

## **REQUIREMENTS: SAS NATIONAL AND / OR SAS REGIONAL CLASS CHAMPIONSHIPS (SEM-02)**

### **1. DEFINITIONS**

- 1.1 "Crew" shall include the skipper unless specifically excluded.
- 1.2 "ISAF" shall mean the International Sailing Federation
- 1.3 "RRS" shall mean the Racing Rules of Sailing of ISAF as currently applicable
- 1.4 "SAS" shall mean South African Sailing
- 1.5 "Skipper" means the member on board and in charge of the yacht as required by the RRS
- 1.6 "Yacht" or "boat" shall include sailboards and Radio-Controlled yachts.
- 1.7 "Sailing Year" shall mean the Calendar Year from 1 January to 31 December annually.

### **2. RULES**

- 2.1 All SAS National and SAS Regional Class Championships shall be sailed under the RRS, these requirements and such other requirements as approved by SAS.
- 2.2 The Organising Committee shall submit an Application for Sanction of the Championship to the SAS Sailing Management Committee in the case of SAS National Championships and to the relevant SAS Regional Committee in the case of SAS Regional Championships and shall not issue any Notice of Race or other documents before receiving the approval of the relevant Committee.
- 2.3 The Organising Committee shall appoint an accredited National Race Officer to officiate at any SAS National or SAS Regional Championship. Where a region has appointed Regional Race Officers, these persons may preside at SAS Regional Class Championships.
- 2.4 The Organising Committee shall appoint an accredited National Judge to officiate at any SAS National or SAS Regional Class Championship.

### **3. VENUES, DAYS AND DATES**

- 3.1 All SAS National and SAS Youth National Class Championships shall be held at venues, dates and times approved by the SAS Sailing Management Committee.
- 3.2 All SAS Regional Class Championships shall be held at venues, dates and times as approved by the relevant SAS Regional Event Management Committee.
- 3.3 In the case of multi-class SAS National Class Regattas, the SAS Event Management Committee shall decide the venue/s, dates and classes to be included.
- 3.4 In the case of multi-class SAS Regional Class Regattas, the relevant SAS Regional Committee shall decide the venue/s, dates and classes to be included.

- 3.5 In all other cases the relevant Class Association shall first agree with the proposed host club the dates and venue, the courses, other races that will be held simultaneously in the same vicinity, entry fees covering those required by the club, by SAS, by the Class Association and by any other body supplying services, the functions of the club and of the Class Association.
- 3.6 The approval of the Regional Association to the proposed arrangements should then be obtained to ensure no problem will be created within the Region. At this stage the Class Association should inform SAS of the venue and dates for its approval and inclusion in the racing events calendar. (Provincial Associations, Clubs and the relevant Class Association members should be given at least 6 months 'notice' of the venue and dates)
- 3.7 No Class may organise more than one SAS National or SAS Regional Class Championship event in each "Sailing Year".

#### **4. ORGANISATION**

- 4.1 The host club shall be the Organising Authority in terms of the RRS and shall appoint the regatta committee, the race committee and jury, in conjunction with the relevant Class Associations, if appropriate.

#### **5. NOTICE OF REGATTA**

- 5.1 The draft Notice of Race and Entry Form compiled in terms of the RRS and these requirements shall be sent to SAS, for sanctioning not less than 4 months prior to the date fixed for the first race.
- 5.2 Copies of the Notice of Race shall be published on the SAS Web Site and sent to the Regional Sailing Associations and to members of each Class Association concerned not less than 3 months prior to the date fixed for the first race.

#### **6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 6.1 The draft Sailing Instructions compiled in terms of the RRS and these requirements shall be sent to SAS for sanctioning not less than 4 months prior to the date fixed for the first race.
- 6.3 The official Sailing Instructions shall be made available to competitor's on completion of registration formalities for the Championship.

#### **7. ELIGIBILITY**

##### **7.1 Yachts**

- 7.1.1 Only yachts conforming with their class rules and restrictions and holding valid measurement / registration certificates from SAS will be eligible for the contest.
- 7.1.2 In lieu of a measurement / registration certificate it will be sufficient if, before the first race there is lodged with the Race Committee:
  - 7.1.2.1 a non-refundable fee as determined by the SAS Council from time to time,
  - 7.1.2.2 either a written undertaking in terms of RRS to produce a previously issued certificate before the end of the series, or
  - 7.1.2.3 a written statement signed by the measurer or class representative declaring that the yacht has been measured and complies with all of the rules of her class and that application is being made for a SAS registration certificate.

7.1.3 Foreign International Class yachts holding valid international measurement certificates and the owners and skippers thereof are exempted from the provisions of Rule 7.

## **7.2 Owner and skipper**

7.2.1 The owner and the skipper who are South African residents, of each yacht entered shall be a member in good standing of a club affiliated to, and in good standing with, SAS or in the case of a an owner or skipper not a South African resident a recognised Sailing Association and where applicable, the relevant Class Association.

## **7.3 Crew**

7.3.1 Every crew member other than the skipper of a yacht competing shall be a member in good standing of a club affiliated to, and in good standing with, SAS and where applicable, the relevant Class Association.

7.3.2 Crew members who are not South African residents are exempted from the requirements of this rule..

## **7.4 SAS LEVIES**

7.4.1 It shall be the responsibility of the Organising Committee to check that the Skipper and Crew who are South African residents are members in good standing of a Club affiliated to SAS and that they have paid their SAS Levy. The Organising Committee shall account to SAS on this point.

A Skipper and Crew members who are not South African residents are exempted from the requirements of this rule.

## **8. ENTRIES**

8.1 Entries shall be on the official entry form and submitted, together with the required entry fees for the event, within the time limit specified in the Notice of Race.

8.2 A portion of the entry fees may be refunded in the case of boats prevented from competing in the series if an application in writing for such refund is received within seven days of the end of the contest.

## **9. MINIMUM NUMBERS**

### **9.1 SAS National Class Championship**

9.1.1 In order to qualify as a SAS National Class Championship, there shall be at least 10 valid entries by the closing time for registration, which shall be no later than 1 hour before the scheduled time for the start of the first race, and at least 10 finishers in any two races of the series.

9.1.2 In the case of classes having weight or other divisions the minimum number in each division shall be 10.

9.1.3 In the case of keelboat classes requiring crews of more than three, the minimum number of entries and finishers in any two races of the series shall be 5. In the case of classes having weight or other divisions the minimum number in each division shall be 5.

9.1.4 Failure to achieve the required number of entries by the time the entries close may result in the cancellation of the Championship by the Organising Authority.

9.1.5 Failure to achieve the required number of entries and finishers will not necessarily prevent the regatta from being held or completed, but will prevent the event from being recognised

as a SAS National or Regional Championship Regatta for the purpose of awarding SAS medals and / or Colours qualifying points.

## **9.2 SAS Regional Class Championship**

9.2.1 The requirements to qualify as a SAS Regional Class Championship are as detailed in the applicable by-law for each region.

## **10. CHANGE OF CREW**

10.1 During the contest any crew member may be changed for a good cause with the permission of the Race Committee and subject to the Class Rules as applicable.

10.2 The required membership qualifications of the substituted crew shall be submitted to the Race Committee together with the request for the change.

## **11. MEASUREMENT**

11.1 After consultation with the relevant Class Association the Organising Authority shall appoint a Measurer or Measurement Committee responsible for advising the Race Committee about all measurement matters.

11.2 Before or during the contest any competing yacht may be checked and measured at the sole discretion of the Race Committee or the appointed Measurer or Measurement Committee. If practicable the measurement of all competing yachts should be organised for the day preceding the first race of the regatta. Random checks may nevertheless be made during the regatta.

11.3 Unless International Class Rules provide otherwise, each competing yacht shall only use or carry on board sails which bear a measurement stamp duly endorsed by an official measurer to signify that such sails comply with the rules of the class concerned.

## **12. NUMBER OF RACES**

12.1 The number of races scheduled shall appear in the Notice of Regatta and in the Sailing Instructions.12.2 Unless otherwise specified in the Sailing Instructions, if more than 4 but less than 10 races are completed the worst score for each yacht will be excluded and if 10 or more races are completed the two worst scores for each yacht will be excluded.

12.3 If fewer than 4 races are completed, the contest will not qualify as a National Championship.

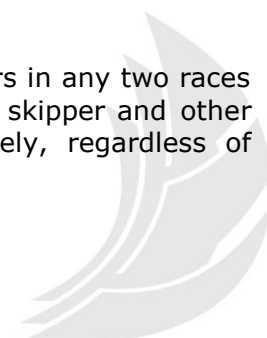
## **13. NATIONAL CHAMPIONS**

13.1 The crew of the yacht with the best net total points will be the South African Champions for the Class concerned until such time as the next National Championship for the Class is completed.

## **14. SAS MEDALS**

14.1 SAS National Class Championship

Depending on the number of competitors (i.e. minimum number of finishers in any two races of the series) SAS Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals will be awarded to the skipper and other crew members of the first, second and third placed yachts respectively, regardless of nationality, in accordance with the following table.



<b>MEDALS</b>	<b>KEELBOATS WITH CREWS EXCEEDING THREE</b>	<b>ALL OTHER CLASSES</b>
GOLD	5 to 7	10 to 14
GOLD & SILVER	8 to 11	15 to 19
GOLD, SILVER & BRONZE	12 or more	20 or more

Where a medal winning crew has been changed during the series, the medal will be awarded to that crew member who has sailed in the most races.

#### 14.2 SAS Regional Class Championships

The criteria for the award of medals at a SAS Regional Class Championship are as detailed in Section 14.1 above.

### 15. EVENT CLOSURE FORM

15.1 Within 21 days of the completion of any SAS National or SAS Regional Class Championship series the Organising Authority shall complete and submit the Event Closure Form for the Championship to the SAS Event Management Committee, in the case of SAS National Championships, or to the SAS Regional Committee in the case of SAS Regional Championships together with the required supporting documentation as stated on the Event Closure Form.

15.2 The full results for the event are to include:

- 15.2.1 The first name (and nickname) and surname of the skipper and each crew member
- 15.2.2 The SAS Membership number of the skipper and each crew member if applicable
- 15.2.3 The affiliated Club of which the skipper and crew are members.

