

# **2026 Tasmanian Secondary Schools Teams Racing Championship**

Saturday 11th & Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2026

## **Sailing Instructions**

### **Organising Authority:**

Sandy Bay Sailing Club

### **Venue**

Sandy Bay Sailing Club  
Long Point Road, Sandy Bay, TAS



## 1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing including Appendix D, Team Racing Rules

## 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Online Notice Board (ONB) [Teams Racing | Sandy Bay Sailing Club](#).

## 3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to these Sailing Instructions will be posted on the ONB. A change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted 30 minutes prior to the warning signal for the race of which it will take effect
- 3.2 Oral instructions may be given on the water by the Race Committee and/or the Umpires, prior to the warning signal.

## 4 BOATS

- 4.1 Boats shall be provided for all competitors, who shall not modify them or cause them to be modified in any way except that fittings or equipment designed to be adjusted while racing may be adjusted.
- 4.2 All equipment intended to be in the boat for sailing purposes shall be in the boat while afloat. **Protest flags are to be provided by competitors. The organising authority will not be supplying bailing buckets. It is the team's responsibility to source their own bailer.**
- 4.3 The penalty for not complying with one of the instructions of this section will be at the discretion of the jury, up to disqualification of the team from all races sailed in which the instruction was broken.
- 4.4 **Competitors shall report any damage or loss of equipment, however slight, to the Beach Marshall immediately after changing out of the boat or securing the boat ashore.** The penalty for breaking this instruction, unless the jury is satisfied that the competitor made a determined effort to comply, will be disqualification from the race most recently sailed.

## 5 SCHEDULE

Competitor Briefing	Sat	11 April 2026	0800
Teams Register	Sat	11 April 2026	0815
End of Registration	Sat	11 April 2026	0845
First teams on water	Sat	11 April 2026	0915
Warning Signal First Race	Sat	11 April 2026	0930
Un-rig and umpires debrief	Sat	11 April 2026	At conclusion of racing
Rig Boats	Sun	12 April 2026	0745
First teams on water	Sun	12 April 2026	0820
Warning Signal First Race	Sun	12 April 2026	0830
Presentation	Sun	12 April 2026	At conclusion of racing

No Swiss League race will commence after 1700 on Sat 11 April and after 1600 on Sunday 12 April.

## 6 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 6.1 All signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag mast located at Sandy Bay Sailing Club.
- 6.2 When displayed ashore flag 'AP' means races not started are postponed. The first Warning Signal for the next race shall be made 20 minutes after the AP is lowered (amends race signal AP).

## 7 REGATTA FORMAT

- 7.1 All teams will participate in a Swiss League draw.
- 7.2 The first round of the Swiss League will be randomly allocated, and posted prior to the Competitors Briefing on Sat 11 April.
- 7.3 As many rounds as possible of the Swiss League will be raced. Incomplete rounds will not be included in the overall scores.
- 7.4 There will be no finals series. Teams shall be ranked at the end of the Swiss League series. This changes RRS D4.
- 7.5 **A minimum of 6 completed rounds of the Swiss League draw are required to constitute a series.**

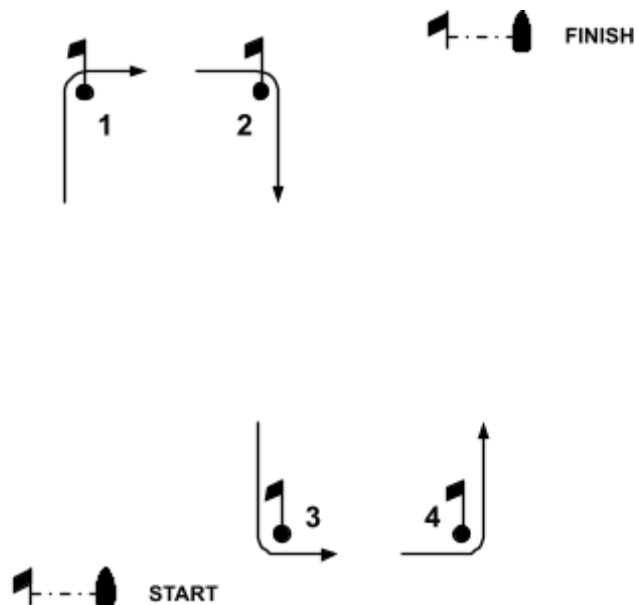
## 8 RACING AREA

- 8.1 The regatta site will be the Sandy Bay Sailing Club.
- 8.2 The racing area will be on the Derwent River adjacent to the SBSC clubhouse.

## 9 THE COURSE

- 9.1 The course will be as shown below. The length of the course will be adapted according to wind strength to give an approximate race duration of 6 minutes for the leading boat.
- 9.2 The Race Committee or Umpires may move marks on the course at any time. Rule 33 will not apply. The moving of a mark by the Race Committee or Umpires will not give grounds for a redress.

**START - 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - FINISH**



## 10 MARKS

- 10.1 Marks 1, 2, 3 & 4 will be yellow triangular inflatables.
- 10.2 The Start Mark will be a fisherman's buoy bearing an orange flag.
- 10.3 The Finish Mark will be a fisherman's buoy bearing a black and white chequered flag

## 11 THE START

- 11.1 Rule 26 will not apply.
- 11.2 Audible signals will govern the start.
- 11.3 The race number will be displayed on the start boat prior to the warning signal.
- 11.4 The starting sequence will be:

Signal	Time before starting signal	Sound Signal	Visual Indication Flags
Warning	3 minutes	3 long	Fleet colours raised
Preparatory	2 minutes	2 long	Code flag 'P' raised
One Minute	1 minute	1 long	Code flag 'P' lowered
	30 seconds	3 short	
	20 seconds	2 short	
	10 seconds	1 short	
	5 seconds	1 short	
	4 seconds	1 short	
	3 seconds	1 short	
	2 seconds	1 short	
	1 second	1 short	
Start	0 seconds	1 long	Fleet colours lowered

- 11.5 Signals will be timed from the beginning of the sound signal.
- 11.6 Failure to hear a signal shall not be grounds for redress.
- 11.7 Visual indication flags will be raised and lowered from the start boat to indicate the fleet colours and the time before the start. Failure or mistiming of an indication flag shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b)(1).
- 11.8 The starting line will be between an orange staff on the start boat at the starboard end and the course side port end start mark as described in 10.2.
- 11.9 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races and shall not interfere with any races in progress.
- 11.10 Boats failing to start within 2 minutes of her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1 and A5.2.
- 11.11 When at a boat's starting signal any part of her hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line, the Race Committee shall promptly display Flag X with one sound and may hail the boat numbers of premature starters. The flag shall be displayed until all such boats are completely on the pre-start side of the starting line or its extensions, but not later than two minutes after the starting signal. Failure of a hail, or failure of a boat to hear a hailed number, shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 29.1 and 61.4(b)(1).

## 12 TIME LIMIT

- 12.1 If no boat has finished within 20 minutes of the start the race will be abandoned.
- 12.2 Boats failing to finish within 5 minutes of the first finisher shall be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1 and A5.2.

12.3 Abandonment may be signalled orally by the Race Committee and/or the Umpires. Abandoned races may be resailed and if so, a new warning signal will be made as soon as practical. This changes Rule 32.3 and Race Signals.

### **13 THE FINISH**

13.1 The finishing line will be between an orange pole on the Finish Boat at the starboard end and the port end finishing mark, as described in 10.3.

### **14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

14.1 For protests and requests for redress other than protests under a rule listed in Rule D2.2, competitors shall inform an Umpire or the Race Committee prior to rotating boats or going ashore.

14.2 Rule D2.4 is amended such that a 'Green' or 'Green and White' flag will signal no penalty and a 'Black' or 'Black and White' flag will signal that an incident will be reported to the protest committee.

14.3 For hearings involving breakdowns, Rule D5 is changed to replace 'Race Committee' with 'Umpires'.

### **15 SCORING**

15.1 Rule D3 – Scoring a Race shall apply.

15.2 Rule D4 – Scoring a Series is deleted and replaced by SI Appendix 1.

### **16 BREAKDOWNS**

16.1 As per Appendix D5 (as amended by SI 14.3).

16.2 In the event of a breakdown, races for that flight may continue by using a 2 boat v 2 boat format until repairs have been completed.

Requests for more information should be directed to:

#### **Sandy Bay Sailing Club**

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## APPENDIX 1

### Swiss League Series Format

1. A Computer-generated Swiss League (KSail) will be used for the event.
2. Teams will be initially allocated to the Swiss League through a random draw conducted by the Organising Authority.
3. The second and subsequent rounds will be determined by the computer program.
4. Rounds will be scheduled at the conclusion of a round for the next round but one.
5. Teams will not be matched if they have met within **3** rounds of the round being scheduled.
6. If the round cannot be completed its results will be ignored.
7. Races that cannot be sailed in order or for which results are not entered or complete will be ignored for scheduling purposes. Subsequently corrected or altered results will not affect a published schedule.
8. Resails will be sailed at the end of the next available round. Race committee decisions on resails will be final, changing RRS 60.1 (b).

### Tie-breakers

Ties shall be broken, in order of precedence, in favour of the team(s) that has:

- (a) if the tie is between two teams only, won the last race between them;
- (b) sailed more races against teams that have a higher place;
- (c) sailed fewer races against teams that have a lower place;
- (d) the lowest sum of the places of the teams the tied teams have beaten;
- (e) the lowest sum of the places of the teams to which the tied teams have lost;
- (f) beaten the highest-placed team the tied teams have individually beaten;
- (g) not been beaten by the lowest-placed team to which the tied teams have individually lost.

Step (a) shall be applied whenever a step leaves a tie between two teams.

Steps (b) to (g) shall be repeated until no more ties can be broken. Any remaining ties shall then be broken by the draw for the first round; ties in odd-numbered rounds shall use the draw, ties in even-numbered rounds shall use the draw inverted.

## APPENDIX 2

Draw, Results and Overall Results here: <https://www.sandybaysailingclub.org.au/teams-racing/>