



CONDITIONS OF ENTRY TO THE GRADUATE DINGHY ASSOCIATION

CHAMPIONSHIPS

The word **class** in the following rules refers to Graduate Dinghy Class.

1. Racing will be under ISAF, RYA and Class rules with such exceptions (if any) to these rules as follows from those conditions and/or are noted in the sailing instructions.
2. Measurement certificates, with a current buoyancy endorsement and a valid Class Association sticker SHALL be presented to the Race Office before entry is deemed to be accepted.
3. A boat shall be entered under her registered number, permission to use sails satisfying the class rules and bearing a registered number not her own may be granted in exceptional circumstances. This permission is to be sought of the Officer of the Day or in any manner laid down by the host club, whose decision shall be final.
4. A boat shall be helmed and crewed by the nominated helmsman and crew throughout the Championship unless under exceptional circumstances a quorum of the General Committee of the Association gives a special dispensation, except that members of the same family group may alternate as crew provided that the crew is nominated for each day prior to the championship commencing. All points shall accrue to the helm and any award shall accrue to the owner(s) of the boat, except that in certain cases an award may accrue to a club or an individual in accordance with the terms of a Deed of Gift.
5. Life Jackets or approved Buoyancy Aids must be worn throughout all races and, if of the mouth type, must be inflated. Wet suits alone are not acceptable buoyancy. Approved buoyancy aids shall have either a CE mark or a label showing the buoyancy of the jacket.
6. Unless otherwise required by a Deed of Gift:
 - a. Points scored will be awarded as per the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing Appendices for a Low Point Scoring System, except that in the National Championships:

6 or 5 races are sailed	one discard allowed
4 or 3 races are sailed	no discard allowed
2 or less races sailed	no championship awarded
- A tie or dead heat will be decided by ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing Appendices for Race Ties
- b. When a trophy is awarded on an aggregate result of a series of races the result of one race shall be discarded if more than two races are sailed. The boat with the lowest aggregate of points shall be declared the winner.
7. The Committee may delegate their authority to a Regional Committee for the arrangement of a Regional Championship subject to the same Conditions of Entry. Similarly, the Committee may delegate to Regional committees the responsibility of the National Junior, Regional Junior and British Schools Championships, subject to the above Conditions of Entry with the following amendments:
 - a. In also National Junior Championship both helmsman and crew shall be under 20 years of age on the 31st December of that year.
 - b. In the British Schools Championship Rule 4 shall not apply and the name of the School entering the boat shall be given on the entry form.
 - c. The name of the helmsman being a pupil of the school entering the boat shall be nominated before each race.
 - d. A change of helmsman during a race, shall not be allowed.
 - e. Helmsmen shall represent their schools and points scored shall accrue to the school of the helmsman.
 - f. Both members of the crew shall be on an Official School Roll on the first day of the meeting.
 - g. A school may enter more than one boat, but, for the purpose of point scoring. each shall be deemed a separate entry.