

**SCIRA USA**  
**Rules For Representation At International Events**  
**Adopted by SCIRA USA Board January 22, 2005,**  
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- 1) US Team Qualifying Events
  - a) The primary qualifying event for the US Team shall be the US Snipe National Championship the year prior to the international competition requiring qualification.
  - b) At least one half of the US Team representation (currently four for World Championship qualification and three for Western Hemisphere/Orient Championship qualification) shall qualify from the US Snipe National Championship.
  - c) The remaining US Team representatives shall be selected from one or two additional qualification events identified by the US Snipe Board at the beginning of the calendar year prior to the international competition requiring US Team representation. (modification approved January 2006)
    - i) For World Championship Qualification, no more than one half of the US Team representatives (currently two each) shall qualify from each of the two additional US Snipe events identified by the US Snipe Board the year before, and sailed within six months after the US National Championship.
    - ii) For Western Hemisphere/Orient Championship qualification, the US Snipe Board shall identify at least one additional qualifying event to complete the US Team (currently two qualifiers) and sailed within six months after the US National Championship.
    - iii) In addition to the qualifiers from the US National Championship. When scheduling additional qualification events the board shall attempt to select locales that facilitate the ability of competitors from all districts to participate in at least one qualification event.
  - d) Participation in these events implies consent to the rules described herein.
  - e) ***Additional qualifying positions which become available to the US for the 2006 WH&O Championship based on reallocation procedures defined in the WH&O Deed of Gift shall be obtained from the 2005 US Nationals and 2005 Frigid Digit retroactively. If the US receives an odd number of additional positions, then they will be split between the 2005 US Nationals and Frigid Digit such that the US Nationals receives one additional qualifying position. If the US receives an even number of additional positions, then they will be split evenly between the events. Approved and Added 11/05***
  
- 2) Qualification eligibility for US Team Representation
  - a) Qualification eligibility shall be determined by ascending order of finish, beginning with first place in each of the qualification events.
  - b) Only US citizens, or residents for at least one year, that are paid members of SCIRA US shall be considered for USA Team representation
  - c) A competitor shall be considered to be "qualified" for US Team representation at the event of first chronological occurrence, and once qualified, a competitor shall no longer be considered for qualification in subsequent qualification events.
  - d) A qualified competitor's finishing position in subsequent qualification events shall be "transparent" when determining finishing order.
  - e) The skipper and crew are assumed to have qualified as a team, however permission may be granted by the National Secretary to take a different crew, if a request is received in writing. The skipper may not be substituted.
  - f) In the case that a qualified competitor declines representation on the US Team, the next non-qualifier in the order of finishes from the same qualifying event shall be considered to be qualified for the US Team (subject to rule 3c, below)
    - i) If a qualified competitor from the US Snipe National Championship declines or defaults, then the next place finisher, despite that competitor possibly being a qualifier at another event, in the US Snipe

National Championship shall then have qualified. This sequence is to continue until AT LEAST half of the available representation (currently four for World Championship and three for Western Hemisphere/Orient Championship qualification) has accepted US Team Representation.

ii) ***If a qualified competitor from an additional qualifying event other than the US Snipe National Championship declines or defaults, then the next place non-transparent finisher in that event (see rule 3c, below), is a qualifier. This sequence is to continue until the remaining qualifiers are identified from that subsequent event. (modification approved January 2006) \*\* see note below***

g) In the case that the next non-qualified finisher (despite that competitor possibly being a qualifier at another event) is considered to be qualified from more than one qualifying event, qualification will be considered to have been achieved in the event occurring first chronologically.

### 3) Acceptance of US Team Representation

a) The US National Secretary will send a letter to all qualified competitors and potential substitutes (top 10 at the Nationals and top 5 at each other qualifying event) shortly after all of the qualification events have been completed notifying them of their qualification and alternate status and stating the deadline for acceptance and deposit requirements. For a substitute to become a qualifier the substitute must have made the required deposit by the designated deadline.

b) Acceptance of US Team Representation is assumed unless formally declined or defaulted by non-payment of the deposit by the deadline (approximately six months prior to the event; the exact date will be published).

c) The US National Secretary has the final responsibility and sole judgment for administering these rules for a fair method of choosing representation of the United States in international SCIRA competition. The US National Secretary will publish a list of the sailors representing the US in the international event shortly after the six-month deadline and receipt of deposit checks. There shall be no appeal or remedy of the US National Secretary's application or interpretation of these rules.

**\*\* This change applies starting with qualifications for 2007 International events which are being held in 2006. The 1/06 Rule change does not apply to 2005 Qualifying events for International Events being held in 2006. The prior rule applies to those events. That Rule provides that in the additional qualifying events only the top non-transparent finishers are eligible and then the selection process switches back to the USA Nationals.**