



HKSSA Tai Mei Tuk Topper and ILCA Championship

Sunday Jun 30 & Monday July 1 2024

NOTICE OF RACE

The Hong Kong Schools Sailing Association (HKSSA) is the organising authority for the Championship, Flow Academy, a water sport and outdoor organisation is the co-organisier and sponsor of the Championship.

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 2024 Sailing Instructions;
- 1.4. The International Topper Class Rules;
- 1.5. The International Laser Class Association (ILCA) Class rules;
- 1.6. [NP][DP] RRS 40.1 will apply. The personal flotation device shall be adequate for the conditions;

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0830 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.
- 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**, sailors in the Topper Class shall:
 - a) hold HKSF Level 2 Dinghy Certificate or equivalent i.e. be sufficiently experienced to participate irrespective of the wind and sea conditions that may be encountered;
 - b) be aged 11 - 16 years at the time of racing;
 - 3.1.2. **ILCA 4 Class**, sailors in the ILCA 4 Class shall:
 - a) hold HKSF Level 3 Dinghy Certificate or equivalent i.e. be sufficiently experienced to participate irrespective of the wind and sea conditions that may be encountered;
 - b) preferred but not compulsory with racing experience in any ILCA Class Race
 - c) be aged 11 - 16 years at the time of racing;
 - 3.1.3. **ILCA 6 Class**, sailors in the ILCA 6 Class shall:
 - a) hold HKSF Level 3 Dinghy Certificate or equivalent i.e. be sufficiently experienced to participate irrespective of the wind and sea conditions that may be encountered;
 - b) preferred but not compulsory with racing experience in any ILCA Class Race
 - c) be aged 11 - 16 years at the time of racing;
- 3.2. Entries shall be made visiting the HKSSA Website (<http://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 21, 2024 18:00	Standard Fee Entry & Payment made after Jun 21, 2024 18:00	Late Entry Fee Entry & Payment made after Jun 29, 2024 18:00 and on day
Single-handed	HKD450	HKD550	HKD650

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: June 30 and July 1 2024)
Registration and measurement	0900-0930
Briefing for coaches	0930
Competitors Briefing:	0945
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.

6.4. Any race for which the warning signal has not been made by 1530 hours on the last day of the regatta will be abandoned and not re-sailed.



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. Class flags

8.1. The class flags for competing classes will be as listed hereunder. Classes will start in the order that their class flags are hoisted.

Class	Class Flags
Topper	“T” (red, white and blue) 
ILCA 4	“F” (a red rhombus on a white background) 

ILCA 6	"E" (blue and red)	
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9. VENUE

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

10. COURSE

The courses to be sailed will be windward/Leeward or, trapezoid (courses will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions)

11. SCORING SYSTEM

- 11.1. The low-point scoring system as per RRS Appendix A shall be used.
- 11.2. Two races are required to constitute a series.
- 11.3. Discards shall be as follows:
 - 11.3.1. If 3 or less races are completed there will be no discard.
 - 11.3.2. If 4 or more races are completed there will be 1 discard.

12. SUPPORT VESSELS & PERSONNEL [NP][DP]

- 12.1. Support boats shall be registered at the race office. Support boat drivers shall have a valid boat license and third-party liability insurance.
- 12.2. [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 engine is on.
- 12.3. [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.
- 12.4. All support persons shall wear a suitable PFD while afloat and the driver shall attach a kill cord not exceeding 1.5 metres or 60 inches in length (when fully extended) while the engine is on.
- 12.5. Support boats shall display identification of the club they represent.

13. PRIZES

13.1 Prizes will be given as follows:

Topper	ILCA 4	ILCA 6
1 st Place	1 st Place	1 st Place
2 nd Place	2 nd Place	2 nd Place
3 rd Place	3 rd Place	3 rd Place

13.2 Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority

14. 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.

15. 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.

16. 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.

17. CHARTER BOATS

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

CLASS	CHARTER FEE HKSSA Members	CHARTER FEE Non-members
Topper	HKD300	HKD500
ILCA 4 ILCA 6	HKD350	HKD600

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

18. SAFETY REGULATIONS [NP][DP]

18.1. 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.

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

19. OTHER INFORMATION

Enquiries can be made to the HKSSA Race Management Team.

Email: info@hkssa.org