



2015 AIODA
INTERNATIONAL OPTIMIST AUSTRALIAN &
OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

(Incorporating the International Optimist Australian Teams Racing Championships)

3rd to 10th January 2015

NOTICE OF RACE

**Organising Authority:
Fremantle Sailing Club Inc.**



in conjunction with
Australian International Optimist Dinghy Association



1. Rules

1.1 The Championships will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing and including the Yachting Australia Prescriptions and Special Regulations Part 2.

1.2 Rule Appendix D will apply for the AIODA Team Racing Championship (ATR), including D2.2 and D2.3 (a) single flag protest procedure.

1.3 The current Conditions of the IODA will apply.

1.4 Racing rule Appendix P will apply as amended by the Sailing Instructions.

1.5 The Green Fleet will be governed by the ISAF Introductory Rules for Racing V1.01.

1.6 English shall be the Official Language for the Championships.

2. Advertising

2.1 Advertising is permitted in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.3.2 but as restricted by class rule 2.8.

2.2 Competitors may be required to display sponsors' advertising and/or bow numbers. If required they will be provided by the Organising Authority and shall be affixed in accordance with instructions.

2.3 The Organising Authority reserves the right to refuse advertising by a boat or competitor when it is in conflict with the laws of the Western Australia and or Australian Governments.

3. Eligibility

3.1 The Championships are open to competitors sailing boats of the Optimist class that full fill the eligibility requirements stated below. Allocation of any sailor to Open Fleet, Intermediate Fleet or Green Fleet is subject to the approval of AIODA, and may only be varied during the event by the Race Committee.

3.2 The Australian Championships are open to competitors who are:

(a) Australian Citizens or Permanent Residents, and (b) Financial members of an AIODA state member association, and (c) A financial member of a Yacht Club affiliated with Yachting Australia or a member of a Club affiliated to a MYA of Yachting Australia.

3.3 Competitors shall have been born in 2000 or later.

3.4 Green Fleet Regatta. The 'Green Fleet' is open to less experienced Optimist Class sailors. The emphasis is on fun and the objective of this regatta is to offer younger siblings and less experienced sailors the opportunity to sail and participate without their feeling the need or burden to sail in the more competitive Open Fleet or Intermediate Fleet. In the Green Fleet equipment used is still required to hold current measurement certificates. The 'Green Fleet' competition will be conducted on a separate course and subject to the programme herein, and shall be governed by the ISAF Introductory Rules for Racing V1.01.

3.5 For information regarding qualification for AOST/Representative team qualification and selection see Attachment 2.



4. Entry

4.1 Entries shall be made online by completing the Entry forms, Parent Declaration form, Code of Conduct forms and making the corresponding payments indicated in NOR 5 below. Please enter via the FSC website at <http://www.fsc.com.au> and click on the 'Opti Nationals 2015' event (in the Sailing Events menu).

4.2 Entries open on 8th August 2014.

4.3 Entries close at 1700 hours on Friday 12 December 2014. Late entries may be accepted upon payment of an additional late fee up to 1200 hours on 4th January 2015.

4.4 Competitors, team leaders, volunteers and support boats shall complete registration online at the FSC website: <http://www.fsc.com.au>

4.5 Competitors will be considered "entered" when online entry and the on-site registration has been completed, and after returning to the Race Office the valid measurement form issued by the Measurement Sub-Committee (see NOR 8).

5. Entry Fees

5.1 The Regatta entry fee for the AIODA Australian and Open Championships (including Open Fleet and Intermediate Fleet) is AUD\$260.00 incl. GST. The Regatta entry fee for Green Fleet is AUD\$180.00 incl. GST. The entry fee includes regatta shirt, opening ceremony and presentation function for the helm. Additional regatta shirts, opening ceremony and presentation tickets will be available online at time of entry.

5.2 Late entries may be accepted upon payment of an additional late fee of AUD\$55.00 up to the close of registration at 1200hrs 4th January 2015.

5.3 Charter boat fees are additional to the entry fee.

6. Format of the Championship

6.1 The AIODA International Optimist Australian & Open Championships will consist of Open Fleet, Intermediate Fleet and Green Fleet. If you are unsure which fleet you should be racing in, more information will be available via the FSC website. The series for each fleet will consist of up to 15 races. The target is three races per day. No more than five races will be sailed on any day.

6.2 The AIODA Team Racing Championship (ATR) is limited to a maximum of 24 teams nominated and formed by Nations (for countries other than Australia), States or Clubs. The maximum number of teams may be modified at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

7. Program

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Date	Time	Event
Sat 3 Jan 2015		OFFICIAL ARRIVAL DAY
Sat 3 Jan 2015	0900 - 1700	Registration and Measurement
	1200	AIODA Team Racing Championships
Sun 4 Jan 2015	0900 - 1200	Registration and Measurement
	1000	AIODA Team Racing Championships if required OR provision for Invitation race.
	1600	Information Session
	1730	Opening Ceremony
Mon 5 Jan 2015	0800	Coach & Jury Meeting
	1000	Championship Racing
Tue 6 Jan 2015	0800	Coach & Jury Meeting
	1000	Championship Racing
Wed 7 Jan 2015	0800	Coach & Jury Meeting
	1000	Championship Racing
Thur 8 Jan 2015		Lay Day, provision for re-sails if required
Fri 9 Jan 2015	0800	Coach & Jury Meeting
	1000	Championship Racing
Sat 10 Jan 2015		OFFICIAL DEPARTURE DAY
Sat 10 Jan 2015	0800	Coach & Jury Meeting
	1000	Championship Racing
	1800	Closing and Prize Giving Ceremony

NOTE: No warning signal will be made after 1600 on 10 January 2015

8. Measurement

8.1 All boats shall produce a Sail Measurement Certificate and IODA Measurement Book with the relevant sailor's details duly entered in the AIODA Boat Register.

8.2 Competitors are allowed to use only one hull, dagger board, rudder (with tiller and extension), mast, boom, sprit and sail during the Championship. These parts of the equipment will be scrutineered and may be measured by the Measurement Sub-Committee



according to the Measurement Regulations, and approved by this Sub-Committee to be complying with the Class rules.

8.2.1 For teams racing only a second mainsail may be measured in and used.

8.3 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved in writing by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

8.4 Substitution of damaged equipment may be permitted providing that the relevant form has been filled in at the Race Office, the damaged equipment has been checked by the Measurement Sub-Committee and the substituting equipment has been scrutineered by the Measurement Sub-Committee.

8.5 If the substitution was made on the water between races, both the damaged and the substituting pieces of equipment shall be presented to the Measurement Sub-Committee after the end of the day's racing. In this case, the substitution is subject to the approval of the Race Committee given retrospectively.

8.6 Charter boats may carry national letters or sail numbers in contravention of the Class rules. The national letters to be carried shall be those of the country entering the chartered boat. All other boats shall be correctly registered in the country of the competitor and shall carry the correct sail numbers for the boat.

8.7 Charter boats shall be supplied with a Registration Book but are exempt from complying with Class rule 2.4.3 (b) and (c) and hence from CR 2.4.1.

8.8 Sails measuring to the maximum limits during the measurement days may be inspected again at any time.

9. Sailing Instructions

9.1 The Championship Sailing Instructions will be available on the Fremantle Sailing Club website <http://www.fsc.com.au> from the 1st December 2014. Please click on the 'Opti Nationals 2015' event (within the Sailing Events menu).

9.2 Sailing Instructions will be available upon registration.

10. The course

10.1 The Championship course for Open and Intermediate fleet racing will be an outer-loop trapezoid with the finish line at the end of the second windward leg.

10.2 For the ATR the course will be a starboard hand "S" course.

10.3 The course for the Green fleet will be triangular laps described in the Sailing Instructions.

11. Penalty System

11.1 Appendix P will apply as amended in the Sailing Instructions.

11.2 Permission from Yachting Australia for Denial of Right of Appeal has been applied for. If granted, decisions of the Protest Committee are final as provided in rule 70.5.

11.3 Races of the ATR will be umpired according to the Appendix D of the Racing Rules of Sailing. Single flag protest system will apply.



11.4 To encourage boats to take penalties afloat, Protest Committee members may blow a whistle when they see what they believe to be a breach of a rule.

12. Scoring

12.1 For the Australian and Open Championships, the series will consist of up to fifteen (15) races, five (5) of which are required to be completed to constitute a series.

12.2 Where a qualifying and finals series is used:

a) The qualifying series shall consist of a maximum of nine (9) completed races. If used, the qualifying series will be conducted on the 5th, 6th, and 7th January 2015, with provision for resails on the 8th January 2015.

b) The finals series shall consist of a maximum of six (6) completed races. If used, the final series will be conducted on the 9th and 10th January 2015.

12.3 In the qualifying series:

a) When less than five races are completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores;

b) When from five to eight races are completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding the worst score;

c) When nine races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding the two worst scores.

12.4 In the finals series:

a) When less than five races are completed, a boat's finals series score shall be the total of her finals race scores;

b) When from five to six races are completed, a boat's finals series score shall be the total of her finals race scores excluding her worst score.

12.5 A boat's overall series score shall be the sum of her qualifying series score and her finals series score. The boats in the Gold finals fleet shall be ranked highest in overall standings then Silver etc.

12.6 The racing for the Australian and Open Championships will be scored as one fleet. Intermediate Fleet and Green Fleet will be scored separately.

13. Safety

13.1 Discretionary penalties will apply to rule 41 'Outside Help'. Actions of the Race Committee in retrieving crews from the water and returning them to their boats may not be penalized.

14. Support Boats

14.1 All Support/Coach Boats must be registered online with the Organising Authority. All boats shall be marked with a numbered flag available at registration upon completion of a Support/Coach Boat online registration form. A deposit of AUD\$50 is required for the numbered flag upon collection at FSC. This flag must be clearly displayed by all boats at all times whilst afloat.

14.2 Each coach boat is required to carry a working VHF radio.



14.3 All Support/Coach boats shall sign on and off by radio to the FSC Radio Room and declare the number of persons on board.

14.4 Except when requested by the Race Committee to participate in rescue operations; team leaders, coaches, parents and other support vessels shall stay outside areas where boats are racing, from the time of the preparatory signal for the first race of a race to start until all boats have Finished or the Race Committee signals a postponement or abandonment. The areas the boats are racing in is defined as the area inside the course and within 100 metres of any mark, lay line, starting line, finishing line or any area where any boat that is racing is sailing or may sail.

14.5 When the wind is less than 10 knots all team leaders, coaches, parents and other support vessels shall not exceed 5 knots within 500m of the area where boats are racing.

14.6 When Code Flag W (with a long sound signal) is displayed on a Committee vessel all support boats are requested to remain afloat and assist all sailors until Code Flag W is lowered.

14.7 The Race Committee or Jury may protest any boat whose support boat is in breach of NOR clause 14. Penalties imposed as a result of a protest under this NOR may result in a penalty being imposed on the boat(s) supported by the support boat.

15. Charter Boats

15.1 Charter boats are NOT mandatory.

15.2 Charter boats will be provided by OziOpti.

15.3 Competitors shall not modify the boats or cause them to be modified in any way except that:

- a) A compass may be tied or taped to the hull or spars;
- b) Wind indicators, including yarn or thread, may be tied or taped anywhere on the boat;
- c) Hulls, dagger boards and rudders may be cleaned, but only with water;
- d) Adhesive tape may be used anywhere above the water line; and
- e) All fittings or equipment designed to be adjusted may be adjusted, provided that the Class rules are complied with.
- f) Competitors may use their own foils, spars, fittings and running rigging.
- g) Charter boats will be complete with blocks, airbag, racing spars, racing foils, mainsheet, padded toe straps, paddle and 1 x bailer, trolley and bowlines. Sails, sail ties, Sprit halyards and wind vanes will NOT be provided.

15.4 Competitors shall compete in the championship in boats correctly registered or in OziOpti charter boats officially chartered for the championship as approved by AIODA.

15.5 The charter fee for the Championship days (January 3-10) will be AUD\$560.00, charter boats will be available from January 1st at the additional pre-event rate of AUD\$50.00 per day. Reservation of charter boats shall be made by submitting the Charter Boat Booking Form available on the OziOpti website <http://www.oziopti.com/charter> or by contacting Steven Bond on (+614) 2422 5774. Payments shall be made directly to the boat provider.



16. Boat Park

16.1 Boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the FSC boat park.

17. Radio Communication

17.1 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

18. Prizes

18.1 Prizes for the Open Championships will be awarded at least to:

- (a) 1st, 2nd and 3rd sailors regardless of gender and continent of residence.
- (b) 1st, 2nd and 3rd female sailors regardless of continent of residence.

18.2 Prizes for the ATR will be awarded at least to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd teams whose members are all of the same Australian state.

18.3 For the Australian Championship, age prizes will be 'Opti-age' and the following prizes will be awarded:

Australian National Championship – 1st place + perpetual trophy

Australian National Championship 2nd to 10th places

Australian 12 yo – 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

Australian 11 yo – 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

Australian 10 yo and under – 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

World's qualifiers – 1st to 5th places

Australian Optimist Sailing Team (AOST) qualifiers.

OziOpti Winner's Club's Championship Cup

Peter Gilmour Trophy – encouragement award

Bennett Family Club Participation Trophy

Participation and encouragement awards

1st Australian female,

1st sailor in their 1st Nationals (Australian Open Fleet)

Notable sportsmanship

18.4 Intermediate Fleet Intermediate National Championship 1st to 10th places

18.5 Green Fleet Green Fleet championship – 1st place, Natalie O'Brart trophy

Green Fleet 2nd to 10th places

18.6 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organisers.

19. Disclaimer of Liability

19.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4 of the RRS, 'Decision to Race'. The Organising Authority will not accept any liability for material damage



or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta. In addition to this the following clauses are applicable:

19.2 A boat is entirely responsible for her own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility. In this paragraph and the following paragraphs, wherever the context so permits, 'boat' includes the helm and their parents or guardians.

19.3 It is for the boat to decide whether she is fit to sail in the conditions in which she will find herself. By launching or going to sea, the boat confirms that she is fit for those conditions and that her helm is competent to sail and compete in them.

19.4 Nothing done or omitted to be done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the boat nor will make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the racing or other parts of the event. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the events and their associated activities, afloat or ashore, and include the Organising Authority, the Race Committee, the race officers, patrol boats and beach masters.

19.5 The provision of rescue boats does not relieve the boat of its responsibilities.

19.6 The fact that the Race Committee conducts inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of the boat set out in these conditions.

19.7 The Race Committee may hold a boat ashore, or require a boat to go ashore at any time when afloat, whether racing or not, if it considers that: (a) The boat, the equipment or the clothing of the helm, or (b) The physical condition of the helm is not adequate for the conditions. Such boats will be scored DNC, DNS or DNF as appropriate.

20. Media and Electronic Equipment

20.1 In submitting the entry form, all competitors, parents, legal guardians/custodians provide their permission for all photographs, video and audio to be the property of the organisers and used for any purpose including public viewing and posting on the event website.

20.2 Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment as specified by the Organising Authority. Information from this equipment shall not be used by a boat as evidence in a hearing. This changes rule 63.6.

21. Insurance

21. 1 All boats shall have third party insurance cover of not less than AUD\$5,000,000.00 (recommend AUD\$10,000,000.00 or the equivalent thereof in any other convertible currency) for any accident. All owners/ competitors who sign the entry forms are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover. Owners / competitors not holding this cover shall withdraw their entry. The skipper of each boat must be able to display proof of cover if requested to do so.



22. Further Information

22.1 For further information and queries, please contact:

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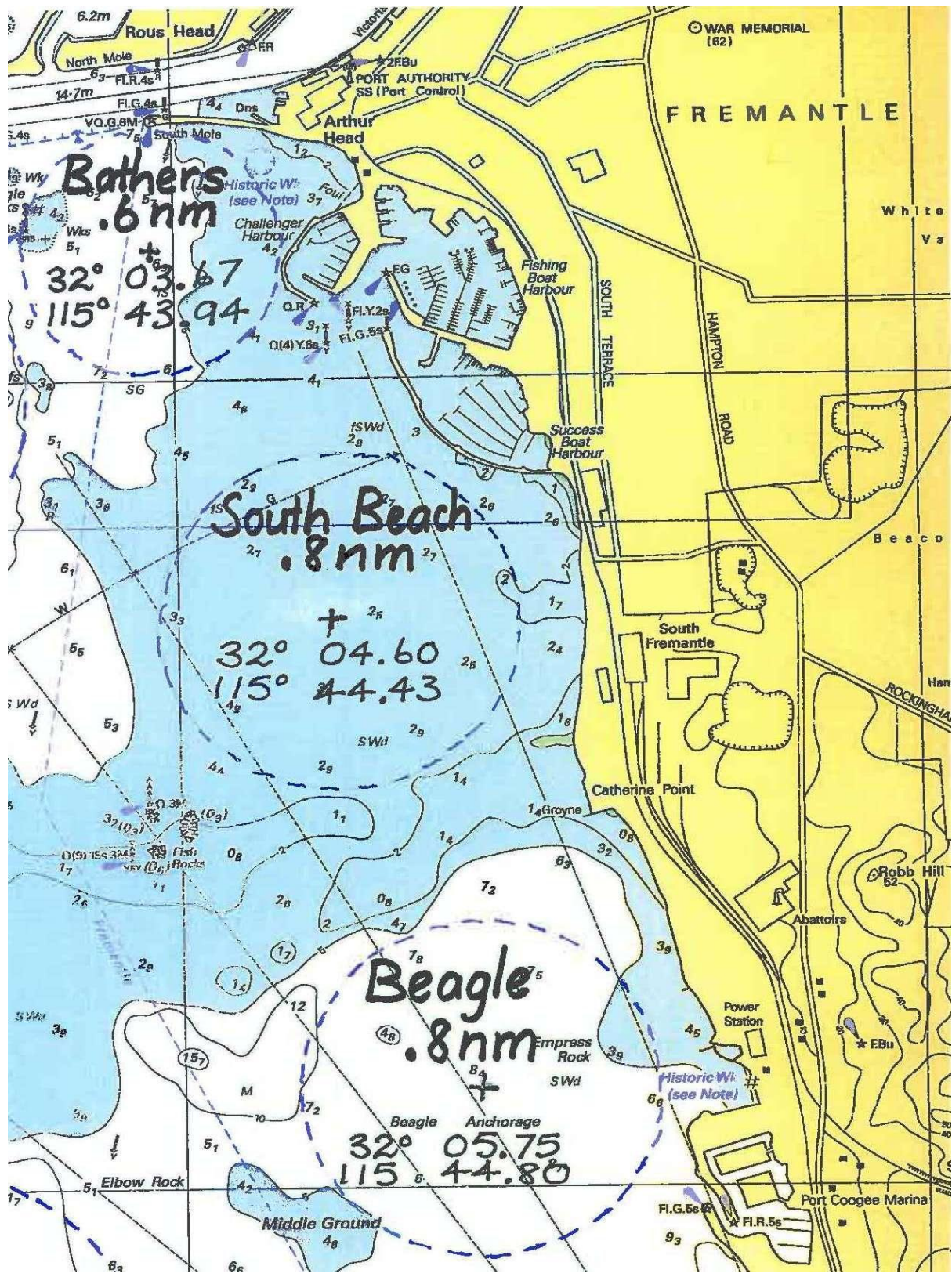
22.2 Each participating country shall designate a person to be the official contact with the Organising Authority and provide a mobile phone number for contact whilst in Fremantle and a working/monitored e-mail address.

23. Amendments

23.1 **IMPORTANT** Any changes to this Notice of Race will be published on the event website <http://www.fsc.com.au/sailing-events/2015-aioda-international-optimist-aust-open-championships/>



ATTACHMENT 1: APPROXIMATE COURSE AREAS (CIRCLES INDICATED ON MAP)





ATTACHMENT 2:

Qualification for AOST, AODS & Representative Teams

1.1 The 2015 ATR Championship is compulsory for all sailors seeking AOST selection. Any exceptions are at the discretion of AIODA. The 2015 ATR Championship will be sailed on Saturday 3 and Sunday 4 (if required) January 2015.

1.2 Australian Representative Team Selection: The Australian Championship is the selection regatta for: Worlds Team, AOST and other Continental championships. Team selection is only open to Australian Citizens or permanent Residents of Australia who satisfy the eligibility criteria specified in NOR Clause 3.2.

1.3 Qualification and selection for participation in any international representative teams and future events are based on results of The Australian Championship 2015. All selections are subject to parent and sailor commitment to the events, execution of the relevant deeds of release and indemnity and code of behaviour form (if not already signed), and confirmation of the AIODA Committee, who have ultimate discretion on selection. Note that all funding is parent/guardian funded unless otherwise advised in writing. The current details of events and eligibility are as follows:

(a) Worlds Team: The top five places qualify for selection for the World Championship, currently scheduled to be held in Poland 2015. If not all places are accepted by qualifiers, the next highest placed sailor will be offered the place until all places are filled. Worlds Team members must also be members of and participate in the AOST

(b) Australian Optimist Sailing Team ("AOST"): The top 16 sailors will qualify for selection for AOST, and will be eligible to compete as part of the Australian Team at the AOST training camp, and Championship events subject to event entry criteria. AOST must be gender balanced to suit event criteria per IODA.

(c) The AOST Camp is mandatory. If not all places are accepted then the next highest placed sailor will be offered the place until all places are filled. Please refer to the AIODA website for details of the AOST procedure. Note: AOST EVENTS ARE NOT 'LIVE IN'. PARENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR CHILDREN AT ALL TIMES BEFORE AND AFTER ON WATER TRAINING/RACING ACTIVITIES.

1.4 Competitors shall be either national or bona fide residents of the country they represent, unless otherwise agreed by the IODA Executive Committee. A competitor who has represented one country at an IODA World or Continental Championship shall not represent another member country except in cases of alteration of residence, which cases shall be approved by the IODA Executive Committee. If a sailor does not comply with these guidelines but wishes to be considered for National representation then application may be made to AIODA for dispensation. These applications must be received in writing by the Secretary of AIODA by November 10, 2014. The final decision/ruling on a sailor's eligibility to represent Australia at the World Championship or other international Optimist regattas will be the responsibility of the AIODA committee in conjunction with the IODA executive.

1.5 Attention is drawn to ISAF Regulations relative to the ISAF World Youth Championship (change of nationality).



2. Australian Optimist Development Squad

2.1 The top six competitors Opti age 12 and under at the time of the Championships who have not qualified for AOST selection or Representative Team selection will be eligible to join the Australian Optimist Development Squad.

2.2 Development Squad selection is only open to Australian Citizens or permanent Residents of Australia who satisfy the eligibility criteria specified in NOR Clause 3.2.

2.3 AO Development Squad members will be eligible to compete as part of the Australian Team at the AOST training camp, and a Championship event subject to event entry criteria. The AOST Camp is mandatory for AODS members. If not all places are accepted then the next highest placed sailor will be offered the place until all places are filled. Please refer to the AIODA website for details of the procedure. Note: **AOST/AODS EVENTS ARE NOT 'LIVE IN'. PARENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR CHILDREN AT ALL TIMES BEFORE AND AFTER ON WATER TRAINING/RACING ACTIVITIES.**

3. AOST and AODS Squad Member Numbers

3.1 AIODA reserve the right to amend the number of sailors eligible for AOST or AODS based upon the number of positions available for Australian Representative Teams. Refer 1.2 above. Any amendment will be notified prior to the final day of the Australian Championships.