2(b) shall be stated.

When the format includes a Knock-Out stage, the method of qualification for the Knock-Out stage shall be stated.

For a Knock-Out stage, the number of race wins required to win a match shall be stated, as RRS D4.6. However, if not stated the winner shall be the first team to score two race wins.

The intended format is

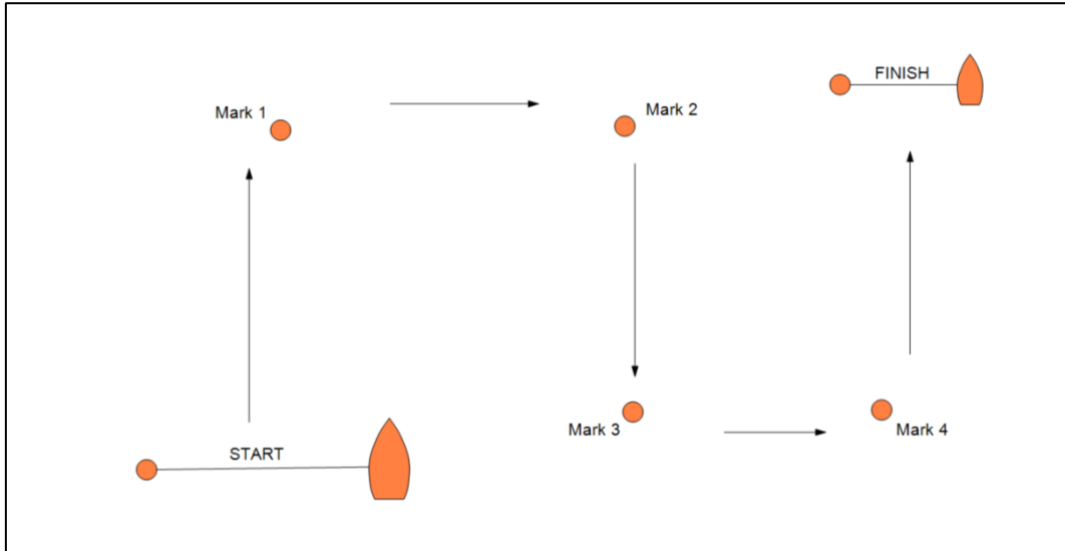
Stage	Format Code	Additional Rules
1	RC	2 'even' pools, seeded by university. Pool stage
2	RC	Play-offs for leagues based on stage 1 results
3	RC	4 leagues based on stage 1 and 2 results; Platinum, Gold, Silver, Bronze. League stage
4	RC	Play-offs for leagues in stage 5 based on stage 3 (or 5, when repeated) results
5	RC	4 leagues based on stage 3 and 4 results. League stage
6	RC	Repeat Stages 4 and 5

Addendum C

Courses

C1 INVERTED 'S' COURSE

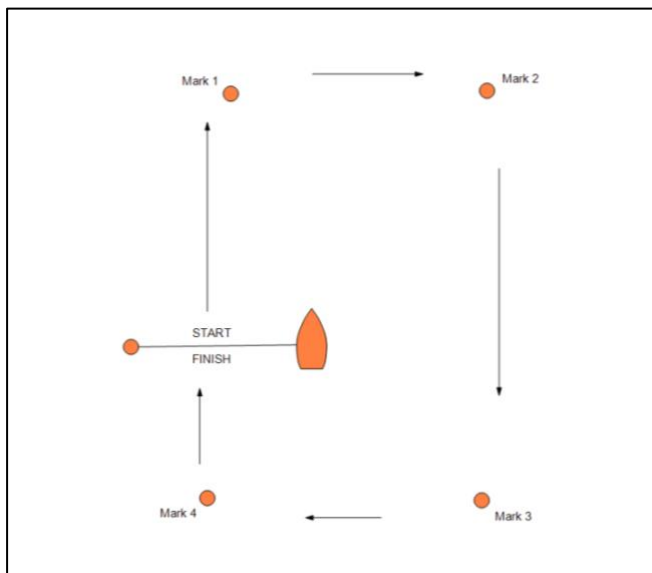
This is the standard team racing course for multi-team dinghy events. In most conditions it enables rolling starts at 3-minute intervals.



Start, round marks 1 then 2 to starboard, round marks 3 then 4 to port, Finish

C2 RECTANGULAR COURSE

This course is suitable for simultaneous races provided the last start of a sequence is before any boat in the first start completes a round.



Start, round marks 1, 2, 3 and 4 in order, then cross the start/finish line.

Round all marks to: Port / Starboard

Number of laps: 1 / 2 / 3 / 4

OR

As shown on the committee boat.

C3 OTHER COURSE

As displayed on the official notice board.

Addendum J

Special Event Format

- J1. Stage 1 (see addendum B for staging details): teams shall be assigned to one of two pools by the race committee based on the performance of their respective universities in the BUCS/BUSA Qualifiers 2018-2019. Pool allocation shall not be grounds for redress, this amends RRS 62.1.
- J2. In stage 1 each team is scheduled to race against every other team in their pool. Teams shall be scored in accordance with RRS D4.1 to D4.5 inclusive.
- J3. Following completion of stage 1 and stage 2 teams shall be assigned to four leagues as follows in the table, with the exception of teams entered in accordance with NoR 5.4(e) (not eligible to proceed to Playoffs or Finals). Where ineligible teams should be placed in the Platinum or Gold leagues they will be assigned to the Silver league and eligible teams in the same pool move up a place i.e. 6th in pool A becomes 5th in pool A. The team elevated must have belonged to the same stage 1 pool as the demoted ineligible team. The demoted team replaces the 6th placed team in their pool.

Platinum League	Gold League	Silver League	Bronze League
1 st Place Pool A	3 rd Place Playoff Loser	6 th place Pool A	8 th Place Playoff Loser
1 st Place Pool B	4 th Place Pool A	6 th place Pool B	9 th Place Pool A
2 nd Place Pool A	4 th Place Pool B	7 th Place Pool A	9 th Place Pool B
2 nd Place Pool B	5 th Place Pool A	7 th Place Pool B	10 th Place Pool A
3 rd Place Playoff Winner	5 th Place Pool B	8 th Place Playoff Winner	10 th Place Pool B

- J4. Stage 2 takes place if required. Playoffs are scheduled to complete the table in SI J3. The winner of the playoff shall race in the higher league and the loser shall race in the lower league in the next stage (stage 3). Teams ranked in 3rd place in the pools playoff against each other. Teams ranked in 8th place in the pools playoff against each other.
- J5. Stage 3 and stage 5 are considered league stages, this definition is relevant for series ranking.
- J6. Teams shall be ranked within each league in accordance with RRS D4.3 and RRS D4.4.
- J7. During league stages each team shall be scheduled to race every other team in their league. Upon completion of a league stage the lowest ranked team in each league shall playoff against the highest ranked team in the league below. The winner of the playoff shall race in the higher league and the loser shall race in the lower league for the next league stage. Where the top ranked silver team has had their entry accepted in accordance with NoR 5.4(e) (not eligible to proceed to Playoffs or Finals) then the next ranked eligible team shall compete in the gold/silver playoff unless the next eligible team is ranked bottom of the silver league or in the bronze league in which case there shall be no gold/silver playoff.
- J8. Playoffs shall be first to one race win and may be used for the purposes of tie-breaks.
- J9. The race committee intends to run as many league stages as possible to constitute the series but may terminate the series at any point as per RRS D4.2.
- J10. A new league stage shall not start after 12:00 on the final day of the final league weekend.
- J11. Following completion of the league stage(s) teams shall be ranked in the following order for the series:
- The highest number of Platinum race wins
 - The highest number of Platinum appearances
 - The highest number of Gold race wins
 - The highest number of Gold appearances
 - The highest number of Silver race wins
 - The highest number of Silver appearances
 - The highest number Bronze race wins
- The results from the initial pools stage shall not be used to rank teams for the series after a league stage has been completed but may be used to split ties. This amends RRS D4.3
- J12. Ties shall be broken in accordance with RRS D4.4 and RRS D4.5 considering stage 1 and all league stages sailed to completion.
- J13. If stage 3 is not completed i.e. no **league stage** has been completed, then series ranking is to be determined as follows:
- Team are ranked by win % in each pool of stage 1, teams entered under NoR 5.4(e) are arbitrarily ranked at the bottom of their pool ranking. Progression to BUSA Finals and Playoffs is then determined as follows:
- The top two ranked teams in each pool qualify for finals.
 - The third ranked team in each pool qualify for playoffs.
 - The fourth ranked teams in each pool are compared by win %, the team with the higher win % progresses to playoffs.

- d) Ties within an individual pool shall be broken in accordance with D4.4
- e) Ties between teams in different pools can be broken in the following order:
 1. The highest number of race wins between the tied teams in any completed races after stage 1.
 2. Number of race wins in any completed races after stage 1 if both teams have completed an equal number of races.
 3. Race win % including any races sailed by the tied teams after stage 1.
 4. if possible, otherwise a game of chance

J14. There shall be no playoffs following completion of the final league stage, sail-offs are permitted if required.

Addendum K

When Boats are supplied by the Organising Authority

- K1 For each race, the race committee will allocate boats to the participating teams.
- K2 Spinnakers, trapezes and the gear specifically provided for the utilisation of these shall not be used, unless permitted in the sailing instructions.
- K3 Standing rigging shall not be altered nor any gear removed without the permission of the race committee.
- K4 BREAKDOWNS
- (a) When a supplied boat suffers a breakdown, RRS D5 applies.
 - (b) Competitors are responsible for inspecting their boats before racing.
 - (c) Competitors shall report any defects, damage or breakdown to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
 - (d) *Should a team find any damage when checking their boat before racing, the cost of such damage will be put upon the previous team, unless challenged by the organising authority or race committee.*
 - (e) When to continue racing after damage a breakdown risks further damage to the boat, she shall retire immediately.
- K5 CONTINUITY
- (a) Before starting and after finishing or retiring, boats shall sail to minimise any delay to the race schedule and without interfering with any race in progress.
 - (b) A boat shall remain the responsibility of the team until handed over to the race committee or the next team to use that boat. Boats shall be handed over as empty of water as practical and in racing trim.