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Schools Racing Policy

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Introduction

RQYS is a strong supporter of Schools racing, with a significant investment made to support Schools racing and to offset the cost towards member schools.

Schools who are based at RQYS and Schools who compete in Schools Fleet and Team Racing competitions are required to follow the policy as stated in order to operate from the RQYS Manly facility and make use of RQYS member facilities.

Staff Requirements

As an Australian Sailing accredited Discover Sailing Centre and an Australian Sailing member club, RQYS requires the following from School programs, their staff, and sailors.

General Requirements and Responsibilities

- Where sailors are present, member or not, at RQYS for a session where they are engaged in Schools Racing or training for Schools Racing, they are the responsibility of their School. Sailors and Parents of School Sailors are to abide by the Rules and Policies of RQYS while on Squadron grounds or while engaged in on-water activities based or conducted by RQYS.
- RQYS does not hold immediate contact information for sailors attending School Sailing events, and as such it is expected that, where possible, any sailor who presents with injury or in need of assistance will be referred to their School Co-Ordinator, Coach, or nominated Contact person. If that is not possible, they will be dealt with in accordance with RQYS's policies and procedures.

Sailor Requirements

- Sailors undertaking Schools Racing at the Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron are to be Australian Sailing affiliate club members
- Schools based at RQYS are required to have all competing sailors register as [Junior Members of RQYS](#)
- Sailors who are engaged in "training" activities but not engaged in Racing are required to be [SailPass](#) members of RQYS up to a maximum of 12 visits in a 12 month period, these persons must be registered by name with RQYS
 - [SailPass](#) members are not charged by RQYS but are required to have their details completed before any on-water sailing activity at RQYS
- Skippers competing in schools Team Racing are required to have completed a Start Sailing, or Tackers 3 level certification from Australian Sailing. Schools delivering alternate arrangements must seek approval from the RQYS Sailing Manager demonstrating equivalent competencies

School Coordinators/On-Shore Representatives

- Schools are required to have an available contact person ashore or accessible for each Training session and for any racing conducted at the school. This person may be a “float” on-water Coach but must be available by Mobile Phone. This person is to be declared to the [RQYS Sailing Office](#)
- Co-ordinators and On Shore representatives are required to carry, or have access to, information such as Medical Conditions, Parent Contacts, and any information in regard to Privacy. Ordinarily RQYS will hold this information, however with differing school Privacy Policies RQYS is not responsible for holding this information and required Schools to have their own policy and procedure in place via Coaches and Contact persons.

School Coaches

- From Term 1 of 2021 School Coaches are required to hold an [Australian Sailing Coach Qualification](#)
 - This qualification has prerequisites of Powerboat Handling, Safety Boat Operator, First Aid, and a Blue Card
- Each training session and on every Racing Day there shall be a qualified Coach present for each school and the name of this person shall be communicated to the RQYS Sailing Office
- Schools may have additional “Safety Boats” from their school which can be driven by Parents, Volunteers, or Staff. These drivers must, at a minimum, hold their First Aid certificate and Recreational Marine Driver’s License.

School Equipment

- As ultimate Organising Authority for Schools Racing, RQYS requires that all boats competing in Schools Racing be safe and seaworthy for the purposes of racing in all appropriate and possible conditions.
- Boats are required to have all items listed on the [Australian Sailing Special Regulations form for Off the Beach Boats](#)
- School Coach Boats are required to have functioning VHF Radio’s, these may be Handheld VHF Radios
- School Coach Boats are required to carry a sharp knife and tools capable of affecting repairs on Pacer Dinghies on the water

Other Requirements

- Volunteers
 - All Schools shall provide a Volunteer for the purposes of facilitating racing each day of Schools Racing. This person shall be able bodied to assist on Start or Finish Boat or on Course Boats for racing sessions
- Parents
 - RQYS welcomes Parents as Visitors to the Squadron. Parents must sign-in at the Clubhouse Reception desk in accordance with the RQYS Clubhouse Policy
 - Junior Members shall carry their member cards, member cards shall not be used by parents for Vehicle gate access

- Team Racing
 - All Schools wishing to compete in the Queensland Secondary Schools Team Racing Championship are expected to keep their fleets in a condition suitable to provide a fleet of 6 boats for a “flight” to be used in Pool racing at the event
 - In Pool events Schools shall be responsible for any damage that is caused as a result of an incident. Where general damage occurs during the regatta the cost of repairs shall be divided between all competing schools in that event
 - Schools shall provide their own Protest “Red” flags for competition, sailors should carry this flag in their lifejacket on a piece of string
 - In addition to a Volunteer each school shall provide a Volunteer Umpire for each day of Schools Racing. This person must have completed the [Australian Sailing Umpire Qualification](#)