

A Resolution to Change the ILCA
Rules Governing Area Championships, Article XIII

WHEREAS, The International Lightning Class Association, Inc. (ILCA) has rules that govern the conduct of Area Championships, and

WHEREAS, Article XIII of those Rules addresses the conduct of the North American Championships, and

WHEREAS, The ILCA, and its member competitors, benefit from increased participation in District and Area Championships, and

WHEREAS, The following proposed changes to Article XIII of the Rules Governing Area Championships would improve the quality of the sailing experience at the North American Championships and possibly encourage increased participation, and,

WHEREAS, It is in the best interest of the ILCA, and its member competitors, to make measured changes that are evaluated on an experimental basis, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the ILCA membership, in quorum assembled, SUBSTITUTES the following for the Rules Governing Area Championships, Article XIII, and be it further

RESOLVED, That this change shall take effect on April 1, 2012, and shall expire on March 31, 2013, at which time, the original language shall, again, be in force.

ARTICLE XIII-RACING CONDITIONS

A. DIVISIONS AND QUALIFYING SERIES

1. Divisions—All competitors entitled to enter the North American Championships shall be divided into two Divisions—the Championship Division and the President’s Cup Division—based upon the results of a Qualifying Series. However, if the number of competitors in a North American Championship Regatta is sixty-nine (69) or fewer, then the Qualifying Series shall not be sailed, and all competitors shall compete in the Championship Division.
2. Qualifying Series—If a Qualifying Series is held, then the competitors shall be divided into a maximum of three equal flights, and shall be rotated between these flights, such that each competitor will have an opportunity to sail against as many different competitors as possible.
3. Qualifying Series Scoring—Four (4) Qualifying Series races shall be scheduled, to be sailed on the first two days. If four (4) races are sailed, then three (3) shall be scored. Otherwise, all races shall be scored. If, by the end of the second day, at least three (3) races have been sailed, the Qualifying Series shall be terminated. If less than three (3) races have been sailed on the first two days, then the Qualifying Series shall continue on the third day. When a total of three

Qualifying Series races have been sailed, the Qualifying Series shall be terminated and the competitors shall be scored on the basis of the races sailed. If, after three days, only one (1) race has been completed, then the Qualifying Series shall continue until two (2) races have been completed. This provision changes RRS A2, and shall be included in the Sailing Instructions to be valid.

4. **Right of Appeal**—The right of appeal shall be denied for the Qualifying Series per RRS 70. The Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions shall so inform all competitors. The Executive Committee may waive this requirement if the host venue cannot meet the requirements of RRS 70.
5. **Qualifying Series Scoring**—If a Qualifying Series is held, then the Championship Division shall include the reigning North American Champion and the thirty-nine (39) competitors, regardless of country of origin, receiving the lowest number of points in the Qualifying Series and all competitors tied for thirty-ninth (39th), exclusive of the reigning North American Champion, should he or she decide to sail the qualifying Series. The remaining competitors shall comprise the Presidents' Cup Division.

B. FINAL SERIES SCORING

1. **If the Qualifying Series Is Held**—The number of races scheduled in each Division for the Final Series shall be seven (7). Each competitor's final position in the Qualifying Series shall be counted as the result of the first race. If the reigning North American Champion chooses not to sail in the Qualifying Series, his or her average points for the race(s) sailed in the Final Series shall be counted as one (1) race. This provision changes RRS A2, and it shall be included in the Sailing Instructions to be valid. If all scheduled races are sailed, then six (6) races shall be scored. Otherwise, all races shall be scored.
2. **If the Qualifying Series Is not Held**—The races that would have otherwise been sailed on the first two or more days as a Qualifying Series shall be counted towards the Final Series for a possible maximum of ten (10) races. If six (6) or more races are completed, then all but a competitor's worst finish shall be scored. If five (5) or fewer races are sailed, then all races shall be scored.

Reference

The following is the existing language:

ARTICLE XIII — RACING CONDITIONS

A—ELIMINATION RACES

1. All boats entitled to enter the North American Championship Regattas shall be divided into equal flights and shall sail a Qualifying Series. Boats shall be rotated between flights so that each Skipper will have an opportunity to sail against as many different Skippers as possible. Four elimination races shall be scheduled, to be sailed the first two days. If all are sailed, three will be scored. If less than four are sailed, all will be scored. If, by the end of the second day, at least three races have been sailed, the Qualifying Series will be terminated. If less than three races have been sailed in the first two days, the Qualifying Series will continue on the third day. As soon as a total of three races have been sailed (including those sailed previously) the series will be terminated and yachts scored on the basis of the races sailed. If, after three days, only one race has been completed, the Qualifying Series will continue until two races have been completed. This changes RRS A2 and shall be included in the Sailing Instructions to be valid.

83 2. The right of appeal shall be denied for the qualifying series per RRS 70. The Notice of Race and Sailing
84 Instructions shall so state and there are specific stipulations in RRS 70. The Executive Committee may
85 wave this requirement if the host venue can not meet the requirements of RRS 70.

86 3. The 33 Skippers receiving the lowest number of points in the races plus the reigning North American
87 Champion and all Skippers tied for 33rd place shall be entitled to sail the final series to determine the
88 North American Champion. However, if the reigning Champion chooses and so notifies I.L.C.A. at least
89 thirty days ahead of the first elimination race, he may sail in the Qualifying Series. If he qualifies for the
90 final series to determine the North American Champion the Fleet will be increased to 34 and all
91 Skippers tied for 34th place. The remaining Skippers shall sail for the Presidents' Cup, except that where
92 more than 35 remain after selection of the Championship group, a Governors' Cup series will be
93 conducted. In such case the remaining Skippers shall be divided equally between the two series with
94 those totaling the least points sailing in the Presidents' Cup series. Skippers tied for the last qualifying
95 position in the Presidents' Cup series shall be entitled to sail in that series as shall the odd Skipper
96 should the number to be divided be unequal.

97 **B—FINAL SERIES**

98 1. The number of races scheduled in each of the final series, Championship, Presidents' Cup and
99 Governors' Cup, shall be six, five of which will be scored. If, at the end of scheduled racing, two races or
100 less have been completed, the final results of the Qualifying Series (including ties) will be counted as
101 one race in the Championship Series, Presidents' Cup and Governors' Cup.

102 In case the defending North American Champion chooses not to sail in the Qualifying Series, his or her
103 average points for the race(s) sailed in the Championship Series will be counted as one race. This
104 changes RRS A2 and shall be included in the Sailing Instructions to be valid.

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