

COVID-19 Championship Policy

Outline

This policy details the Australian Laser Class Association (ALCA) policy covering ALCA championships and provides guidance for Australian District championships.

Background

Australian Districts are now planning for Oceania, Australian and Districts championships that are scheduled for the 2020/21 sailing season.

COVID-19 has resulted in new and rapidly changing scenarios that championship Organising Committees need to consider.

This policy has been developed and approved by the ALCA.

Policy Considerations

This policy has been developed giving consideration of the following issues:

1. Maintain the value and recognition of ALCA cubes whereby all sailors from Australia are able to compete and are not restricted by government COVID-19 laws or regulations from competing.
2. Provide certainty to potential entrants as to the criteria to be used as to whether an event will proceed or be cancelled.
3. Enable championship Organising Committees to evaluate whether a championship should be cancelled, modified, or run.

Policy

When any of the following conditions exist:

- Sailors from any area (postcode, city, local government or state) in the event jurisdiction are restricted from travelling to the venue due to COVID-19 laws or regulations
 - This does not apply if the restriction only applies to specific individuals
- Sailors are required to quarantine or self-isolate after travelling to the venue location

An Organising Committees shall:

- Not award cubes or perpetual trophies at the event
- Placegetters shall not be recognised in a similar way to placegetters from previous championships.

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In the situation where an event is planned, and restrictions apply as at the first day of registration, then the following contingency is allowed:

1. The event can proceed with a name change that removes recognition as an Australian or District championship.

Eg. Change 2021 Australian Laser Championship to 2021 Australian Laser Regatta (or similar without using Championship) or 2020/21 Victorian Laser Championship to 2020/21 Victorian Laser Regatta.

2. This contingency can be implemented any time up to the first day of registrations.

Policy Implementation

This policy will apply for all Australian Laser Championship events and it is recommended that Districts implement this policy for their own District championship events.

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