



2024 Rule Change Summary

Sailing

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Old Formatting	See date change at footer to reflect September 2024
<p>Governing Rules</p> <p>The Special Olympics Summer Sports Rules SAILING shall govern all Special Olympics competitions. As an international sports program, Special Olympics has created these rules based upon the Racing Rules of Sailing by World Sailing found at http://www.sailing.org/. The Racing Rules of Sailing and Member Authority (MNA) prescription rules shall be employed except when they are in conflict with the Special Olympics Summer Sports Rules Sailing or Article I. In such cases, the Special Olympics Summer Sports Rules Sailing shall apply.</p>	<p>CHANGE:</p> <p>The Special Olympics Sports Rules for Sailing shall govern all Special Olympics competitions. As an international sports program, Special Olympics has created these rules based upon the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) by World Sailing found at http://www.sailing.org/. The Racing Rules of Sailing shall be employed except when they are in conflict with the official Special Olympics Sports Rules for Sailing or Article I. In such cases, the Special Olympics Sports Rules Sailing shall apply.</p>
<p>Section 2 – Official Events</p> <p>2.2 Level II — Unified Sports® team</p> <p>2.2.1 A Special Olympics athlete shall control the helm for 100 percent of the race commencing at the warning signal throughout the complete race until clearing the finish line.</p> <p>2.3 Level III – Unified Sports® Team</p> <p>2.3.1 The athletes have complete control of the boat. The Unified partner may only shift their weight, do tactics and offer verbal assistance.</p>	<p>CHANGE:</p> <p>2.2 Level II — Unified Sports® team</p> <p>2.2.1 The athlete shall steer the boat for 100 percent of the race.</p> <p>2.3 Level III – Unified Sports® team</p> <p>2.3.1 The athletes shall have complete control of the boat. The Unified partner may only shift their weight, do tactics and offer verbal assistance.</p> <p>2.4 Level IV</p>



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<p>3.1 Notice of Race</p> <p>3.1.1 The Competition Committee shall provide potential competitors with a Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions.</p> <p>3.2 Scoring</p> <p>3.2.1 Each board's series score shall, subject to rule 90.3 (b), be the total of her race scores excluding her (a) worst score every four races, both in divisioning and competition rounds. Scores from the race or races used to determine divisioning can be include in the series score, based on the boat's finishing within their division, The Race Committee (Competition Committee) may elect to carry over to the other medal round the score(s) from the divisioning races or clear scores between divisioning and competition rounds.</p> <p>3.3 Level Involvement</p> <p>3.3.1 Teams must follow the rule for the Level of the competition while racing. That is from the boat's preparatory signal until she finishes and clears the finish line. A team breaking the rule for the Level of competition shall retire</p>	<p>CHANGE:</p> <p>3.1 Notice of Race</p> <p>3.1.1 The Competition Committee shall make available to each boat the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions.</p> <p>3.2 Scoring</p> <p>3.2.1 Each board's series score shall, subject to rule 90.3 (b), be:</p> <p>3.2.1.1 When fewer than 5 race have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of the race scores.</p> <p>3.2.1.2 When from 5 to 10 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of the race scores excluding her worst score.</p> <p>3.2.1.3 When 10 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will the total the race scores, excluding the two worst scores.</p> <p>3.2.2 If there is a tie in the final score, both boats will be awarded the same place. As a result, a tie for one place will result in no award being giving for the following place. This changes rule A8 (Series Ties).</p> <p>3.3 Level Involvement</p> <p>3.3.1 Teams must follow the rule for all Levels of competition while racing (see RRS definition of racing).</p>



<p>from the race and will be scored points for “did not finish” (DNF).</p>	
<p>4.4 Start and Finish Line</p> <p>4.4.1 In all courses the starting and finish line may not be crossed other than to start or finish. Leg 4 in Course 3 and Leg 3 in Course 4 may pass on either side of the start and finish line although the diagram shows passing on the right side.</p>	<p>CHANGE:</p> <p>4.4.1 In all courses the starting and finish line will be defined in the sailing instructions.</p>
<p>5.1 Crews</p> <p>5.1.1 Crews shall be composed of a proportionate number of athletes with intellectual disabilities and partners without intellectual disabilities.</p> <p>5.1.2 If the boat is typically raced by a crew of two, one member will be an athlete and one member will be a partner.</p> <p>If the boat is typically raced by a crew of three or more, there must be a proportionate number of athletes and partners. There must never be more partners than athletes at any time.</p>	<p>CHANGE:</p> <p>5.1 Crews</p> <p>5.1.1 Crews shall be composed of a proportionate number of athletes with intellectual disabilities and partners without intellectual disabilities.</p> <p>5.1.2 It is preferred that athletes and Unified partners are of similar age and similar ability. For more information on similar age and ability, please see Sport Rules Article 1 Section 14.1.2</p> <p>5.1.3 If the boat is typically raced by a crew of three or more, there must be a proportionate number of athletes and partners. There must never be more partners than athletes at any time.</p>