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UNISPORT NATIONALS
ROYAL PERTH YACHT CLUB



Event Host



Registration

Sailing Instructions

1. Rules

- 1.1. UniSport Australia (UniSport) sailing competitions are conducted in accordance with World Sailing rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). Reference should be made to the UniSport Breach of Competition Requirements guideline for penalties related to breaches. Appendix 1
- 1.2. The Australian Sailing (AS), Special Regulations Part 1, Category 7.
- 1.3. RRS Appendix UF rules will apply for umpired fleet races.
- 1.4. Outside Help for safety reason RRS 41 (e) will apply. RRS 41 (e) help to recover from the water and return on board a crew member, provided the return on board is at the approximate location of the recovery.
- 1.5. In the event of a conflict between this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail (this changes RRS 63.7).

2. Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors shall be posted on the online official noticeboard on the event website.

<https://rpyc.com.au/web/pages/unisport-nationals>

3. Signals Made Ashore

- 3.1. Signals made ashore shall be displayed from the flagstaff on the Australia II Ceremonial Deck
- 3.2. Code flag "AP" with two sound signals (one when lowered) when displayed ashore means "races not started are postponed" The warning signal shall not be made less than 30 minutes after the "AP" is lowered ashore. This alters RRS Racing Signals.

4. Changes to the Sailing Instructions

Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the online noticeboard by 0800 on the day they will take effect and signalled as per RRS Race Signals. After 0800, unless AP is being flown Ashore, any further changes to the Sailing Instructions made afloat shall be indicated by the display of Code Flag "L" accompanied by two sound signals. The change may be communicated either by VHF, verbally or in writing.

5. Boats Supplied by the Organising Authority

- 5.1. Six (6) Elliott 7m yachts will be supplied.
- 5.2. Every reasonable effort will be made by the Organising Authority to equalise the boats. Variations will not be grounds for redress. Amends RRS 62.
- 5.3. Supplied equipment shall not be transferred from one boat to another.
- 5.4. No other equipment shall be brought on to the boats except PFDs for each crew and a team ditty bag in accordance with SI 22.1.
- 5.5. At the conclusion of racing each day the sails shall be rolled and bagged and placed back on board the correct boat. The boat shall be left clean and tidy and all marks, tape and rubbish shall be removed.
- 5.6. The penalty for an infringement of any rule of this clause shall be at the discretion of the Protest Committee and may be a penalty up to and including disqualification from each race during which the infringement occurs or from the next race as is applicable.

6. Breakdown and Time for Repairs

- 6.1. Before the attention signal of a race or within two minutes of finishing or within 5 minutes of changing into a new boat, whichever is the later, a boat may display a green flag to signal breakdown or damage to the boat, her sails or injury to her crew and request delay to the next start. She shall proceed as soon as possible close to the leeward side of the Race Committee Vessel and remain there, unless otherwise directed.
- 6.2. The time allowed for repairs shall be at the sole discretion of the Race Committee.
- 6.3. After the attention signal, a race will not be postponed or abandoned due to breakdown unless the breakdown signal was displayed as required by SI 6.1.
- 6.4. Except when RRS 61.4 (b) (2) applies, failure to effect repairs in the time allowed, or breakdowns after the attention signal shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.4

7. Schedule of Racing

- 7.1. Boats will compete in a number of round robins during the qualifying series of the event.
- 7.2. All teams must have a representative present at the daily briefings.
- 7.3. The first warning signal for the Series will be at 0900 on 30th September 2026, 1st October 2026 and 1000 on 2nd October 2026.
- 7.4. There will be no warning signal for qualifying series after 1700 on 30th September 2026, 1st October 2026 and 1600 on 2nd October 2026.
- 7.5. All teams must attend the Welcome Function on Tuesday 29th September and the Event Presentations which will be held at 1700 on the final day of competition in the RPYC Catalina Bar.
- 7.6.

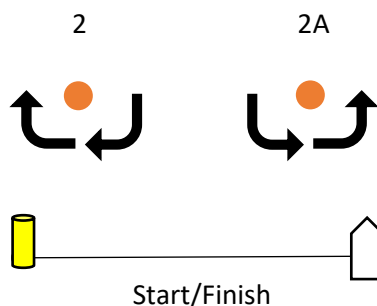
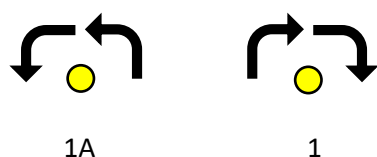
Event	Time and Date	Venue
Tuesday 29 th September 10:00 – 1200	Training Session 1 & Lifejacket inspection	Matilda Bay
13:00 – 15:00	Training Session 2 & Lifejacket Inspection	Matilda Bay
16:00 – 18:00	Welcome Function	Catalina Bar
Wednesday 30 th September 07:30 – 08:00	Competitor Briefing	Catalina Bar
09:00	First Warning signal Day 1	Matilda Bay
17:00	Last Warning Signal	
TBC	Competitor - Umpire Debrief	Catalina Bar
Thursday 1 st October 07:30 – 08:00	Competitor Briefing	Catalina Bar
09:00	First Warning Signal Day 2	Matilda Bay
17:00	Last Warning Signal	
TBC	Competitor - Umpire Debrief	Catalina Bar
Friday 2 nd October 08:00 – 08:30	Competitor Briefing	Catalina Bar
10:00	First Warning signal Day 3	Matilda Bay
16:00	Last Warning Signal	
17:00	Presentation and Closing Function	Catalina Bar

8. Racing Area

The racing area shall be on the waters of Matilda Bay, immediately to the north of Royal Perth Yacht Club on the Swan River.

9. Courses

9.1. Courses shall be windward leeward with a gate at both the top and bottom marks.

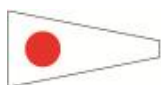


9.2. The diagram above shows the colours of the marks and the direction of rounding.

9.3. In the event that a gate mark is not in place, boats shall round the remaining mark to Port.

9.4. The course to be sailed will be displayed from the back of the Committee Vessel using numeral pennants

9.5. Courses to be sailed will be as per below:



Course 1

Start – 1/1A – Finish



Course 2

Start – 1/1A – 2/2A – 1/1A - Finish

10. Marks

10.1. Marks 1 & 1A will be large orange inflatable buoys

10.2. Marks 2 & 2A will be large yellow inflatable buoys

10.3. The start/finish mark will be a small skinny yellow inflatable buoy.

11. Start Finish Line

11.1. The start finish line will be between the start/finish mark and the flag mast displaying an orange flag on the Committee Vessel. This alters RRS Race Signals.

11.2. A barge buoy may be placed off the transom of the Committee Vessel.

12. Starting Procedure

- 12.1. The starting procedure will be a 3-minute start sequence, this amends RRS 26.
- 12.1.1. 4 minutes – attention signals sound
 - 12.1.2. 3 minutes – Elliott flag will be displayed
 - 12.1.3. 2 minutes – Preparatory flag will be displayed
 - 12.1.4. 1 minute – Preparatory flag removed
 - 12.1.5. 0 minutes – Elliott flag removed



13. Change of Course

There will be no change of course while racing is underway.

14. Time Limit

- 14.1. The time limit for any race will be 5 minutes after the first boat has finished. This amends RRS 35

15. Protests

- 15.1. All racing will be fully umpired in accordance with World Sailing Appendix UF.

16. Scoring

- 16.1. Scoring for the qualifying and finals series will be in accordance with Appendix A RRS.
- 16.2. RRS Appendix A 2.1 is changed so that there are no races to be excluded from a boat's series score.
- 16.3. If any qualifying round robin cannot be completed the RC will revert to the placing of boats following the previous qualifying round.
- 16.4. A single round robin may constitute a series

17. Sails

The sail combination to be used will be signalled from the Committee Vessel with or before the warning signal. The signals have the following meanings:

Signal	Sail combination to be used
No signals displayed	Full sails (Mainsail, Jib & Asymmetric Spinnaker)
International Code Flag "J"	Mainsail & Jib only

18. Code of Conduct

- 18.1. Competitors shall comply with any reasonable request from any official, including attendance at official functions, cooperation with event sponsors and shall not behave so to bring the event into disrepute
- 18.2. Competitors shall handle the boats and equipment with proper care and seamanship and in accordance with these Sailing Instructions.
- 18.3. Breaches of this SI may also be referred to the Protest Committee. Any penalty will be at the discretion of the Protest Committee and may include disqualification from a race, exclusion from further participation in the event, the withdrawal of any prize money or withholding of deposits.

19. Prizes

- 19.1. The overall winner shall be deemed the Unisport Nationals – Sailing Champions.
- 19.2. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA

20. Disclaimer

- 20.1. All those taking part in this event do so at their own risk and responsibility.
Royal Perth Yacht Club, their officials, volunteers and any other associated sponsor or guest disclaims any and every responsibility for loss, damage, injury or inconvenience that might occur to persons and things both ashore and at sea, as a consequence of participation in any way in this event.
- 20.2. Attention is drawn to RRS Part 1, Fundamental Rules, in particular, RRS 3 which states that,
"The responsibility for a boats decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

21. Prohibited Items and Actions

- 21.1. Except in an emergency or in order to prevent damage or injury, or when directed by a race official otherwise, the following are prohibited:
 - 21.1.1. Any additions, omissions or alterations to the equipment supplied.
 - 21.1.2. The use of any equipment for a purpose other than intended.
 - 21.1.3. The replacement of any equipment without sanction of the RC.
 - 21.1.4. Sailing the boat in a manner that is reasonable to predict that significant damage would result.
 - 21.1.5. Moving equipment from its normal stowage position except when being used.
 - 21.1.6. Boarding a boat without prior permission.
 - 21.1.7. Coaches must be off a competitor boat before the preparatory signal.
 - 21.1.8. Taking a boat from its berth or mooring without having permission from the RC.
 - 21.1.9. Attaching lines to the fabric of spinnakers.
 - 21.1.10. Perforating sails, even to attach tell tales.
 - 21.1.11. Adjusting or altering the tension of standing rigging.
 - 21.1.12. Using a winch to adjust the mainsheet, vang, or Cunningham.
 - 21.1.13. Cross winching foresail sheets.
 - 21.1.14. Omitting any headsail car or turning block before sheeting.
 - 21.1.15. Marking directly on the hull or deck with permanent ink.
 - 21.1.16. Using the shrouds (including any inner shrouds) above the lower bottle screw (turnbuckle) to facilitate tacking or gybing, or to aid the projection of a crew member outboard.

22. Permitted Actions at any Time

- 22.1. Taking on board the following equipment
 - 22.1.1. Basic hand tools
 - 22.1.2. Adhesive tape
 - 22.1.3. Line (elastic or otherwise of 4mm or less)
 - 22.1.4. Watches, timers, and small personal video devices such as a go-pro
 - 22.1.5. Shackles and clevis pins
 - 22.1.6. PFD's
- 22.2. Using the items in 22.1 to:
 - 22.2.1. Prevent fouling of lines, sails, and sheets
 - 22.2.2. Prevent sails being damaged or falling overboard
 - 22.2.3. Mark control settings

23. Mandatory Items and Actions

- 23.1. A verbal confirmation to the change over boat when leaving a boat, in relation to damage of the boat or if no damage is to be reported.
- 23.2. At the end of each day sailing:
 - 23.2.1. Rolling, bagging and placement of the sails as directed by a member of the OA
 - 23.2.2. Leaving the boat in the same state of cleanliness as when first boarded that day.
- 23.3. At the end of each day for each boat, competitors must clean the boat and wash down the boat with fresh water, remove all rubbish, tape and marks, and remove any water from the boat.
- 23.4. Enclosed shoes at all times whilst on the water.

UniSport Australia Guideline

Breach of competition requirements

Introduction

The purpose of this guideline is:

- To impose a financial incentive to ensure that participants and members undertake their competition requirements
- To ensure that resources that have been allocated to the event by the organiser are not wasted
- To endeavour to provide equable competition environment for all participants
- To reward good team management by universities

This guideline applies to all UniSport events unless otherwise notified.

1. Schedule of fines

- 1.1. The below schedule of fines will be enforced should a university's participants fail to fulfil requirements as outlined by the event organiser in the competition draw, or as listed in the relevant competition guidelines and policies.

Requirements not fulfilled	Pool matches & progressions	Finals matches*
Playing requirements, i.e. team forfeit (fine applies per registered individual in the team)	\$30.00 per player	\$50.00 per player & relegated to last place (see 1.3)
Team duty requirements	\$20.00 per duty required	
Uniform requirements	First offence: breach notice issued Subsequent offences: \$40.00 for each player that has committed a breach	

* Finals matches are games that determine a final placing/ranking.

1.2. Examples

- *Example 1:* If a football team forfeits a pool match and has 15 registered players in their team the fine is \$450.00.
 - *Example 2:* If a baseball team forfeits a finals fixture and has 13 registered players in their team the fine will equal \$650.00.
 - *Example 3:* If a volleyball team fails to fulfil their team duty requirements, assuming they are required to provide four people, the fine will equal 4 x \$20.00 = \$80.00.
- 1.3. Forfeiture of games in the last round of competition (i.e. play offs for any final placing) will result in the team being relegated to last place in the overall competition rankings as well as incurring the appropriate fine. Where multiple teams commit such a breach, their order of placings will be determined by their preliminary results.
- 1.4. Breach of uniform requirements notices will be issued in writing by UniSport to the University Team Manager. The notice will outline the period during which the uniform breach is to be rectified. Should the issue not be fixed, the above schedule of fines will apply to any subsequent breaches.

2. Special circumstances

- 2.1. There may be some special circumstances where a team or individual may be unable to fulfil their competition requirements, and therefore the fees, point deduction or relegation may not be fully applied. The following will apply as special circumstances:
 - a) Prior notice of withdrawal from competition: Should an individual competitor or a team withdraw after the closing date of the competition the registration fee will NOT be refunded however the schedule of fines will not apply provided that notification is provided at least five days prior to the commencement of the event.
 - b) Prior notice of duty requirement being swapped: Whereby a university swaps their duty requirement with another university and documentation signed by the university team manager / sport specific team manager of this agreement is provided at least one hour notice to event organisers.
 - c) Under some special circumstances, UniSport reserve the right to waive the breach of competition fines at their discretion.
- 2.2. Failure to undertake competition commitments due to inappropriate travel arrangements, transport failure, reading the draw incorrectly or not knowing when a game is to be played are not considered special circumstances and will incur the scheduled fine/s.

3. Procedure for organisers and participants

- 3.1. Request for special circumstances: The request for special circumstances must be submitted in writing by the University Team Managers or appropriately authorised person, to the organiser within the outlined timeframe with all relevant documentation.
- 3.2. Documentation: All breaches of competition requirements will be documented by the competition manager or event organiser. Event organisers are required to outline the offence to the University Team Manager.
- 3.3. Payment: The team/individual will be required to pay the total fine at the Nationals HQ by close of business that evening. In the case where a team has forfeited the final game of an evening schedule, the forfeit fine must be paid prior to any scheduled competition the following day.
- 3.4. Outside timeframe: If none of the actions described are executed by the required timeframe in which the forfeit was incurred, another forfeit and subsequent fine may result. If a team or individual forfeits two consecutive fixtures the team or individual may be brought before the UniSport Disciplinary Committee. The penalties/jurisdiction of this committee is outlined in the UniSport 'Disciplinary and Disputes' guideline.

Previous amendments

May 2007 | March 2011 | April 2012 | May 2014 | May 2018 | February 2019 | February 2020 | February 2021

Addendum B

APPENDIX UF - UMPIRED FLEET RACING

2026 UNISPORT SAILING CHAMPIONSHIP EDITION

Version: September 2026

Umpired fleet races shall be sailed under The Racing Rules of Sailing as changed by this appendix. Races shall be umpired. The rule changes in UF1 have been approved by World Sailing under Regulation 20.3(d)(ii)

This appendix applies only when it is referred to in the Notice of Race and made available for all competitors.

UF1 CHANGES TO THE DEFINITIONS, THE RULES OF PART 1 AND 2, AND RULE 70

- UF1.1** Add to the definition *Proper Course*: 'A boat taking a penalty or manoeuvring to take a penalty is not sailing a *proper course*.'
- UF1.2** Add to rule 2: 'When *racing*, a boat need not take a penalty unless signalled to do so by an umpire.'
- UF1.3** Add new rule 7 to Part 1:
- 7 LAST POINT OF CERTAINTY**
- The umpires will assume that the state of a boat, or her relationship to another boat, has not changed, until they are certain that it has changed.'
- UF1.4** Renumber text of rule 14 to 14.1 and add
- 14.2 When there is contact that causes damage, or the umpires decide a boat has broken rule 14 and damage resulted, they may, without a hearing, impose a scoring penalty on any boat involved in the incident. The minimum penalty to be applied in such a case is 3 points.
- 14.3 When there is contact between hulls or spars, the umpires may, without a hearing, impose a scoring penalty of 3 points on a boat that was penalized in the incident. Furthermore, the umpires may also impose a scoring penalty of 3 points on other boats if they consider that these boats contributed to the contact.
- UF1.5** When rule 20 applies, the following arm signals are required in addition to the hails:
- (a) for 'Room to tack', repeatedly and clearly pointing to windward; and
 - (b) for 'You tack', repeatedly and clearly pointing at the other boat and waving the arm to windward.
- UF1.6** Rule 70.1 is replaced with: A *party* to a hearing may only appeal a protest committee decision or its procedures, but not the facts found, under rule 69 to the national authority, except when rule 70.3 applies.
- UF1.7** Rule 70.2 is deleted.

UF1.8 Test rules

- (a) The definition *Mark-Room* is changed to:
Mark-Room Room for a boat to sail no farther than her *proper course* to round or pass the *mark* on the required side.
- (b) Rule 17 is deleted.

UF2 CHANGES TO OTHER RULES

UF2.1 Rule 28.2 is changed to:

28 SAILING THE COURSE

28.2. A boat may correct any errors in *sailing the course*, provided she has not rounded the next *mark* or crossed the finishing line to *finish*.

UF2.2 Rule 31 is changed to:

31 TOUCHING A MARK

While *racing*, neither the crew nor any part of a boat's hull or rigging shall touch a starting *mark* before *starting*, a *mark* that begins, bounds or ends the leg of the course on which she is sailing, or a finishing *mark* after *finishing*. In addition, while *racing*, a boat shall not touch a race committee vessel that is also a *mark*.

UF2.3 Rules P1 to P4 shall not apply.

UF3 ON WATER PROTESTS AND PENALTIES

UF3.1 Rule 44.1 is changed to: 'A boat may take a penalty when, in an incident while *racing*, she may have broken one or more of the rules of Part 2 (except rule 14 when she has caused injury or serious damage), rule 31 or rule 42. However,

- (a) when a boat may have broken a rule of Part 2 and rule 31 in the same incident, she need not take the penalty for breaking rule 31;
- (b) if the boat caused injury or serious damage or, despite taking a penalty, gained a significant advantage in the race or series by her breach her penalty shall be to retire'

UF3.2 A penalty in rule 44.2 is a 'One-Turn Penalty'.

UF3.3 On the Water Protests by Boats and Penalties

- (a) While *racing*, a boat may protest another boat under a rule of Part 2 (except rule 14) for an incident in which she was involved, under rule 31, or rule 42 by conspicuously displaying a red flag at the first reasonable opportunity for each. She shall remove the flag before, or at the first reasonable opportunity after a boat involved in the incident has taken a penalty voluntarily or after an umpire's decision.
- (b) A boat that protests as provided in rule UF3.3(a) is not entitled to a hearing, Instead, a boat involved in the incident may acknowledge breaking a rule by voluntarily taking a penalty. An umpire may penalize any boat that broke a rule and was not exonerated, unless the boat took a penalty voluntarily.

UF3.4 Penalties and Protests Initiated by an Umpire

- (a) When a boat
 - (1) breaks rule 31 and does not take a penalty,
 - (2) breaks rule 42,
 - (3) gains an advantage despite taking a penalty,
 - (4) commits a breach of sportsmanship, or
 - (5) fails to comply with rule UF3.6,an umpire may penalize her without a protest by another boat by signalling in accordance with rule UF3.5(b), or UF3.5(c). If a boat is penalized under rule UF3.4(a)(5) for not taking a penalty or taking a penalty incorrectly, the original penalty is cancelled.
- (b) An umpire who decides, based on their own observation or a report received from any source, that a boat may have broken a rule, other than rule UF3.6 or rule 28 or a rule listed in rule UF3.3(a), may inform the protest committee for its action under rule 60.1. However, they will not inform the protest committee of an alleged breach of rule 14 unless there is damage or injury.
- (c) When a boat fails to comply with rule UF2.1 (rule 28.2) an umpire shall disqualify her under rule UF3.5(c).

UF3.5 Umpire Signals

An umpire will signal a decision as follows:

- (a) A green and white flag with one long sound means 'No penalty.'
- (b) A red flag with one long sound means 'a penalty is imposed or remains outstanding.' The umpire will hail or signal to identify each such boat.
- (c) A black flag with one long sound means 'A boat is disqualified.' The umpire will hail or signal to identify the boat disqualified.

UF3.6 Imposed Penalties

- (a) A boat penalized under rule UF3.5(b) shall take a penalty.
- (b) A boat disqualified under rule UF3.5(c) is no longer *racing* and shall promptly leave the course area.

UF4 RACE COMMITTEE ACTIONS

- UF4.1** At the finishing line, the race committee will inform the competitors about each boat's finishing place or scoring abbreviation. After this has been done, the race committee will promptly display flag B with one sound. Flag B will be displayed for at least two minutes and then removed with one sound. If the race committee changes the scoring information provided at the finishing line while flag B is displayed, it will display flag L with one sound. Flag B will continue to be displayed for at least two minutes after any changes are made.
After boats have finished, the race committee will inform competitors about the results by announcing results on VHF radio channel 77.

UF5 PROTESTS; REQUESTS FOR REDRESS OR REOPENING; APPEALS; OTHER PROCEEDINGS

- UF5.1** No proceedings of any kind may be taken in relation to any action or non-action by an umpire.
- UF5.2** A boat intending to
- (a) protest another boat under a rule other than rule UF3.6 or rule 28, or a rule listed in rule UF3.3(a),
 - (b) protest another boat under rule 14 if there was contact that caused damage or injury, or
 - (c) request redress
- Does not have to display a red flag or hail protest, and shall inform the race committee in the following way:
- hail the race committee before or during the display of flag B.
- UF5.3** The race committee will promptly inform the protest committee and any protested boat about any protests or requests for redress made under rule UF5.2.
- UF5.4** The race committee will not protest a boat.
- UF5.5** The technical committee will only protest a boat under rule 60.1 when it decides that a boat or personal equipment does not comply with the class rules, rule 50, or the rules in the equipment regulations of the event.
- UF5.6** The time limit defined in rule UF5.2 also applies to protests under rule UF5.4 and UF5.5 when such protests are permitted. The protest committee shall extend the time limit if there is good reason to do so.
- UF5.7** Hearings
- Except for a hearing under rule 69.2
- (a) Protests and requests for redress need not be in writing.
 - (b) The protest committee may inform the parties and schedule the hearing in any way it considers appropriate and may communicate this orally.
 - (c) The protest committee may take evidence and conduct the hearing in any way it considers appropriate and may communicate its decision orally.
 - (d) Protest Committee decisions that change the score of one or more boats shall be communicated to all boats.
- UF5.8** Rule 60.5 is deleted and replaced with: 'If the protest committee decides that a boat has broken a rule and was not exonerated, it may impose penalties other than disqualification (including imposing no penalty). If a boat has broken a rule when not racing, the protest committee shall decide whether to apply any penalty to the race sailed nearest in time to that of the incident or make some other arrangement.'
- UF5.9** Rule 63.7(b) is changed to 'A *party* to the hearing may not request a reopening.'
- UF5.10** Rule 61.4(b)(1) is deleted.