# 2018 BLIND MATCH RACING

# NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP

BOSTON, MA, USA

JUNE 15-17 2018

NOTICE OF RACE

**1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY**

The Organising Authority (OA) will the Community Boating, Inc.

**2** **VENUE**

The venue will be the Charles River Basin, Boston, USA.

**3 EVENT GRADING**

The event has applied for World Sailing Grade 5. This grading is subject to review by World Sailing. The event may be re-graded when there is clear reason to do so.

**4 PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME**

4.1 Schedule

(a) Race office open from 0830 on Friday, June 15, 2018.

(b) Registration from 0830 to 1100 on Friday, June 15, 2018.

(c) Practice sailing from 0900 to 1200 on Friday, June 15, 2018.

(d) First briefing at 1230 on Friday, June 15, 2018.

(e) First meeting with umpires immediately following the first briefing.

(f) Racing days: June 15-17, 2018.

(g) Morning briefing Saturday and Sunday at 0800.

(h) Time of the first attention signal: Friday 1400; Saturday and Sunday 0900.

(i) The latest time for an attention signal on the last day of racing will be 1600.

(j) Prize giving: immediately following racing on Sunday, June 17, 2018.

4.2 Unless excused by the OA, attendance at the following is mandatory:

(a) Initial briefing.

(b) Daily briefing.

(c) Prize giving.

**5 ELIGIBILITY**

5.1 The crew shall be comprised of any combination of IBSA classified sailors. The cumulative total of IBSA points shall not exceed six. The helm may be IBSA classified B1, B2 or B3. All helms must wear an approved blindfold device at all times when racing.

5.2 Only teams invited by the OA will be eligible to enter this event. To apply for an invitation, a team must complete the entry form and email it to Andrew Alletag <andrew@community-boating.org>.

5.3 All competitors in a team shall be IBSA classified, provable by Blindness Grading Form completed and signed by an accredited Ophthalmologist issued within one year of the start of the event.

5.4 The registered skipper shall helm the boat at all times while racing, except in an emergency.

5.5 Invitations to entered skippers will be at the discretion of the OA. To remain eligible a skipper shall confirm acceptance of the invitation in writing (e-mail is acceptable), to be received by the date specified on the letter of invitation issued by the OA, and payment of the entry fee (see NoR 6.2 below).

5.6 All competitors shall obtain an World Sailing Sailor ID by registering online at [www.sailing.org/isafsailor](http://www.sailing.org/isafsailor). Skippers shall inform the OA of their World Sailing Sailor ID at registration.

**6 ENTRIES**

6.1 **Entering**

(a) The team shall be entered on completion of registration and the payment of all fees and deposits. All payments shall be made by credit card/local currency.

(b) A valid ophthalmological certificate for each competitor shall be produced at the time of registration.

6.2 **Entry Fee**

A non-refundable entry fee of $300 shall be paid by June 1st, 2018.

6.3 **Withdrawal**

When a skipper accepts an invitation and later withdraws within two months of the event or leaves the event before the end without written approval from the OA, a zero score may be applied to their Ranking points for that event by World Sailing. (World Sailing Regulation 27.2)

6**.**4 **Damage deposit**

(a) An initial damage deposit of $500 shall be paid at registration, unless extended by the OA. This deposit is the maximum payable by the skipper as a result of any one incident.

(b) If a deduction from the damage deposit is decided by the OA, it may require that the deposit be restored to its original amount before the skipper will be permitted to continue in the event.

(c) Any remaining deposit after the event will be refunded within 10 days after the event.

**7 RULES**

7.1 (a) The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the RRS, including Appendix CBS and the World Sailing Race Management Manual for Para-Sailing Events 2017-2020 including Appendix 1 - Blind Sailing Rules of Race Management.

(b) The rules for the handling of boats will apply and will also apply to any practice sailing and sponsor races. Class rules will not apply.

(c) Any prescriptions of the national authority that will apply will be posted on the official notice board.

7.2 **Major Alterations to the RRS**

(a) Add to RRS 41: (e) help to recover from the water and return on board a crew member, provided the return on board is at the approximate location of the recovery.

(b) RRS C8.6 and C6.3 will be changed in the sailing instructions.

**8 BOATS AND SAILS**

8.1 The event will be sailed in Sonar type boats.

8.2 6 boats will be provided.

8.3 The following sails will be provided for each boat: Mainsail and jib.

8.4 Boats will be allocated by draw, either daily or for each round as decided by the race committee.

**9 CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)**

9.1 The number of crew (including the skipper) shall be three. All registered crew shall sail all races.

9.2 When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event, the OA may authorise an original crew member to substitute.

9.3 When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event, the OA may authorise a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment.

**10 EVENT FORMAT**

10.1 Skippers will be seeded into a round robin or divided into groups based on a draw.

10.2 The event will consist of the following stages:

Stage 1 -

Full round robin(s) or round robin(s) in groups (depending on entrant numbers).

Stage 2 -

Knock-Out Series which may consist of Quarter-finals, Semi–finals and/or Finals (depending on the number of entrants) with each Series being scored first to score 2 points.

10.3 The RC may change the format, terminate any stage or the event when, in its opinion, it is impractical to attempt to hold the remainder of matches under the existing conditions or in the remaining time scheduled. Early stages may be terminated in favour of later stages.

**11 COURSE**

11.1 The course will be windward/leeward with starboard roundings, finishing downwind.

11.2 The intended course area will be in the Charles River Lower Basin near Community Sailing.

**12 ADVERTISING**

12.1 As boats and equipment will be supplied by the Organising Authority, World Sailing regulation 20.4 applies. Each boat will be required to display advertising as supplied by the OA.

12.2 Competitors may be permitted to display advertising ashore at the venue, but this is subject to individual negotiation with the OA.

12.4 Boats shall not be permitted the right to protest for breaches of any rules regarding advertising (amends RRS 60.1).

**13 PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the OA.

**14 MEDIA, IMAGES and SOUND**

14.1 If required by the OA, Television personnel and equipment (or dummies) supplied by the OA shall be carried on board while racing.

* 1. Competitors shall not interfere with the normal working of the OA supplied media equipment.

14.3 The OA have the right to use any images and sound recorded during the event free of any charge.

14.4 Personal details, such as the telephone numbers or email addresses of competitors, shall be used only for the purposes of communicating with competitors on matters concerning the event. Names, affiliations and likeness of competitors may be released for the purposes of publicity

**15 COACH BOATS**

15.1 The OA will provide boats to put coaches on or off race boats. A boat may be kept on the race course area from which coaches may observe racing.

15.2 Any coach boats obtained by competitors shall conspicuously display identification of the team being coached. A coach boat is any boat that is under the direction or control of a person gathering information or giving material support for the benefit of particular competitors either on the water or off.

15.3 Any interference by a coach boat with the racing or event organisation may result in a penalty applied at the discretion of the jury to the associated skipper or team.

**16 RISK STATEMENT (DISCLAIMER)**

All those taking part in the event do so at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. The OA, its associates and appointees accept no responsibility for any loss, damage, injury or inconvenience incurred, howsoever caused.

**17 INVITATIONS**

Entries will only be accepted from invited skippers. If you wish to be invited please register your request for an invitation as soon as possible with the OA by completing the entry form and email it to Andrew Alletag <andrew@community-boating.org>.

**FURTHER INFORMATION**

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Or

Kris Scheppe, Blind Sailing Unlimited. Phone: 239 206 3451 Email: kris@blindsailingunlimited.org

**References:**

Para World Sailing Race Management Manual (RMM) 2017-2020
[**http://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/RMM20172020-[22738].pdf**](http://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/RMM20172020-%5B22738%5D.pdf)

Appendix CBS for Blind Match Racing (2017)
[**http://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/AppendixCBSCouncilApprovedNov2017-%5B23938%5D.pdf**](http://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/AppendixCBSCouncilApprovedNov2017-%5B23938%5D.pdf)