

A Resolution to Change the ILCA Document

**Governing All Sanctioned Lightning Class Championships
for the 2017 North American Championship - Sept 21-24;
Articles Which Apply Specifically to Area Championships, Article V and
Articles Which Apply Specifically to the North American Championship, Article XII**

- WHEREAS, The International Lightning Class Association, Inc. (ILCA) has rules that govern the conduct of Area and North American Championships, and
- WHEREAS, Article V and Article XII of those Rules addresses the Entries of the North American Championships, and
- WHEREAS, The ILCA, and its member competitors, benefit from increased participation in District and Area Championships, and
- WHEREAS, The following proposed changes to Article V of the Rules Governing Area Championship and Article XII of the Rules Governing North American Championship would improve the quality of the sailing experience at the North American Championships and possibly encourage increased participation, and
- WHEREAS, It is in the best interest of the ILCA, and its member competitors, to make measured changes that are evaluated on an experimental basis, now, therefore be it
- RESOLVED, That the ILCA membership, in quorum assembled, SUBSTITUTES the following for the Rules Governing Area Championships, Article V and the Rules Governing North American Championship, Article XII and be it further**
- RESOLVED, That these changes shall take effect on April 1, 2017 and shall expire on September 25, 2017 at which time, the original language shall, again, be in force.**

Articles Which Apply Specifically to Area Championships

ARTICLE V- ENTRIES

1. Qualifying races shall be held and must be free from discrimination and be open to every active member of the district holding the series. Scoring in such races shall be computed exclusively on the basis of eligible entries belonging to the particular district holding the series.
2. Approved Measurement Certificate must be on file in the ILCA Office for each yacht entered.

Articles Which Apply Specifically to North American Championship

ARTICLE XII - ENTRIES

1. Entry and registration will be open and processed first come first served. There is a limit of 70 entries and these will be assigned in the order that they are received when on-line registration opens June 15.
2. Each entry must complete the registration process and thereby participate in their district championship. Registrations may be submitted before the date of an individual's district championship to hold their NA slot, but their registration will only be complete when their registration is confirmed on the overall district championship results.
3. The Executive Committee may modify these requirements by adding to the number of entry slots available, accepting boats by petition or permitting Skippers from outside North America to compete. Skippers from outside North America will be limited to the first 5 before August 1st. After this date, entry will be based on availability.
4. From the ILCA Junior, Women's and Masters Championships one Skipper per fleet, not previously registered, shall be entitled to register the North American Championship. After August 15th, entry is not guaranteed and will be based on availability.

Reference

The following is the existing language:

ARTICLE V — ENTRIES

1. Qualifying races shall be conducted in accordance with these articles. From any district, the member having the best score among those eligible, willing, and able to represent the district who registered for the qualifying regatta shall be named their entrant. Those having the next best scores, in sequence, shall likewise be named up to the number to which the district is entitled. A district shall always be entitled to at least one entry even if that district did not host qualifying races. Qualifying races must be free from discrimination and be open to every active member of the district holding the series. Scoring in such races shall be computed exclusively on the basis of eligible entries belonging to the particular district holding the series. If a district does not fill its assigned slots, unfilled slots shall be redistributed by the ILCA EC. Once the EC redistributes unfilled slots across all districts to competitors who first competed in qualifying races and then registered in qualifying races, then the EC may fill slots by petition. The EC may delegate this task to the class secretary or the championship regatta host. The EC is the final authority on the number of slots available. No arbitrary selection can be made except in the case where the number of qualified, willing, and able skippers is less than the number of entries to which the group is entitled. In addition to these requirements, the EC may assign a limited number of slots where it is in best benefit of the class.
2. Entries must be specifically named on an entry blank with information relative to eligibility at least twenty days prior to the first race or as directed by the governing authority for the Championship. Alternative entries may be submitted prior to this date. Approved Measurement Certificate must be on file in the ILCA Office for each yacht entered. No entry shall be accepted which does not meet all the eligibility requirements. If there are still open slots, the EC may extend this deadline.
3. The Vice President in charge of an area championship shall be given an automatic entry into their respective championships.

ARTICLE XII — ENTRIES

1. Approximately 110 boats shall be entitled to enter the North American Championship Regattas. The exact number of entries from each District shall be determined each year by the Executive Committee as a percentage of each District's Active and Life Members so as to attain an entry list of approximately 110 boats. Such percentage shall be announced no later than March 15th and will be applied to the number in good standing as of thirty days prior to the first race of the North American Championship Regattas. Each District shall be entitled to one additional boat for every three boats that qualify for the North American Championship Blue Fleet the previous year. All members of the Executive Committee, the reigning Champion and the reigning World Champion do not have to qualify for the North American Championships and shall not count toward a District's Quota. The Host District shall have its North American quota doubled.
2. The Executive Committee may permit Skippers from outside North America to compete, but no such Skipper shall be eligible for a qualifying berth from North America to the World Championships.
3. From the ILCA Junior, Women's and Masters Championships one or more Skippers, not previously qualified through their District, shall be entitled to enter the North American Championship Regattas in accordance with the following formula: One Skipper qualifies if the Fleet consisted of 1 to 10 boats; two qualify if 11 to 20 boats; three qualify if 21 to 30 boats, etc.
4. For Masters' North American Championship: Minimum age of skipper is 55 years; minimum total crew age is 130 years. The skipper and crew meet the minimum age requirements if the age(s) is reached during the calendar year of the Championship.