



BUCS/BUSA Team Racing Championship 2016



Playoffs 5 & 6 March 2016

Invitation to submit a proposal to host the Playoffs

The place of the Playoffs in the Championship

The Team Racing Championships consist of four 'area' Qualifiers (held in England and Wales) on the weekend of 6/7 February, 2016 and three Scottish League weekends (held over weekends in November, January and February). [A Reserve Qualifier Weekend is earmarked in the BUSA Calendar on the weekend of 20/21 February should this be needed] From the Qualifiers and Leagues 20 teams will qualify to proceed direct to the Finals to be held on 29 – 31 March, 2016. The next 15 teams not qualifying automatically at that stage are then invited to the Playoffs.

The Playoffs will be held on the weekend of 5 and 6 March 2016.

Submission of proposals

University Sailing Clubs, with the explicit support of their University Sports/Athletics Unions, are invited to make proposals to provide these Playoffs. Proposals should reach the **BUSA Secretary at busa@rya.org.uk not later than 16.00 hours on Monday, 9 November, 2016**. The BUSA Committee will aim to be in a position to invite the successful proposer by the end of November.

First, read the information in this bidding document and discuss the possibility of bidding with your Club Committee and Students Union/Athletic Union. You **must** also approach your sailing venue to make sure they would be happy to have the event and that your proposed dates are free and any support that you need from them will be forthcoming.

If you wish to proceed with making a proposal, please let the Jamie Barker, Team Racing Coordinator: jamiiebarker1995@gmail.com know and then prepare a bid document. There is no set format for making a proposal, but the information below suggests some of the types of information BUSA would like to know. Demonstration of the USC's practical understanding of, and capacity to deliver, the Playoffs will be key.

Some suggested considerations:

- Fireflies – You will need 3 flights of Fireflies, with some spare boats in case any breakages occur. Securing boats of an acceptable and comparable standard is a key criteria.
- Due to the nature of the weather in early March, you will also need cut down sails for all flights.
- In terms of other boats, you will need a start boat, finish boat, and three umpire boats, with central console, in addition to any craft required for course management, organiser and, if on the water, transfers.
- Availability of racing and ancillary equipment (e.g. marks, sufficient radios for all officials – on the water and on shore - flags and full race management kit)
- Availability of appropriate beach, launch and pontoon facilities and management resources, particularly having regard to chosen arrangements for quick changeover.
- Bosuns of sufficient skill to effect repairs

- Provision of sufficient spares and resources so as to ensure no interruption to the racing programme
- In the light of experience, BUSA are expecting event organisers to appoint a Damage Officer, separate from the bosuns, whose responsibility is to identify and record all damage in the course of handovers, as well as signing off any loan boats with loaning clubs both before and after the event to ensure that any damage is clearly identified and agreed at the time (bearing in mind that damage is sometimes claimed to have occurred 'in transport').
- There need to be sufficient volunteers to cover all aspects of the event, both on and off the water. Occasionally at events, the level of support on Sunday drops; this is not acceptable for a key event in the Championships.
- Officials – BUSA will need to approve the appointment of a Principal Race Officer and Umpires. You will need to find a Race Officer and a minimum of 3 umpires (ideally 6), as well as volunteers: start/finish boat (2 on each), Damage Officer, Bosuns (at least 2 people), beach management, registration and results - spare people are always useful!
- Venue facilities
- Catering arrangements, including food and drink for the officials.
- Costs – you need to establish a cost per team to be published in the NoR. You will need to manage the budget to cover all costs. This is not intended to be a significant income-earner. BUSA will need to approve the proposed fee, which is unlikely to exceed those charged previously.
- Opportunities for finding accommodation for visiting teams.
- Any social plans, bearing in mind that teams will be focussing on obtaining a place in the Finals!

If you would like any advice, or have queries, please contact Jamie Barker, Team Racing Coordinator: jamiiebarker1995@gmail.com.

But NB proposals must be sent to busa@rya.org.uk before 16.00 on Monday 9 November.