

## NESSA Team Racing

### How to score a meet properly.

#### **Scoring:**

1. For a meet to count, it must be a best of three or higher.
2. If one team wins a majority of the races, then the meet is over and should be scored accordingly.  
(ex: In a best of five meet, Team A beats Team B in the first three races, then the meet shall be scored Team A – 3, Team B – 0).
3. If the coaches decide to sail additional races, then those races shall count too.  
(ex: In a best of five series, Team C wins the first three races over Team D. The coaches then decide to sail two more races, which the teams split. The meet shall be scored Team C – 4, Team D – 1. In a best of five series, Team E wins the first three races over Team F. The coaches then decide to sail four more races, which Team F wins. The meet shall be scored Team F – 4, Team E – 3).
4. In the event that the series finished with some of the races having unresolved protests, the coaches may chose to either (a) hear the protests and adjusts the results accordingly or (b) not hear the protest, in which case the results on the water stand  
(Ex: In a best of five series, Team G wins the first, second, and fourth race. Team H wins the third race but there is an outstanding protest. Because the results from that protest will not affect the outcome of the meet, the coaches decide not to hear it. The meet shall be scored Team G – 3, Team H – 1. If the coaches decide to hear the protest and as a result Team H is scored DSQ and Team G ends up winning the race, then the meet shall be scored Team G – 4, Team H -0).
5. **Countable Meets:** Only a meet between two varsity NESSA school teams shall be counted, unless it is between two varsity-B squads. (ex: If a Team-J uses a varsity-A against Team-K and their varsity-B group against Team-L, then the results from both meets are "countable." If Team-M's varsity-A sails against Team-N's varsity-A and Team-M's varsity-B sails against Team-N's varsity-B, then only the results from the varsity-A meet counts and should be recorded).

#### **Unfinished meets:**

1. Three races are needed for a meet to be officially, unless it is scheduled for a best of three series before the start of the first race, and one team wins the first two races, making the third race unnecessary.
2. In a best of five (or more) series, if the teams sail three races or more, and conditions prevent the finishing of the meet, then the meet is over and shall be scored as it stands. If the teams did not sail 3 races, then the meet is cancelled, and if the two teams race again, they shall start the series over.

#### **Cancellations and Forfeits:**

1. A meet may be cancelled:
  - a. by an athletic director contacting another athletic director at any time.
  - b. by mutual decision of the coaches. In all but extreme cases, this shall be done based upon the prevailing conditions at the sailing site. Visiting coaches shall

- listen intently to the thoughts of the home coach concerning local weather conditions and the integrity of the equipment.
2. A meet posted on the official team schedule submitted to NESSA for Team Racing New England's (Mark Trophy) consideration that is not sailed will be considered a forfeit loss if the score is not posted or the meet was not cancelled using the criteria listed above.
  3. Due to the uncertainty surrounding the start of the season, meets forfeited before the first Friday in April will not count towards a school's win total, but will count as a lose for the school that forfeits.

### **NESSA Team Racing Championship Selection Criteria**

As decided by the officers and in accordance with the NESSA By-Laws, selection for the NESSA Team Racing Championship shall be as follows.

1. **Selection:** Schools will be ranked first to last using the criteria listed below. The field will be expanded to 12 schools (or more) in the following manner.
  - A. The top 4 schools will automatically qualify for the NESSA Team Racing Championship (Mark Trophy).
  - B. Schools ranked 5-8 who qualified for the Mallory Trophy will automatically qualify for the NESSA Team Racing Championship (Mark Trophy).
  - C. Schools ranked 5-12 will participate in a wild card sail-off the weekend of the Mallory for the final slots at the NESSA Team Racing Championship (Mark Trophy).
2. **Rankings:**
  - A. **Computer Ranking:** 50% of a school's overall ranking will be tabulated by a computer program, plan L, tabulating points based upon three criteria.
    - i. One-third of the points are based upon winning percentage against NESSA schools
    - ii. One-third of the points are based upon winning percentage against this seasons "top 20" NESSA schools.
    - iii. One-third of the points are based upon a "strength of schedule" formula that takes into account your opponent's record and your opponent's opponent's record.
  - B. **Selection Committee Rankings:** 50% of a school's overall ranking will be tabulated by the combined rankings of the Selection Committee, which is appointed by the NESSA president. Members of the selection committee will rank all the schools that properly register from first to last. If there is a tie in rankings, then the selection committee ranking will break the tie.