BORA Sailing League Rules (Updated for 2025)

Overview

1. **Bulgarian Sailing Association (BSA)** is the Bulgarian representative in the **International Sailing League Association (ISLA)**.
2. It organises and conducts events each year for sailing clubs in partnership with **BORA Sailing Ltd.**, enabling **qualified teams** to participate in the **SAILING Champions League (SCL)** Qualifier events in the following year.
3. The events organised by the **Bulgarian Sailing Association** and **BORA Sailing Ltd.** each year are titled **BORA Sailing League**.
4. Clubs from nations without National Sailing League representatives in ISLA can participate in the BORA Sailing League and receive a quota for **SCL** events the next year.
5. **SAILING Champions League (SCL)** is a competition format **focused on clubs**, so all participation, points scored, and quotas received are related to the clubs, not individual teams or sailors.
6. Multiple teams can represent a club, but **a crew member cannot be part of more than one team** for both the Qualification and Final events.

Race Format (Updated for 2025)

7. **The events in the 2025 season will include two main events:**
    - One **Qualification Event**
    - One **Final Event**

Qualification Event

8. Participants in the **Qualification Event** will be determined as follows:
    - **1 place** reserved for the **hosting club**.
    - **7 places** based on the **time of Registration Form submission**, with higher priority given to teams with better rankings from the **previous season** and a **wildcard for an all-female team**.
    - **4 places** are reserved for **youth teams** (all crew members under **23 years old**). Youth teams will **participate for free**.

9. For a team to be eligible for the **BORA Sailing League Qualification Event**, they must submit a **Registration Form and pay the participation fee before the deadline** set by **BORA and BSA**.
    - Youth teams are exempt from paying the participation fee.
10. **The Top 3 teams from the previous season cannot participate in the Qualification Event.** They are automatically eligible for the Final Event.
11. If there are not enough teams to fill the quota for the Qualification Event, the event will still proceed with the teams that have complied with the rules.
12. If the hosting club cannot include a team, their spot will be transferred to the next eligible team based on the rules outlined in this section.

Final Event

12. Participants in the **Final Event** will be determined as follows:

- **1 place** reserved for the **hosting club**.
- **3 places** for the **top 3 teams from the previous season**.
- **4 places** for the **top 4 teams from the Qualification Event**.

13. For a team to be eligible for the Final Event, they must submit a **Registration Form and pay the participation fee before the deadline set by BORA and BSA.**

- Youth teams are exempt from paying the participation fee.

14. Suppose any of the top 3 teams from the previous season **fail to submit a Registration Form and pay the participation fee for the Final Event before the deadline**. In that case, their spot will be transferred to the next highest-ranked team(s) from the Qualification Event (positions 5, 6, 7, and so forth).
15. Suppose any of the top 4 teams from the Qualification Event **fail to submit a Registration Form and pay the participation fee for the Final Event before the deadline.** In that case, their spot will be transferred to the next highest-ranked team(s) from the Qualification Event (positions 5, 6, 7, and so forth).
16. If there are not enough teams to fill the quota for the Final Event, the event will still proceed with the teams that have complied with the rules.

17. If the hosting club cannot include a team, their spot will be transferred to the next eligible team based on the rules outlined in this section.

General Provisions

18. All teams must ensure they meet the eligibility requirements and provide accurate documentation during the registration process.

19. The Bulgarian Sailing Association (BSA) and BORA Sailing Ltd. will resolve disputes arising from interpreting these rules**.**