

## **Grand Prix Rules**

### **1. Preamble**

The intent of the ILCA North American Grand Prix is to promote participation in ILCA Class events at the District, Regional and Continental levels through a point system to recognize sailor achievement. The accumulated points allow sailors to qualify for entry to world championship events (not including Masters). The points also provide a measure for sailors to evaluate their standing amongst peers within ILCA North America.

### **2. Eligibility**

- a. Any member, in good standing, of the North American Region of the ILCA is eligible to participate in any and all official Grand Prix events.
- b. Competitors who hold a current ILCA-NA membership during the dates of a Grand Prix event shall be considered to be members in good standing for the purposes of receiving a regatta score for that event (deemed eligible competitors).

### **3. Regatta Categories and Grand Prix Regattas**

- a. Continental (North American) Championship – Total Regatta Points: 40
- b. Major Continental Regattas – Total Regatta Points: 30
  - i. US Nationals
  - ii. Canadian Nationals
  - iii. CORK OCR & Senior Championship (ILCA 6 & 7 only)
  - iv. Midwinters East
  - v. Midwinters West
- c. Regional Regattas – Total Regatta Points: 25
  - i. Atlantic Coast Championship
  - ii. Gulf Coast Championship
  - iii. Great Lakes Championship
  - iv. No Coast Championship

- v. Pacific Coast Championship
- d. District Regattas – Total Regatta Points: 20
  - i. District Championships for all ILCA-NA Districts

#### **4. Regatta Requirements**

- a. The Grand Prix is for class-sanctioned regattas which are sailed between January 1 of a given year and December 31 of the same year. See the guidelines for [Open ILCA-NA Regattas](#).
- b. The regatta location, dates and contact information for the NOR must be available from the ILCA-NA website at least four weeks before the event.
- c. For the purposes of awarding Grand Prix points:
  - i. A regatta consists of an event scheduled to be sailed over consecutive days
  - ii. There must be a minimum of three races completed
  - iii. A minimum number of eligible competitors must be in attendance:
    - ILCA 7: 7 competitors
    - ILCA 6: 7 competitors
    - ILCA 4: 5 competitors
  - iv. Events can only be re-sailed with permission of the ILCA-NA Executive Secretary.
- d. Regatta results must be received by the ILCA-NA office within 30 days of completion of the event.

#### **5. Scoring**

- a. Regatta Score
  - i. The score for eligible competitors will be calculated as Total Regatta Points – finish position + 1 (e.g. the regatta winner will receive a score equal to the Total Regatta Points) down to a minimum of one point.
  - ii. The finish positions of ineligible competitors will not be removed.
- b. Grand Prix Rankings Score

i. The Grand Prix ranking will be the sum of the top five Regatta Scores for all eligible competitors.

ii. For the purposes of awarding prizes only, ties will be broken by removing points first from district events, if the tie remains then removing points from regional events, etc. If a tie remains, the competitor who finished ahead in the highest graded, and most recent, mutually attended Grand Prix regatta shall be the winner, unless neither competitor faced each other, in which case the tie shall be broken by the ILCA-NA Executive Secretary by coin flip.

c. The current Grand Prix standings will be published on the ILCA-NA website at [www.laser.org](http://www.laser.org)