

Genesee Yacht Club
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Notice of Race (NoR)

Club Races 2026

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1

The notation '[DP]' in a rule means that penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. This changes RRS 64.2.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in the current *Racing Rules of Sailing*,
- 1.2. The Class Rules of PHRF-LO shall apply, available at <https://phrf-lo.org/index.php/en/>
- 1.3. RRS Rule 52 is changed to allow the use of self-steering devices (autopilots and windvanes) when one is racing singlehanded.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The sailing instructions will be available on the official notice board one week before the first scored race.

3. COMMUNICATIONS

- 3.1. The official online notice board is located at <https://geneseeyc.org/racing>
- 3.2. The official notice board is located on the bulletin board in the GYC clubhouse.
- 3.3. [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on Channel 71.
- 3.4. On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts on Channel 71, as well as changes to the SIs to competitors on VHF radio. Failure to receive or hear such broadcasts shall not be grounds for redress.
- 3.5. [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. Members of the Genesee Yacht Club, in good standing will be eligible to enter a boat in any club race and a member of GYC shall be on board the boat in order to race.
- 4.2. Other boats may enter with prior approval of the Rear Commodore or their delegate on a race-by-race basis.
- 4.3. Eligible boats may enter by electronically completing the Intention to Race form, on the GYC online notice board, no later than one week before the first scored race of the year.

- 4.4. Proof of payment of the PHRF fee as prescribed in the Intent to Race form shall be submitted no later than one week before the first scored race of the year.
- 4.5. Each boat shall produce a valid PHRF-LO measurement certificate.
- 4.6. Class Splits will be posted on the GYC Notice Board prior to the first scored race of the season.
- 4.7. All participating boats are expected to support Race Management as many times as possible during the season. All participating Tuesday night boats are expected to provide cook/cleanup services for at least one cookout after Tuesday racing. Please go to SignUpGenius and pick the date and time you and your crew can support the racing activities at:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/index.cfm?go=c.SignUpSearch&eid=0FC1C9D7F8C9F663&cs=09B5BADE8FC48B627B07640E5BC09BCD&sortby=l.title>

5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1. Schedule of races for the season along with starting times are in Appendix B and on the GYC online noticeboard.
- 5.2. Registration will be available April 8th through May 18, 2026.

6. START

- 6.1. The Starts will be in accordance with RRS 26.
- 6.2. The Starting area is approximately 1 nm due north from the end of the west pier at the mouth of the Genesee River.
- 6.3. The scheduled time of the warning signals for the club races are in the following table:

Series	Warning signal
Tuesday series	First Warning 1825 After September 1 st First warning 1755
Saturday Series	First Warning 955
Fall Weekend Regatta	First Warning 955 No warning after 1300

- 6.4. **Order of starts.** If more than one race is run, the order of the starts may vary.
- 6.5. Race Committee may combine starts of more than 1 division by hoisting the appropriate Numeral Pennants.
- 6.6. Divisions are signaled as follows:

1st	Division 1	Numeral Pennant 1
2 nd	Division 2	Numeral Pennant 2
3 rd	Division 3	Numeral Pennant 3
4 th	Division 4	Numeral Pennant 4
5 th	Division 5	Numeral Pennant 5

7. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 7.1. Boats are required to carry all relevant safety equipment as required by USCG/US Sailing for all passengers aboard including lifejackets, fire extinguisher, sound making device, flares, throw line, throwable device, VHF, compass, anchor etc.
- 7.2. [DP] Boats shall be available for equipment inspection from on a random basis on any race day.

8. VENUE

- 8.1. Racing shall take place along the south shore of Lake Ontario adjacent to the mouth of the Genesee River.

9. COURSES

- 9.1. Courses to be used are indicated in Appendix A.
- 9.2. The marks that may be used are a combination of yellow, orange, and green tetrahedrons and cylinders.

10. PENALTY

- 10.1. RRS APPENDIX V1 applies (One turn penalty for breaking a rule of part 2 or rule 31 and two turn penalty for a rule broken while in the zone around a mark other than the starting mark).
- 10.2. RRS APPENDIX V2 applies (Post race penalty of 30% may be taken prior to protest hearing)

11. SCORING

- 11.1. Series Scoring: RRS Appendix A Series Scoring A2.1 and A5.3 shall apply.
- 11.2. The PHRF-LO handicapping time on time will be used for scoring.
- 11.3. A boat shall only be scored in one division per series. A boat may switch divisions between series.
- 11.4. Exclusions (throwouts)
 - a) When 3 or fewer races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of all of her race scores.
 - b) When 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
 - c) When 7 races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
 - d) When 10 races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race

scores excluding her three worst scores.

- e) When more than 12 races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her four worst scores.

11.5. If a boat is scored TLE they should be scored 2 more than the number of finishers.

11.6. To qualify for inclusion in the Tuesday series division championship, a boat shall compete (or come to the starting line) for at least 50% of the completed races listed in Appendix B.

12. RISK STATEMENT

12.1. RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

12.2. Appendix D is Waiver and Release of Liability to GYC that participants agree in signing the Intent to Race Form.

13. INSURANCE

13.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 USD per incident

14. PRIZES

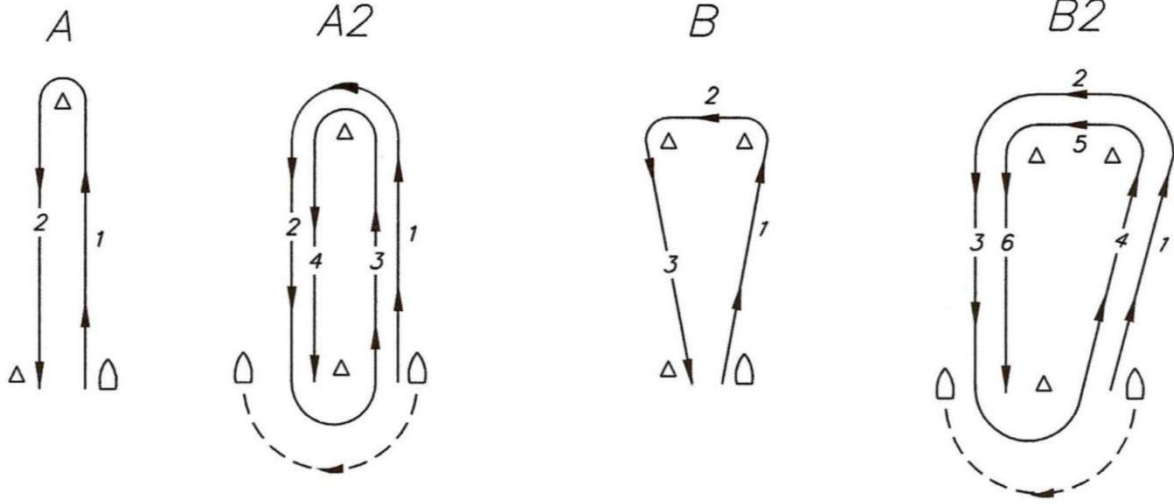
14.1. Awards and prizes are outlined in Appendix C.

15. FURTHER INFORMATION

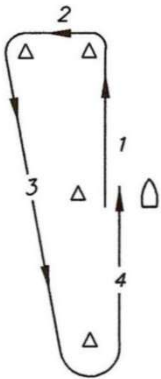
15.1. For additional information please contact the GYC Rear Commodore.

Appendix A

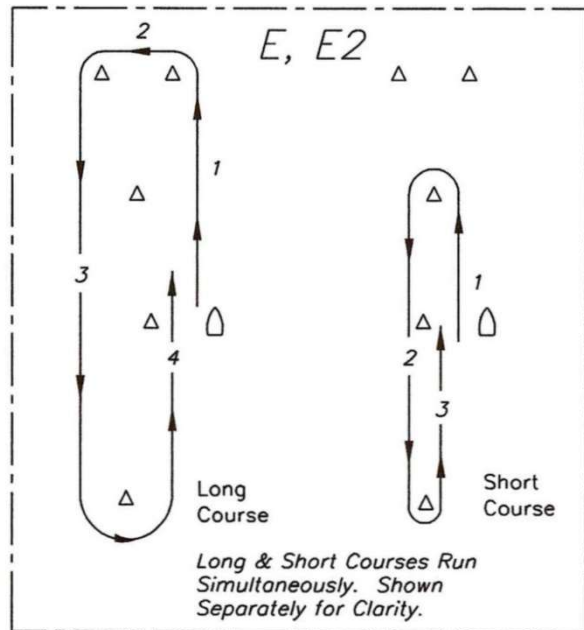
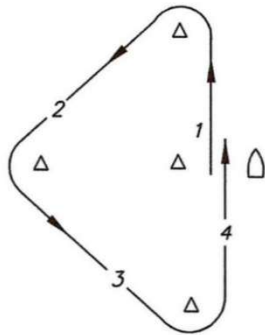
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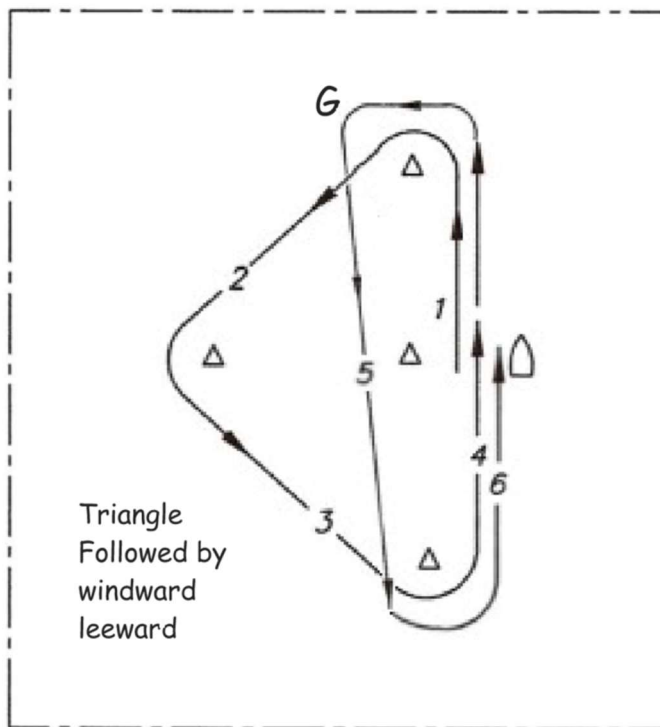
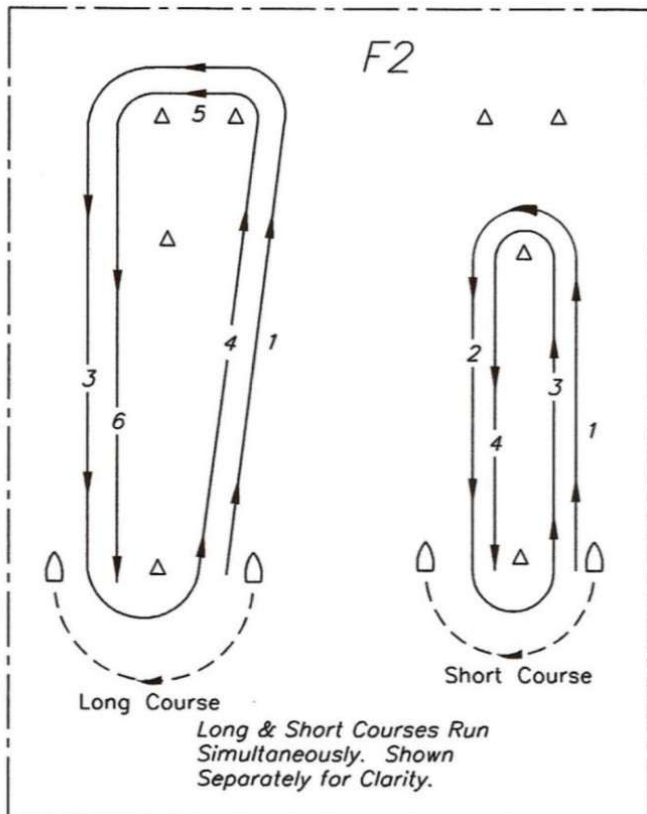
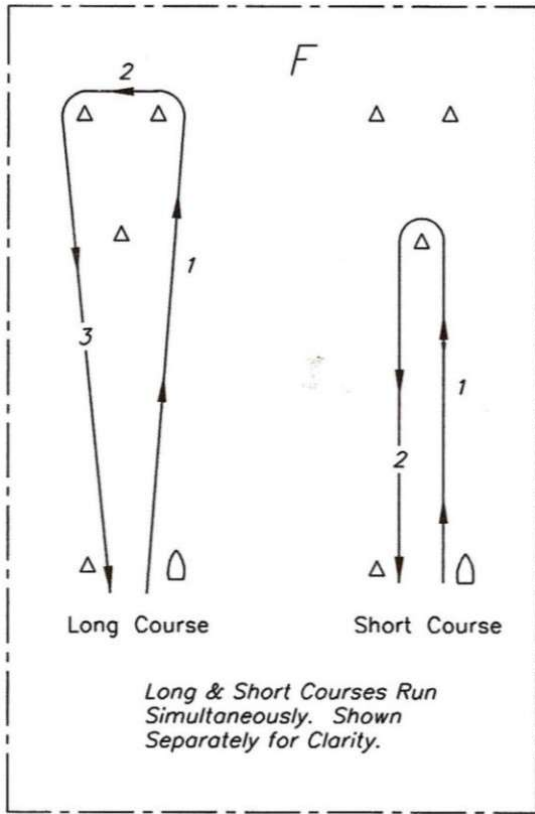


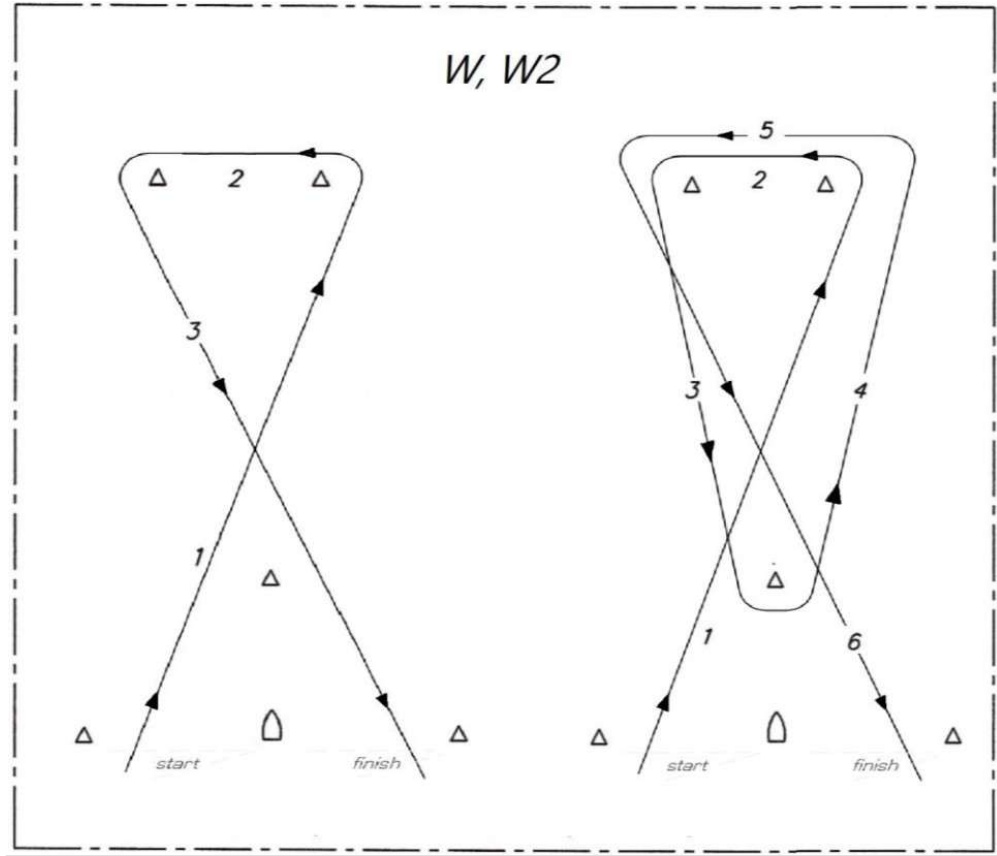
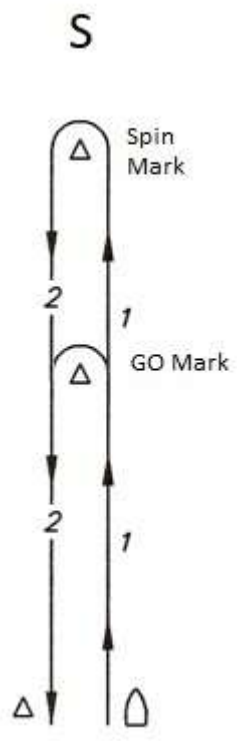
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Appendix B

Schedule of Races

Tuesday Series

First warning 1825, after 9/1 first warning 1755

Spring	5/26, 6/2, 6/9, 6/16, 6/23, 6/30
Summer	7/7, 7/14, 7/21, 7/28, 8/4, 8/11
Fall	8/18, 8/25, 9/1, 9/8, 9/15

Weekend Series

9:00 Skippers meeting

9:55 First Warning

Possible make-up date for prior cancellations, 8/1/2026

Spring	5/23, 5/30, 6/6 2 races/day 1 race constitutes a series
Double-Handed	6/13, 7/11, 7/25 2 races/day 1 race constitutes a series Allowable # of crew: boats < 30' up to 2; boats ≥ 30' up to 3.
Fall	9/19, 9/26 2 races/day 1 race constitutes a series
Single-Handed	8/22
Pursuit Race	Aka Catchup race 9/5
Long Distance	6/20, 6/27, 8/8, 9/12 4 races scheduled 1 race constitutes a series
Fall Weekend Regatta	10/4 3 races are scheduled one race constitutes a series No warning after 1300

Appendix C Prizes/awards

Awards for races conducted throughout the season are outlined in the following table. Calculations made to determine the awards/trophies are outlined following the table.

	Awards	Criteria
1	<i>Series Championship</i> Flags will be awarded for the top 3 places in each division	Spring, Summer, Fall Tuesdays, Spring, Fall Weekend Series, Doublehanded Series, Singlehanded Race, Long Distance race, Fall Weekend Regatta
2	<i>TUESDAY SERIES DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIP (A GO, B GO, A SPIN, B SPIN, C SPIN)</i>	Awarded to the first-place boat in each division in the combined Tuesday night (spring, summer, fall) series
3	<i>TUESDAY SPINNAKER CHAMPION</i>	Awarded to the 1 st place boat in the spinnaker division.
4	<i>Bob Macintyre High Point Trophies (A GO, B GO, A SPIN, B SPIN, C SPIN)</i>	Awarded to the first-place boat in each division, combining all series as outlined in #4 below
5	<i>Boat of the Year</i>	Awarded to the boat with the most 1 st place finishes
6	Doublehanded Go series Trophies (A GO, B GO)	Awarded to the first-place boat in each division for all Double-Handed races.
7	Single-Handed Race Championship Trophy	Awarded to the overall 1 st place boat of all divisions combined calculated using NoR 11 Scoring
8	J80 Boat of the Year	Awarded to the J80 with the greatest number in the high point scoring system.

1. Calculated as outlined in NoR **11 Scoring**.
2. Calculated by combining the results of all Tuesday night races for each division using the calculations as outlined in NoR **11 Scoring**
3. The 1st place boat in all Tuesday night spinnaker divisions combined calculated as outlined in NoR **11 Scoring**.
4. Division High Point Trophies
 - 4.1. The trophies for each division will be calculated on all races within the following series with no exclusions:

1.	Spring Tuesday Series
2.	Summer Tuesday Series
3.	Fall Tuesday Series
4.	Spring Weekend Series
5.	Double-Handed Series
6.	Fall Weekend Series
7.	Single-Handed Race
8.	Long Distance Series
9.	Fall Weekend Regatta

The trophies will be based on each division's Tuesday night division results. The score for each boat will be a summation of the modified high point score as defined in 4.5 for all races within each qualifying series.

- 4.2. Boats in the Tuesday spinnaker divisions will receive zero points toward the division championship award for non-Tuesday races if they sail in a genoa division when there is a spinnaker division available with the exception of single or double-handed races. They will receive calculated points for racing in a genoa division if there is no spinnaker division available.
- 4.3. Boats in the Tuesday genoa divisions will receive calculated points if they elect to sail in a spinnaker division in non-Tuesday races.
- 4.3. Boats who elect to change Tuesday division during the season will not be eligible for a division championship award.
- 4.4. Race Scores for the division high point trophies will be determined as follows:
 - Define 'N' to be the number of boats competing in a particular race including boats receiving zero points.
 - Define P as the place assigned by low point scoring.
 - Each boat who comes to the starting line will be scored using the following formula rounded to 2 decimal places: $(N+1-P)/N$
 - For example, 1st place finish: $(N+1-P)/N (=1.0)$
 - Each place thereafter receives a smaller fraction score.
 - The last place boat who completed the course will have a score greater than zero.
 - A boat which is DNS or DNF, or was DSQ will receive a score of 0 by this formula.
 - Boats that do not compete in that race (DNC) will not be scored.

EXAMPLE SCORES:

boats (N) = 3	
Place Finish	High Point Score
1	1.00
2	0.67
3	0.33

boats (N) = 5	
Place Finish	High Point Score
1	1.00
2	0.80
3	0.60
4	0.40
5	0.20

boats (N) = 7	
Place Finish	High Point Score
1	1.00
2	0.86
3	0.71
4	0.57
5	0.43
6	0.29
7	0.14

boats (N) = 9	
Place Finish	High Point Score
1	1.00
2	0.89
3	0.78
4	0.67
5	0.56
6	0.44
7	0.33
8	0.22
9	0.11

5. Awarded to the boat with the most 1st place finishes in the following series (Spring, Summer, Fall Tuesdays, Spring, Fall Weekend Series, Double-handed Series, Single-handed Race, Long Distance race, Fall Weekend Regatta) Pizza and fun races excluded.

6. Calculated by combining the results of all Double-handed races for each division using the calculations as outlined in **NoR 11 Scoring**.

Appendix D WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

For and in consideration of Genesee Yacht Club, Inc. (the “Organization”) allowing me, the undersigned, to participate in any capacity in an Organization sanctioned, licensed or approved event or activity (“Event” or “Events”); I, for myself, and on behalf of my spouse, children, heirs and next of kin, and any legal and personal representatives, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns, hereby agree to and make the following contractual representations pursuant to this Agreement (the “Agreement”):

A. RULES AND REGULATIONS: I hereby agree to abide by the rules, regulations, and policies of the Organization, including any and all COVID-19 related safety measures required by the Genesee Yacht Club Organization.

B. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISK: I knowingly, willingly, and voluntarily acknowledge the inherent risks associated with the sport of sailing, and that participation in any Organization involves risks and dangers including, without limitation, the potential for serious bodily injury (including broken bones, head or neck injuries), sickness and disease (including communicable diseases), trauma, pain & suffering, permanent disability, paralysis and death; loss of or damage to personal property; exposure to extreme conditions and circumstances; accidents involving other participants, event staff, volunteers or spectators; contact or collision with other participants or natural or manmade objects; adverse weather conditions; facilities issues and premises conditions; failure of protective equipment; inadequate safety measures; participants of varying skill levels; situations beyond the immediate control of the Event organizers and competition management; and other undefined, not readily foreseeable and presently unknown risks and dangers (“Risks”).

C. ASSUMPTION OF RISK: I understand that the aforementioned Risks may be caused in whole or in part or result directly or indirectly from the negligence of my own actions or inactions, the actions or inactions of others participating in the Events, or the negligent acts or omissions of the Released Parties defined below, and I hereby voluntarily and knowingly assume all such Risks and responsibility for any damages, liabilities, losses, or expenses that I incur as a result of my participation in any Events. I also agree to be responsible for any injury or damage caused by me or any agents under my direction and control at any Event.

D. RELEASE: In consideration of my participation in any Event, I hereby release from liability and waive any claims against the owner or organizer of the Event, its licensees, competition managers, promoters, sponsors, advertisers, beneficiaries, venue providers, and supporting organizations, together with the officers, directors, employees, volunteers and contractors of them (the “Released Parties” or “Event Organizers”), with respect to any liability, claim(s), demand(s), cause(s) of action, damage(s), loss, or expense (including court costs and reasonable attorney fees) of any kind or nature (“Liability”)

which may arise out of, result from, or relate in any way to my participation in the Events, including claims for Liability caused in whole or in part by the negligent acts or omissions of the Released Parties.

E. COMPLETE AGREEMENT AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE: This Agreement represents the complete understanding between the parties regarding these issues, and no oral representations, statements or inducements have been made apart from this Agreement. If any provision of this Agreement is held to be unlawful, void, or for any reason unenforceable, then that provision shall be deemed severable from this Agreement and shall not affect the validity and enforceability of any remaining provisions.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS DOCUMENT IN ITS ENTIRETY, UNDERSTAND ALL OF ITS TERMS AND CONDITIONS, AND KNOW IT CONTAINS AN ASSUMPTION OF RISK, RELEASE, AND WAIVER FROM LIABILITY. By signing electronically on the Intention to Race Form, I (as the participant) hereby accept and agree to the terms and conditions of this Agreement in connection with my participation in any Event.