

2020 Hobie Cat 16 National Championship

Dates: 16/12/2020 to 20/12/2020

Venue: Plettenberg Bay, event hosted by LDYC

Organising Authority: Hobie Northern Region

Sanctioned 3 November 2020

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the SI means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in **The Racing Rules of Sailing**.
- 1.2 **The South African Sailing prescriptions for National and Regional Championships** will apply.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official WhatsApp notice board. The Notice will read "NB: [Notice posted]". All competitors must register on the Regatta WhatsApp for registration

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the WhatsApp Notice Board before 09h00 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 19h00 on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flagpole at the regatta beach site office.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" in the race signal AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 17/12/2020 First warning signal at 11:00, thereafter daily start times will be posted on the WhatsApp notice board
- 5.2 A maximum of 16 races are scheduled.

5.3 4 races are scheduled per day. [One extra race per day may be sailed provided that the class becomes no more than one race ahead of schedule.]

5.4 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.

5.5 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 15:00.

6 RACING AREAS

Racing will take place from Hobie Beach in Plettenberg Bay

7 THE COURSES

Hobie courses will be used. A board on the back of the committee boat will display the course to be sailed and will be displayed no later than the warning signal. The Race Committee may display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

8 MARKS

A description of all marks will be posted before the close of registration.

9 THE START

9.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.

9.2 A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

10 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

10.1 To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable to a new position. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

10.2 Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the Race Committee boat signaling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to (port) and the Race Committee boat to starboard. This changes RRS 28.1.

11 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end finishing mark.

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

13 TIME LIMITS

Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 14.1 Protests to be lodged on forms available at the race office, downloaded from the SA Sailing website or lodged on WhatsApp. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered within the appropriate time limit.
- 14.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is the later.
- 14.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings may be held virtually using, Zoom, and parties will be notified with a zoom link and time to be let in.
- 14.4 Notices of protests by the Race Committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 14.5 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

15 SCORING

- 15.1 4 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 15.2 (a) When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
(b) When from 5 to 9 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total her race scores excluding her worst score.
(c) When 10 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

16 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 16.1 All competitors shall wear a personal flotation device capable of supporting a 5 kg steel weight at all times while afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.
- 16.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

17 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 17.1 A change of crew is not allowed without prior written permission from the Race Committee. Attention is drawn to Class Rules 17.3, 17.4 & 17.5.
- 17.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the Race Committee. Boats may request substitution either via the WhatsApp group or in writing to the Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

18 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

On the water, a boat can be instructed by a member of the race committee or technical committee to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection. Ashore, equipment may be inspected at any time.

19 SUPPORT BOATS

Coach or individual support boats shall be marked with a white flag and shall remain at least 50m from boats racing. Failure to comply may result in action by the protest committee.

20 TRASH DISPOSAL

Trash may be placed aboard support and Race Committee boats.

21 RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats [DP].

22 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. Neither SA Sailing, the Club, the organising authority nor its officials or other persons associated with the organisation of the event will accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

23 INSURANCE

Each participating boat is encouraged to carry sufficient valid third-party liability insurance to cover any liability arising during the event.
