

NEISA Umpire Committee Report-December, 2023

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Review of 2023 Priority Events:

Mar 18-19	SNETR
Mar 25-26	Staaake
Mar 25-26	Friis
April 1-2	W's Dellenbaugh
April 1-2	Marchiando
April 8-9	Open TR Champs, Fowle
Apr 8-9	Yale W TR
Apr 15-16	W's TR Champs
Apr 15-16	Thompson TR
Apr 22-23	W's Champs, Reed
Apr 29-30	Dinghy Champs
Feb	in person training
Feb	virtual training
Fall 2023	
Sept 16-17	Open and Womnes Singles
Oct 7-8	ACCs
October 14-15	NEISA MR Champs
Oct 21-22	Womens ACC Finals
Oct 28-29	Schell/urn

For 2024, we recommend adding Duplin and Franny Charles TR to the priority list which will give us two March women's TR events (currently no priority Women's TR events in March.)

This leaves Wood Trophy, Geiger, and Harvard Women's TR as unpaid umpired events. We can put the call out to umpires for these events as learning opportunities if we don't want to add them to priority list (adding to list doesn't ensure that they will have umpires.).

Training:

Umpire training will likely take place again this winter with a virtual and an in person option. Amanda Callahan will take the lead on this.

Challenges:

The primary challenge continues to be attracting enough people to umpire. We really need every NEISA team to encourage alumni to show up, get training, and umpire! Kelsey's words of wisdom are great: "Guiding questions for suggesting umpire candidates would be **"who loves sailing the most?"** And not "who is the best sailor?" or even "who knows the rules the best?" (although that's a good second question to ask). You're not going to volunteer if you don't love the sport.

Budgeting:

The committee will take a closer look at the "pay to play" model we have been using to assess higher fees for events with paid umpires/judges and work with the NEISA treasurer to understand revenue vs actual costs associated with paid judges. This will also allow us to look a tiered payment system with day rate incentives for umpires who take training and commit to more events.