



Notts County Sailing Club

Junior Racing and Results Guidelines

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This set of guidelines is intended to clarify the eligibility and results generation for the Junior and Youth sailors when competing in NCSC club series. They are governed and reviewed by the Sailing Committee. Any issues arising from the application of these guidelines should be raised with the Sailing Secretary.

General principles behind these guidelines

NCSC encourages Junior and Youth racing by providing separate a Junior start in all club race series. Juniors can start and race in a less congested space which suits their likely levels of experience and confidence. Additionally, the race management team are able to shorten the race duration to suit their ability and stamina, making racing more enjoyable and encouraging more participation. Juniors may choose to start in a Class or senior handicap race rather than the Junior start. In this case they will be given a result within the series they have started in and will only receive an average points Junior result when there are no entries for the Junior start in that race.

Definitions used in the guidelines:

- Junior – any sailor 15 years old or under on 31 December (of the year the racing is held).
- Youth – any sailor 19 years old or under on 31 December (of the year the racing is held) and in line with the definition of a Junior in the club sailing instructions regarding prizes.
- Junior Start - a formal start, as denoted by the 'Junior' Class flag, at which time only Junior or Youth sailors may start that race.
- Class – a recognised NCSC class of dinghy as qualified for the season in force with a separate fleet start in the Main Summer series.
- Menagerie – the set of competing boats not covered by a Class where finishing positions are determined by the yardstick handicapping system in force at NCSC at the time of the race taking place.
- Handicap – a race where finishing positions are determined by Portsmouth yardstick handicapping system (or other agreed handicapping system/rating) in force at NCSC at the time of the race taking place.
- Novice - an inexperienced sailor, in particular any sailor who has not competed in a complete race series previously, at NCSC or any other club or venue. Final decision resting with the Sailing Committee.
- Race Officer - the nominated person running the race (listed in the duties section of NCSC SCM).
- Prizes - Any Prizes/Certificates/Awards offered to Junior/Youth sailors, to be ratified by the Sailing Committee.

Guidelines for the NCSC Club race series as below:

1. Juniors & Youths should sign on for each race and tick the Junior Start column if they intend to start in the Junior race.
2. If no one else has ticked the Junior Start column prior to leaving the shore they should start with the Handicap, Menagerie or relevant Class start in that race. In these circumstances the Junior will be given an average points result in the Junior series for that race. Note this does not apply to Spring & Winter series pursuit races. (14.8 in the Club sailing instructions).
3. If 2 or more Juniors are signed on and have ticked the Junior Start column but only one is in the vicinity of the start line at the Junior Warning signal, then the remaining Junior can still score points in the Junior series by starting the Junior race. (14.6 in the Club sailing instructions).

<p>Tuesday evenings One Handicap start</p>	<p>Results for Junior helms and crews are published within the overall results with notation to indicate they are a Junior or Youth.</p>
<p>Thursday evenings Handicap and Junior starts. (Starboard Trophy)</p>	<p>If there are 2 or more Junior and / or Youth sailors they may sign on to start in the Junior race and have a suitable race length as determined by the Race Officer. They are permitted to enter & start with the appropriate (Slow or Fast) Handicap fleets, in which case they will sail the full race duration as the rest of that fleet. If there is only 1 Junior or Youth entry they must start in a Handicap race, but may have a shortened race length as determined by the Race Officer. (Ref point 2 above).</p> <p>Results for Junior helms and crews in the Slow or Fast fleets will be calculated to show their position within the whole fleet but will be indicated as Junior/Youth. The Junior race results will show the results of those who signed on and started in each Junior race plus average points for those who were solitary entries and therefore required to compete in another fleet start.</p>
<p>Saturday afternoons Handicap and Junior starts. (Stanier Series)</p> <p>Sunday 3rd Race Handicap and Junior starts. (Wadsworth)</p>	<p>If there are 2 or more Junior and / or Youth sailors they may sign on to start at the Junior Start and have a suitable race length as determined by the Race Officer. They are permitted to enter & start with the Handicap fleet, in which case they will sail the full race duration as the rest of that fleet. If there is only 1 Junior or Youth entry they must start with the Handicap fleet, but may have a shortened race length as determined by the Race Officer. (Ref point 2 above).</p> <p>Results for Junior helms and crews in the Handicap fleet will be calculated to show their position within the whole fleet but will be indicated as Junior/Youth. The Junior race results will show the results of those who signed on and started in each Junior race plus average points for those who were solitary entries and therefore required to compete in another fleet start.</p>

<p>Summer Sundays Class racing and Junior start.</p> <p>(Main Summer Series)</p>	<p>If there are 2 or more Junior and / or Youth sailors they may sign on to start at the Junior Start and have a suitable race length as determined by the Race Officer. They are permitted to enter & start with the Menagerie Handicap fleet or the start for their class, in which case they will sail the full race duration as the rest of that fleet. If there is only 1 Junior or Youth entry they must start with the one of these fleets, but may have a shortened race length as determined by the Race Officer. (Ref point 2 above).</p> <p>Junior and / or Youth sailors may race within different fleets over the duration of the Summer series, or even in morning & afternoon races.</p> <p>Results for Junior helms and crews in the Menagerie or Class fleets will be calculated to show their position within the whole fleet but will be indicated as Junior/Youth. The Junior race results will show the results of those who signed on and started in each Junior race plus average points for those who were solitary entries and therefore required to compete in another fleet start.</p>
<p>Spring & Winter Sundays AM: Handicap races, Fast and Slow & Junior starts.</p> <p>PM: Handicap race for Juniors ahead of Pursuit race.</p> <p>(Black and White Spring, Oakleaf & Frostbite Winter)</p>	<p>AM: If there are 2 or more Junior and / or Youth sailors they may sign on to start in the Junior race and have a suitable race length as determined by the Race Officer. They are permitted to enter & start with the appropriate (Slow or Fast) Handicap fleets, in which case they will sail the full race duration as the rest of that fleet. If there is only 1 Junior or Youth entry they must start in a Handicap race, but may have a shortened race length as determined by the Race Officer. (Ref point 2 above).</p> <p>Results for Junior helms and crews in the AM handicap fleet will be calculated to show their position within the whole fleet but will be indicated as Junior/Youth. The Junior race results will show the results of those who signed on and started in each Junior race plus average points for those who were solitary entries and therefore required to compete in another fleet start.</p> <p>PM: If there are 2 or more Junior and / or Youth sailors they may sign on to start in the Junior race and have a suitable race length as determined by the Race Officer. Junior and / or Youth sailors are permitted to start at appropriate time for their class within the Pursuit race if their PY handicap is 1208 or less (Laser 4.7 is scratch class). In this case they will sail the full race duration. If there is only 1 Junior or Youth entry signed on they can start the Pursuit provided their handicap is low enough but will not be able to race as a single entry in the Junior race.</p> <p>Junior and / or Youth sailors may race within different fleets over the duration of the Spring or Winter series, or even in morning & afternoon races.</p>