

2022 NWYRC Spring Development Series

Northwest Youth Racing Circuit



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Notice of Series

1. RULES

- 1.1 Each regatta will be governed by the Rules as defined in 2021-2024 Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of US Sailing, this Notice of Series, plus the Notice of Race & Sailing Instructions issued by the organizers of each individual regatta.
- 1.2 Class rules are to be observed and enforced by competitors, with the following exceptions:
 - 1.2.1 “Club” or “practice” sails are permissible in all fleets, provided they are of the same size, shape, material, and of similar construction compared to class legal sails.
 - 1.2.2 Class membership is not required to participate in the NWYRC Summer Series.

2. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 2.1 Sailors aged 15 and under are welcome to participate in the development series.
- 2.2 The determining date for Opti fleet placement in the series shall be the sailor’s age as of the last NWYRC Summer regatta. Opti class rules regarding age limits shall also apply.
- 2.3 All eligible competitors residing in Washington and Oregon **must** be members of the NWYRC (It’s FREE!). [Join NWYRC Here](#)
- 2.4 Sailors must register separately for each individual regatta through the host club.
- 2.5 The following classes have a standing invite to all NWYRC regattas, unless specifically stated otherwise.
 - Optimist Green Fleet
 - Optimist Champ Fleet
 - Doublehanded Non-Spinnaker Class (FJ or C420)
 - RS Feva
 - Laser/ILCA 4.7
 - Laser Radial
- 2.7 Individual host clubs may welcome additional dinghy classes to compete in conjunction with their NWYRC regatta, however only the classes listed above will be scored in the series.

3. FEES

There is no series entry fee. However, each host may charge a regatta entry fee.

4. SCHEDULE FOR 2022

- Development Regatta #1- March 26-27 @ Willamette Sailing Club
- Development Regatta #2- April 23-24 @ CYC Seattle
- Development Regatta #3- May 21-22 @ Olympia Yacht Club

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS AND NOTICES OF RACE

- 5.1 Separate Sailing Instructions and Notices of Race shall be published by each host club.

- 5.2 All Notices of Race shall be posted at nwyouthsailing.org on the NWYRC page. Hosts are also encouraged to post these documents to their website.
- 5.3 Questions regarding details about individual regattas should be directed to the host club.

6. SCORING

- 6.1 Individual regattas shall be scored in accordance with RRS Appendix A.
- 6.2 The NWYRC series scores shall be calculated using a modified High Point Scoring methodology.
- 6.3 A sailor's overall finishing position at the end of each regatta shall be used to determine the number of points earned for that regatta, not the individual races within the regatta.
- 6.4 Point values for each NWYRC regatta are calculated as follows: $(N-X) + 1$, where number of entries (N) minus overall finishing position (X), plus one (+1), equals the number of points earned.
- 6.5 The completion of one race (minimum) shall constitute a regatta, unless otherwise prescribed by the event organizers in the Notice of Race.
- 6.6 Competitors who register for a regatta, but do not attend shall be awarded zero (0) points, and are not included when determining the point values for other competitors within that regatta.
- 6.7 Competitors who meet the eligibility criteria, but reside outside of Washington or Oregon, and are not members of the NWYRC, shall be included when calculating regatta point totals. However, those not meeting the eligibility criteria (i.e. adults) shall be excluded when calculating regatta point totals.
- 6.8 Competitors shall only receive points at a regatta when competing in a class which has at least three (3) registered entries prior to the registration deadline and those entries meet the eligibility requirements.
- 6.9 A competitor's cumulative NWYRC series score shall be the sum total of their regatta finishes.
- 6.10 In the event of a tie between two or more boats in the overall NWYRC series standings, the tie breaking formula described in Appendix A (Rule A8) shall be used, except that regatta scores shall be used in place of scores from individual races.
 - 6.10.1 Ties occurring outside of podium positions shall remain unbroken.
- 6.11 With the exception of Green Fleet, the Optimist Class shall be scored collectively, although regatta organizers may extract separate results to recognize top finishers in the White, Blue, and Red fleets.
- 6.12 Laser/ILCA Dinghy classes shall be scored separately. Scores may not be substituted when sailing with different rigs.
- 6.13 For all double-handed classes, points will be awarded to the skipper. A skipper may sail with multiple crews during the series. It is their responsibility to report which crew(s) should be recognized in the overall standings and included on the perpetual trophy (if applicable).

7. NWYRC AWARDS

- 7.1 Sailors in classes that are present at all development regattas shall be eligible for series prizes.
- 7.2 There may be additional prizes and awards for each individual regatta at the discretion of the host..

8. COVID-19 STATEMENT

Competitors, parents, and coaches must follow all relevant COVID-19 precautions and guidance. This may vary from regatta to regatta because of state/local regulations, and the evolving nature of the pandemic. We ask that everyone cooperate with regatta organizers and follow the rules as stated by the host and series organizers. Unless explicitly stated otherwise, everyone is expected to wear a mask when on shore, whether that's in the parking lot or on the docks, not crowd/gather in busy areas, socialize responsibly before/after racing, practice good hand washing hygiene, and self-monitor for any COVID-19 symptoms, including fever, shortness of breath, sore throat, coughing etc. Any individual with a known COVID-19 exposure, suspected exposure, or COVID-19 symptoms 14 days prior to the regatta should follow CDC guidance and self-isolate.

There are certain exceptions to this rule for fully vaccinated individuals and others on the [CDC's "When to Quarantine" Page](#). When in doubt, please stay home.

9. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in this series entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizers, hosts, and sponsors of this series will not accept liability for property damage, personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after any NWYRC regatta.

10. RIGHT TO USE LIKENESS

Regatta and series organizers reserve the right to use the likeness of sailors and other individuals in attendance at NWYRC events. Photos and other images will be used for promotional purposes only, and will not be sold to third parties. Anyone objecting to the use of their likeness, or their child's, should contact the series organizer in writing stating so.

11. CODE OF CONDUCT

By participating in this event, competitors, parents, coaches, support persons, and race officials agree to this code of conduct. Those in attendance are expected to behave in a manner consistent with youth athletics and the Corinthian spirit of sailing. Principles of sportsmanship are not limited to those described in the Racing Rules of Sailing. Disrespectful, profane, abusive, or disparaging language will not be tolerated. Nor will intimidating, threatening, or belligerent behavior. The penalty for breaking this code of conduct shall depend on the severity of offense and shall be at the discretion of series organizers and/or the protest committee. These penalties may include, a warning, disqualification from a race, disqualification from an entire regatta, suspension from an upcoming regatta or regattas, or suspension from the Northwest Youth Racing Circuit..

12. FURTHER INFORMATION

For more information please contact the representatives of the host clubs listed below. Questions about the series can be directed to Andrew Nelson, NWYRC Series Chair, at ysd@thsailingfoundation.org

- NWYRC Development Regatta #1 @ WSC- Matt Berger wscprogramdirector@gmail.com
- NWYRC Development Regatta #2 @ CYC Seattle- Annie Sorensen juniorsprogram@cycseattle.org
- NWYRC Development Regatta #3 @ Olympia Yacht Club- Niki Alden education@olympiacommunitysailing.org