HKSSA Tai Mei Tuk Topper and ILCA Championship 2024 Sailing Instructions

The Hong Kong Schools Sailing Association (HKSSA) is the organizing authority for the Championship. The Championship will be held on the 30 June - 1 July 2024.

The notation '[NP]' in a rule in the Sailing Instruction (SI) 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 Cass 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   NOTICES TO COMPETITORS
2.1   Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board (ONB) located at the HKSSA Clubhouse.

3   CHANGE IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
3.1   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.
3.2   Any changes to the SI's shall be approved by the Principal Race Officer at the event.

4   SIGNALS MADE ASHORE
4.1   Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located at the HKSSA hardstanding.
4.2   Flag D with one sound means the warning signal will be made not less that 60 minutes after flag D is displayed. Boats shall not leave the HKSSA hardstand until this signal is made.
4.3   When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP.

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: 30th June and 1st July 2024)
Briefing for volunteer	0830
Registration and measurement	0900-0930
Briefing for coaches	0930
Competitors Briefing:	0945
First Warning signal	1040
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)	

9 RACING AREAS

The racing areas are contained in **Attachment A**

10 COURSE

The courses to be sailed will be Triangle, Leeward Finish Courses shall be detailed in the Sailing Instructions. Courses will be chosen from **Attachment B.**

11 MARKS

11.1 Refer to Attachment B

12 THE START

12.1 Races will be started by using Rule 26 signals, with the warning signal given five minutes before the starting signal.

12.2 The start line will be between the staffs displaying orange flags on the starting marks when they are both race committee vessels or between the staff displaying an orange flag at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.

12.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

12.4 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.

13 THE FINISH

13.1 The finishing marks will be a race committee vessel at the starboard end of the line and a blue flag at the port end.

14 TIME LIMIT

14.1 The time limit for each race will be 60 minutes for the first boat in her class to finish. Boats finishing more than 20 minutes after the first boat in her division/class finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes Rule 35.

15 PROTESTS

15.1 Protests shall be delivered to the race office within 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. Protest forms will be available in the sailing office.

15.2 The protest period time limit and a list of protests received will be posted on the Clubhouse notice board.

15.3 Hearings will be held as soon as possible after racing. It is the responsibility of competitors to ascertain whether or not they are parties to a protest before leaving the Clubhouse. In the event that any party to a protest hearing does not attend within 10 minutes of the scheduled hearing time (i) where the absent party is the protesting competitor, the protest will be dismissed; and (ii) where the absent party is the protested party, the protest hearing will proceed in that competitor's absence. Except for a protest relating to breaches of rules of Part 2 of RRS, the protest committee's decision after a hearing may be to impose no penalty or a penalty less than disqualification, at its discretion.

15.4 On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision or the results of the protest are posted on the Clubhouse notice board (whichever is earlier) on that day.

16 ARBITRATION PROCEDURE

16.1 **As an alternative to a protest hearing by the jury for an alleged breach of a rule of Part 2, boats may be given the choice of using an arbitration procedure in accordance with the ILCA Arbitration Procedure appended to these sailing instructions. The arbitration procedure changes RRS 63 and 64.**

17 SCORING SYSTEM

17.1 The low-point scoring system as per RRS Appendix A shall be used.

17.2 Two races are required to constitute a series.

17.3 Discards shall be as follows:

17.3.1 If 3 or less races are completed there will be no discard.

17.3.2 If 4 or more races are completed there will be 1 discard.

18 SUPPORT VESSELS & PERSONNEL

18.1 Support boats shall be registered at the race office. Support boat drivers shall have a valid boat license and third-party liability insurance.

18.2 [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.

18.3 [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.

19 PRIZES

Prizes will be given as follows:

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

20   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.

21   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.

22   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.

23   SAFETY REGULATIONS

23.1   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.

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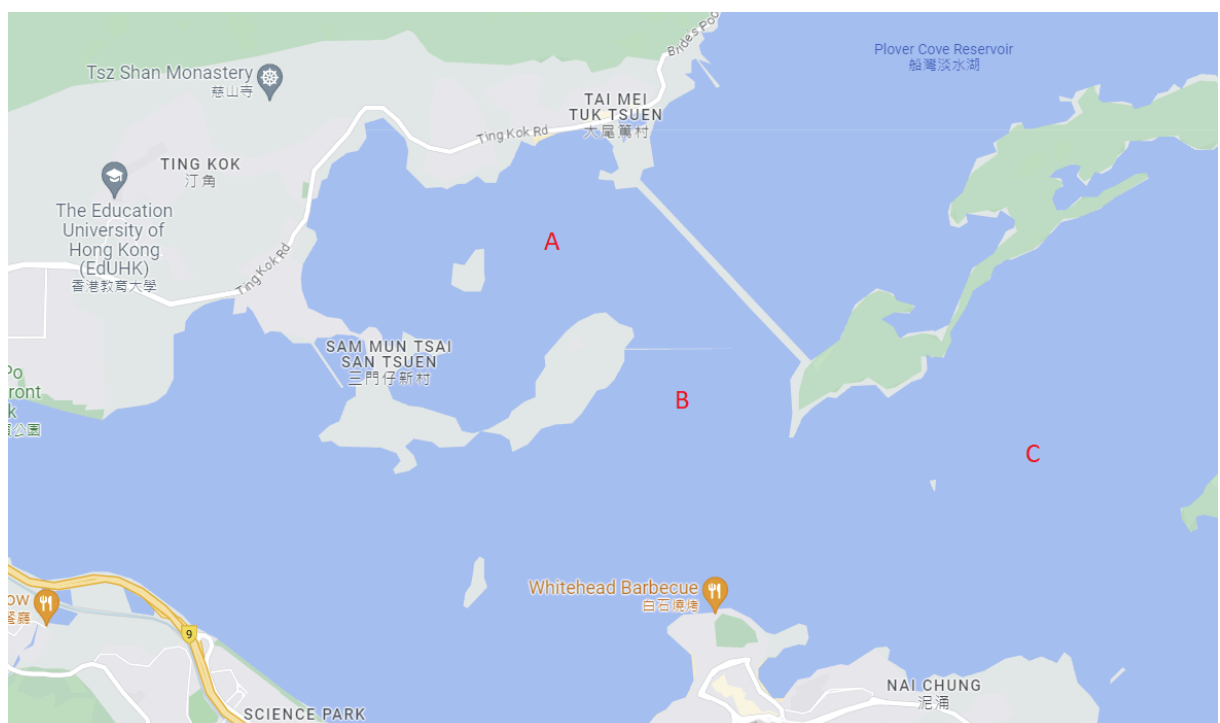
24   OTHER INFORMATION

Enquiries can be made to the HKSSA Race Management Team.
Email: info@hkssa.org

Attachment A

Course Area

Attachment B

Signal	Mark Rounding Order
1	Start - 1 - 2 - 3 - 1- 3 - Finish
2	Start - 1 - 2 - 3 - 1- 3 - 1 - 3 - Finish
3	Start - 1 - 3 - Finish
4	Start - 1 - 3 - 1- 3 - Finish