

FLYING FIFTEEN INTERNATIONAL – AUSTRALIA INC.

THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP BY- LAWS

1. The National Championship shall be held in a state or territory of the Commonwealth of Australia in which there is a State Association, in a continuing sequence as determined by the Association. As at January 2010 the sequence is Queensland, Australian Capital Territory Canberra, Western Australia, Victoria and then South Australia. State Associations shall notify the Committee of their intention to host the National Championship not later than 24 months before the regatta. If the State Association fails to provide the notification the Committee shall forthwith advise all State Associations and the next State Association in the sequence will have one month in which to submit a proposal to host that regatta. If that State Association fails to submit a proposal within one month the next State Association in the sequence shall be invited to make a submission and so on. If a new State Association applies to hold the regatta its position in the sequence shall be determined by the Committee. When a *ff* International World Championship is held in Australia the National Championship may be conducted in conjunction with that event, following which the state or territory hosting that National Championship and World Championship shall be moved to the end of the sequence.
2. The National Championship will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing (“RRS”) of the International Sailing Federation.
3. The venue and host club for the National Championship shall be determined by the Association Committee following consultation with the host State Association.
4. The organising authority as defined in rule 89 of RRS shall be the Association in conjunction with the host club.
5. The organising authority shall appoint a principal race officer accredited by Yachting Australia to national or international level.

6. The Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions shall be approved by the Association Committee prior to publication.
7. All entries shall comply with rule 30 of the Constitution of the Association. The Measurement Certificate for each entry must be presented to the race committee before the commencement of the National Championship. The Measurement Certificate shall carry sail endorsements in accordance with the Class Rules. Each Flying Fifteen shall race only with sails endorsed on her Measurement Certificate, except that in the case of a helmsperson sailing a borrowed boat, the borrowed boat may race with any combination of the sails endorsed on her Measurement Certificate, or on the certificate of a boat owned by the helmsperson. Both Measurement Certificates shall be presented to the race committee before the commencement of the National Championship.
8. The names of the persons who will sail the boat in the National Championship shall be declared to the Organising Authority before the start of the regatta and shall not be substituted without the permission of the race committee. Any substitute thus permitted shall not helm the boat.
9. Six or more entries are required to constitute a series. Three or more starters are required to constitute a race.
10. The National Championship will be decided over seven races or as determined by the Association Committee and set out in the Notice of Race. The Low Point System of Appendix A of the RRS shall be used. Four races are required to be completed to constitute a series. When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When from five to seven races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. When eight or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst two scores.