

Competition Committee Report
December 3, 2014

The NEISA Competition Committee met on November 19 at Edgewood Yacht Club. The entire Competition Committee was in attendance including Greg Wilkinson (Chair), Jeff Bresnahan, Fran Charles, Ken Legler, Zack Leonard, John Mollicone, Mike O'Connor and Brian Swingly. Also in attendance were Justin Assad, Amanda Callahan, Bill Healy, Tim Maynard, Frank Pizzo, Stan Schreyer.

Summary of Motions for NEISA Annual Meeting:

1) Motion: A transfer student who has competed in college sailing shall be ineligible to compete for one semester – either the semester just prior to matriculating at the transfer school, or the semester in which the student matriculates at the transfer school. Medical exemptions normally applied in other eligibility cases (example: a student must transfer out of a military academy due to medical reasons specific to the academy) shall be applied.

2) Motion: Appoint a committee to investigate drafting NEISA Interconference events for scheduling. Full report and recommendation at Spring Meeting for a NEISA vote.

3) Motion: NEISA propose to ICSA the formation of a committee to bring a proposal that will 1) shorten the competition season(s) in ICSA; 2) shorten the length of the Spring National Championships; and 3) conduct all National Championships between Fall wknd 2 and Spring wknd 13.

4) Motion: If host cannot host a Conference Championship, the Championship should go back to bid with an email vote.

5) Motion: NEISA remove PC Interconference berths for 2016 and NEISA hosts offer no more than 2 (2 coed, 2 women's) PC Invites per season beginning Spring 2015.

6) Motion: Implement term limits for Competition Committee Members and recommend ICSA implement term limits for All America Committee.

Report/Summary of Competition Committee Meeting

Eligibility of Transfer Students: At the 2013 Annual Meeting, the eligibility of transfer students was referred to the Competition Committee after a motion to temporarily restrict transfer students' college sailing eligibility (as in other sports) failed.

The Competition Committee voted unanimously to have NEISA take action – **see Motion 1.**

Review of 2014 Spring Scheduling Rules: These restrictions and rules follow at the end of this report. The Committee does not recommend any changes to these rules/restrictions as they are applied for 2015 scheduling.

Redistribution of NEISA Interconference berths, proposed by Skip Whyte: The rationale behind the need to change the distribution was that teams 1-9 schedule into all or nearly all NEISA Interconference regattas, while teams 10+ schedule into none or very few (often scheduling only events they host). It was pointed out that this “cliff” is too steep and unfair to teams 10+ *and* that the “cliff” does not necessarily properly reward teams ranked above 9th, as teams 1-9 essentially schedule in-conference identically.

Proposal Summary:

- All NEISA Interconference events have 3 qualifier berths, except Harry A which would have 6
- CG Alumni Bowl (Spring Dinghy Champs) would determine early fall qualifiers
- Teams ranked 1 and 2 would schedule all Interconference events and there would be a gradual “slope” rather than a “cliff” downward with

A great deal of discussion ensued. While no votes were taken, consensus was:

- Current system allows teams to sail into four Interconference events and many teams have proven that system works
- The “cliff” is very steep and looking into redistribution makes some sense
- Qualifying into *regular season* regattas does not necessarily fit most sports models and can be logistically difficult
- Qualifying for fall events in the spring was not supported and NEISA’s historical position on spring qualifying for future was discussed

Based on the discussion, the idea of drafting NEISA Interconference events was discussed and a mock draft was held. A photo of the mock draft is attached at the end of this report. The Committee voted to have NEISA appoint a committee to further investigate drafting NEISA Interconference events for 2016 and beyond. ***See Motion 2***

Shortening/Changing ICSA Seasons proposed by Frank Pizzo:

Proposal summary:

- Move Coed and Womens’ Fleet Racing Nationals to Fall
- Conduct Coed Team Race in current spring season
- Create Women’s Team Race Nationals and sail it in current spring season
- Move Match Race Nationals to Memorial Day Wknd

After a great deal of discussion, the Committee came to the consensus that the concepts of the proposal – specifically shortening the ICSA season(s) and shortening the length of the Spring Nationals – held merit. The Committee voted unanimously to have NEISA take action – ***see Motion 3.***

Moving Conference Champ when host cannot host: ***See Motion 4.***

No-shows: No-shows are occurring at minors. An opt-in system was discussed (if a team no-shows, they would need to “opt-in” to future events by confirming with host in advance). Consensus was no change recommended at this time, hosts should track down scheduled teams in advance.

Redistribution of Women’s NEISA Interconference berths: Distributing through qualifier berths was discussed. Consensus was no change recommended at this time.

Term Limits: Term limits, similar to term limits for NEISA Awards Committee, were discussed for Competition Committee. Committee supports term limits and recommends the same for ICSA All America Committee – *see Motion 6*.

Respectfully Submitted,

Greg Wilkinson
NEISA Competition Committee, Chairman

Spring Scheduling Rules

2) Wknd 5 (Bavier – 2 NEISA; Sharpe – 8 NEISA; Thames – 8 NEISA)

- *Teams shall not schedule 3 or more of the events listed above*
- *Teams shall not initially be scheduled in both the Sharpe and Thames (ok to be entered in one, alternate at another)*
- *Berths for NEISA will go to 16 different teams (Teams 1-2 select Bavier; Teams 1-8 select Sharpe; Teams 9-16 select Thames)*

3) Wknd 6 (St Mary's – 2 NE; Wood – 8 NE; New Event – 8 NE; Jackson – 2 Invites)

- *Teams shall not schedule 3 or more of the events listed above*
- *Berths for NEISA teams will go 10-12 deep (Teams 1-2 select St Mary's; Teams 1-8 select Wood; Teams 3-10 select New Event; Teams 9-13 select Jackson and St Mary's alternate and we get 1-2 of those)*

4) Wknd 7 (Graham Hall – 4 NE; SNE – 7 NE; New Geiger – 8 NE)

- *Teams shall not schedule 3 or more of the events listed above*
- *Teams shall not draft the Hall and the SNE*
- *Teams scheduled for Staake (teams 11-16) get scheduling priority at Geiger – after Staake teams, rank order*
- *Berths for NEISA will go to 16 different teams (Teams 1-4 select Hall; Teams 5-11 select SNE; Teams 12-16 and Teams 1-2 select Geiger)*

5) Wknd 8 (Szambecki – 2NE; Friis – 8 NE; BC Regatta – 4 NE; Staake – 6 NE)

- *Teams shall not schedule 3 or more of the events listed above*
- *Berths will go to 16 different teams (Teams 1-2 select Szambecki; Teams 1-8 select Friis; Teams 9-10 and 3-4 select BC Regatta; Teams 11-16 select Staake)*

6) Wknd 9 (Marchiando – 12 NE)

- *First 10 berths awarded in rank order; 1 host berth; 1 Staake berth; 2nd Staake team is 1st alternate, likely to get in*
- *Berths go to all 12 teams in NEISA TR Champs*

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