

UniSport Australia Guideline

Sailing – fleet racing

Open

UniSport Australia (UniSport) sailing competitions are conducted in accordance with World Sailing rules as defined in the [Racing Rules of Sailing](#), except where these differ from UniSport competition guidelines; in which case the latter shall take precedence. Reference should be made to the UniSport *Breach of Competition Requirements* guideline for penalties related to breaches.

1. Team/squad size

- Minimum registered sailors – 5
 - Maximum registered sailors – 8
 - Maximum cross registrations – 1
- 1.1. The minimum number of crew on board per race shall be four, including the skipper, with a maximum of five.
 - 1.2. Sailors are able to swap through the boats between races.
 - 1.3. Any combination of weight and gender is permitted per crew per race.
 - 1.4. All members of the team must be current members of a club affiliated with Australian Sailing (AS) and therefore hold a current AS member number.

2. Competition format

- 2.1. The competition shall be conducted over a minimum three days of racing.
- 2.2. The event is a short course umpired fleet racing regatta.
- 2.3. Each race is sailed between six Elliott 7's and will be approximately 12 – 15 minutes in duration.
- 2.4. Teams may rotate through the boats as the event progresses, ensuring all teams sail against one another as many times as practical.
- 2.5. The regatta consists of a Qualifying Series and a Final Series. At the end of the Qualifying Series, the top six teams will be determined to compete in the Final Series. The details of these will be published in the Sailing Instructions.
- 2.6. The Race Committee may change the format, terminate or eliminate any flight or race, when conditions or the remaining time scheduled do not permit the completion of the intended format.

3. Course

- 3.1. The course will windward/leeward and the details of the course including the racing area will be published in the Sailing Instructions.

4. Point score

- 4.1. Scoring will be in accordance with the low point scoring system (A4) of Appendix A in the [Racing Rules of Sailing](#).
- 4.2. A single round robin is required to constitute a series.
- 4.3. The Qualifying Series and Final Series will be scored independently of one another.
- 4.4. There will be no drops throughout the regatta.

5. Safety and uniform requirements

- 5.1. AS Safety Regulations Part 2 for *Off the Beach Boats* shall apply.
- 5.2. All competitors shall supply their own approved Lifejacket as specified in [AS Special Regulation Part 2](#) '5.01 Lifejackets' and shall wear it at all times whilst afloat.
- 5.3. Competitors should heed the advice listed in the [AS Special Regulation Part 2](#) – Regulation 5 '5.02 Personal Clothing'.

6. Forfeits, delays and abandonments

- 6.1. Sailing teams are subject to penalties under the UniSport guideline *Breach of Competition Requirements*.
- 6.2. A forfeit will be declared 10 minutes after the scheduled start of play time where either team is unable to commence play.

Previous rule amendments

August 1998 | May 2010 | May 2012 | May 2014 | February 2015 | April 2017 | June 2018 | March 2019 | January 2021 | July 2022 | January 2026

*All competitions will be held in accordance with the UniSport competition guidelines.

