



HKSSA Tai Mei Tuk Topper and ILCA Championship

1-2 July 2023

NOTICE OF RACE

The Hong Kong Schools Sailing Association (HKSSA) is the organizing authority for the Championship.

The Championship will be held on the 1-2 July 2023.

The notation '[NP]' in a rule in the Notice of Race (NoR) means that a breach of this rule will not be grounds for a protest or request for redress by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a) and (b).

The notation '[DP]' in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of the rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021-2024;
- 1.2 This Notice of Race (NoR);
- 1.3 The HKSSA Tai Mei Tuk Topper and ILCA Championship 2023 Sailing Instructions;
- 1.4 The International Topper Class Rules;
- 1.5 The International Laser Class Association (ILCA) rules;
- 1.6 [NP][DP] RRS 40.1 will apply. The personal flotation device shall be adequate for the conditions;
- 1.7 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence;

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Upon receiving completers' entries by e-mail, a copy of the Sailing Instructions shall be email to all eligible competitors three day before the regatta.
- 2.2 Any changes to the SI's shall be approved by the Principal Race Officer at the event.



3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1 Subject to the number of entries received, the eligible classes are as follows:

3.1.1 Topper CLASS

3.1.2 ILCA 4

3.1.3 ILCA 6

3.2 Entries shall be made visiting the HKSSA Website (<https://www.hkssa.org>)

3.3 Late entries may be accepted by 09:30 on the day of the first race at the sign-on counter and will be subject to an additional charge of 50% of the entry fee.

4 FEES

	Early Bird Fee Entry & Payment made by Jun 19, 2023 18:00	Standard Fee Entry & Payment made after Jun 19, 2023 18:00
Single-handed	HKD450	HKD550

5 FORMAT OF RACING

The event will consist of a single series of races for each class. Boys and Girls will sail combined. Fleets may be split depending on the entry size.

6 SCHEDULES

6.1 The schedule (in HK time) will be:

SCHEDULE	TIME (DATE: 1 st and 2 nd July 2023)
Registration	0900-0930
Briefing for coaches	0930
First Warning signal	1055
Prize Giving	Upon completion of all races. The exact time of Prize Giving will be posted on Official Notice Board (ONB)

6.2 The number of races will be subject to weather conditions and at the discretion of the Race Officer, with a maximum of 6 races to be sailed.

6.3 The starts for each day's subsequent races will follow as soon as possible after completion of the previous race. Boats shall not leave the racing area until the Race Committee has advised them that there will be no further races on the day.



7 EQUIPMENT AND INSPECTION [NP][DP]

- 7.1 Boats shall comply with their class rules and be available for inspection. Boats may be inspected at any time during the event.
- 7.2 Equipment shall only be replaced with the permission of the race committee.

8 VENUE

- 8.1 The regatta venue will be the Hong Kong Schools Sailing Association (HKSSA) at Tai Mei Tuk, Tai Po, Hong Kong.
- 8.2 Racing will take place at Tai Mei Tuk, Tolo Harbour or between HKSSA and Yeung Chau, Hong Kong.

9 COURSE

The courses to be sailed will be windward/leeward, trapezoid, courses shall be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

10 SCORING SYSTEM

- 10.1 The low-point scoring system as per RRS Appendix A shall be used.
- 10.2 Two races are required to constitute a series.
- 10.3 Discards shall be as follows:
 - 10.3.1 If 3 or less races are completed there will be no discard.
 - 10.3.2 If 4 or more races are completed there will be 1 discard.

11 SUPPORT VESSELS & PERSONNEL

- 11.1 Support boats shall be registered at the race office. Support boat drivers shall have a valid boat license and third-party liability insurance.
- 11.2 [NP][DP] Coaches and other personnel on support vessels shall wear life jackets while afloat and comply with local legislation. Drivers of support vessels shall attach the “kill cord” of the support vessel to their person while driving.
- 11.3 [NP][DP] All support vessels shall carry on board and operate while afloat a marine band VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving on the normal international channels and shall assist the race committee if requested to do so.



12 PRIZES

Prize giving shall be held at HKSSA based on provisional results issued at the end of race at HKSSA, subject to protests.

13 MEDIA & IMAGE RIGHT WAIVER

By entering this event, each skipper and crew on the competing boats grant at no cost the absolute right and permission to use their names, voices, images, likenesses, and biographical material, as well as representations of their boats in any media (including television, print and internet) to the organizing authority and the sponsor(s) and affiliated companies.

14 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The organizing authority, the co-organizers, the sponsors, the venue and the race committee will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event.

15 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a racing cover considered by their Parent or Guardian as adequate for the risks involved. Insurance policies may be inspected at registration and any competitor not found to have such insurance may be barred from this regatta.

16 CHARTER BOATS

The following boats are available for a weekend charter on a first-come-first-served basis:

CLASS	CHARTER FEE	
	HKSSA Members	Non-members
Topper	HKD300	HKD400
ILCA 4 ILCA 6	HKD350	HKD450

A refundable damage deposit of HKD500 is payable in cash upon issue of each charter boat.



17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

17.1 All boats stored at the Hong Kong Schools Sailing Association throughout the regatta must sign on before launching and sign off the water when on return to shore from racing.

17.2 In the event a boat retires during the regatta and returns to shore, sailors must advise the Race Committee accordingly, as soon as possible.

18 OTHER INFORMATION

Enquiries can be made to the HKSSA Race Management Team.

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