



Spring Top 9 Invite

Stanford University
Redwood City, CA
February 14–15, 2026



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

SECTION 1: GENERAL RULES

- 1.1 This regatta is governed by World Sailing's Racing Rules of Sailing ("RRS"), the ICSA's Procedural Rules ("PR"), and applicable class rules ("CR"), except as modified by the Sailing Instructions ("Instructions") herein.
- 1.2 The Race Committee reserves the right to modify any of the Instructions stated herein. Any changes will be timely posted on the Official Notice Board and will be announced orally before the first race in which they are to take effect.
- 1.3 Any questions regarding these Sailing Instructions should be submitted, in writing, to chris.klevan@stanford.edu no later than Wednesday February 12, 2025.

SECTION 2: NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notice will be posted on the Official Notice Board located on Tech Score, scores.collegesailing.org.

SECTION 3: SCHEDULE OF EVENTS & FORMAT

- 3.1 Schedule of Events: Saturday, Feb 15
 - 1100 Report Time
 - 1130 First Warning
 - 1800 No Starting Signal After
- 3.2 Schedule of Events: Sunday, Feb 16
 - 1100 Report Time
 - 1130 First Warning
 - 1530 No Starting Signal After
- 3.3 The Top-9 is an open fleet race.
- 3.4 Saturday will be sailed in 420s
- 3.5 Sunday will be sailed in FJs

SECTION 4: BOATS & EQUIPMENT

- 4.1 Coach boats may be provided for all teams' alternates, barring breakdowns.
- 4.2 Zim FJs and Zim 420Es will be provided for all competitors.
- 4.3 Competitors shall not modify any boat or cause any boat to be modified in any way.
- 4.4 Competitors shall not adjust the standing rigging but have the singular option of rigging the mainsheet purchase either 3:1 or 4:1.
- 4.5 Any Competitor who the Race Committee finds to be in violation of Rule 4.3 or Rule 4.4 will be disqualified from all races sailed in violation of those Rules. If the Race Committee cannot determine which races were sailed in violation of those Rules, the Competitor will

be disqualified from all races sailed the day the Competitor was found to be in violation of those Rules.

- 4.6 Competitors shall report all damage or loss of equipment, however slight, to the Race Committee Finish Boat.

SECTION 5: RACING VENUE & COURSES

- 5.1 The primary race venue will be inside Redwood Creek.
- 5.2 Secondary race venues may include the South San Francisco Bay or around Bair Island.
- 5.3 The Race Committee will timely post all possible courses to the Official Notice Board.
- 5.4 The Race Committee will orally announce the course prior to each race.

SECTION 6: STARTING, ROUNDING, AND FINISHING

- 6.1 Races will be started in accordance with PR 18(b)(i).
- 6.2 The starting mark will be a yellow buoy.
- 6.3 The starting line will be between the windward edge of the starting mark and the orange flag displayed on the Race Committee Start Boat.
- 6.4 All rounding marks will be orange buoys.
- 6.5 The finishing mark will be a yellow buoy.
- 6.6 The finishing line will be between the windward edge of the finishing mark and the red flag displayed on the Race Committee Finish Boat.
- 6.7 If a boat is delaying the finish of a race, the Race Committee may end the race and score the boat in its current position.

SECTION 7: RECALLS

- 7.1 Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with the PR 18(b)(ii).
- 7.2 While the Race Committee may attempt to hail the sail number(s) of recalled boats; it is, ultimately, the responsibility of each boat to make a proper start, and failure to hear a hail is insufficient cause for granting redress.
- 7.3 General recalls will be signaled in accordance to PR 18(b)(iii).

SECTION 8: PROTESTS

- 8.1 RRS 42 (as modified by PR 32) shall apply.
- 8.2 Competitors shall submit protests to the Race Committee within 30 minutes of the division's arrival ashore during a lunch break or at the end of the day, whichever occurs first. This changes PR 30.
- 8.3 The Race Committee will timely post all protest hearings (including the protested boats and the time and place of the hearing) to the Official Notice Board within 30 minutes of being notified of the protest or of the Race Committee boat's arrival ashore, whichever occurs last. This shall serve as notification per RRS 63.2.
- 8.5 The documents required to submit a protest to the Race Committee can be found at https://collegesailing.org/documents/Fleet_Racing_Documents/Protest_Form.pdf

SECTION 9: SAFETY

- 9.1 Competitors who require assistance from rescue or Race Committee boats should so signify by waving arms overhead.
- 9.2 A competitor who retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

9.2 Starts will not be delayed to accommodate capsized boats.

SECTION 10: COACHING

10.1 PR 19 shall apply.