

## **Sunfish Sailing/Race Committee Instructions**

### **Addendum to the Blackwater Yacht Racing Association Sailing Instructions**

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These instructions are to be used in conjunction with the BYRA Sailing Instructions. All BYRA Sailing Instructions apply except as modified by these instructions.

#### **Registration:**

Each person participating in a Sunfish series or regatta will register with the Race Committee at the skippers' meeting. Skippers' meetings are usually held at 11:00 a.m. on the first day of racing. Series and Regatta eligibility is based on the registered skipper and not on the boat. Skippers must inform the R/C of sail number changes during a series or regatta.

#### **Race Course:**

The race course will be determined by the R/C based on the prevailing conditions. The course will consist of Orange/Red balls for the turning marks.

#### **Time Limit:**

The time limit for a Sunfish race will be 1 1/2 hours. If no boat has finished within this time limit, the race will be abandoned.

#### **Starting Sequence:**

"L" (black and yellow flag) – "Come within hail" – R/C will announce the course to the participants. "L" will be removed one minute prior to starting sequence with one sound signal.

Sunfish Class flag (Warning) – raised at 5 minutes to the start with one sound signal.

"P" (white square on blue flag) preparatory – raised at 4 minutes to the start with one sound signal.

If necessary, hoist "I" (black dot on yellow flag) or "Z" (black, yellow, blue and red triangles) at this point.

"P" – preparatory flag removed at 1 minute to the start with one sound signal.

Start – Sunfish Class flag removed with one sound signal.

#### **Scoring:**

Low Point Scoring System as shown in Appendix A of The Racing Rules of Sailing will be used. Qualification for series awards will be determined by Sunfish fleet consensus prior to the start of the year's racing. Currently, 70% of races raced are required for a skipper to be qualified.

#### **Protests:**

The protest procedure applies with the exception that flying a protest flag is not required. A boat that acknowledges breaking a rule of Part 2 of The Racing Rules of Sailing must take the two-turns penalty (720 rule). No other scoring penalty is available.