

ARYA Sailing Calendar Policy 2023

1. The ARYA Sailing Calendar policy aims to ensure that the ARYA prepares and publishes an accurate, well planned sailing calendar for ARYA Ranking events in Australia.
2. The underpinning principle of this policy is that the information contained in the ARYA Sailing Calendar provides clear, accurate information for members intending to participate in ARYA ranking events. Members who travel to participate in events should have confidence in the information published, so planning and travel arrangements can be made with assurance.
3. This policy aims to improve the quality of information provided by the ARYA:
 - 3.1 Accuracy in planning of dates and venues for Ranking events.
 - 3.2 Accuracy of published details of dates and venues for Ranking events.
4. Strategies to improve the quality of information provided by the ARYA:
 - 4.1 Provide a well-planned process for compiling the Sailing Calendar. (Clause 5)
 - 4.2 Establish a process for the prioritization of scheduling of ARYA ranking events. (Clause 6)
 - 4.3 Provide a consistent process for making decisions about ranking events in which participants are significantly impaired from competing, as a result of the scheduling. (Clause 7)
 - 4.4 Provide a process by which amendments to ranking event dates and venues may be changed at late notice without disadvantaging participants. (Clause 8)
 - 4.5 Provide a structure for naming events which accurately reflects the status of the event. (Clause 9)
5. Preparation of the ARYA Sailing Calendar
 - 5.1 Submission of National Championship Dates – Stage 1
 - 5.1.1 In accordance with the ARYA Constitution (16.5(xii)), States hosting the Australian Championships for each Nationally Recognised Class must submit the proposed dates and venue for the event, to the Annual General Meeting of the ARYA, in the year prior to the event being held.
 - 5.1.2 After confirmation of the event at a General Meeting, the ARYA will compile a Calendar containing the Australian Championship dates for the forthcoming year.
 - 5.1.3 The Australian Championship dates for the following year should be decided before 30 June in the year prior where possible.

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- 5.2 Submission of State Championship Dates – Stage 2
 - 5.2.1 When States receive the Sailing Calendar for the forthcoming year, they will submit their proposed dates for the State Championships for Nationally Recognised Classes in their State.
 - 5.2.2 States will be asked to advise whether their event:
 - a. is held on a traditional date annually and
 - b. is expected to attract travelers from interstate or from significant distances within their State.
 - 5.2.3 States will be asked to submit their State Championship dates for Nationally Recognised Classes for the following year, prior to 31 July annually, where possible.
- 5.3 Submission of Regional Ranking Event details – Stage 3:
 - 5.3.1 When the State Championship details are available, a calendar of Regional Ranking events will be submitted by each State, for a six-month period. The Calendar will be submitted four months prior to the relevant dates. For example, a calendar for the period January – June will be submitted to the ARYA prior to 31 August of the preceding year.
 - 5.3.2 States may submit an annual calendar provided it is also submitted at least four months prior to the first of the relevant dates.
 - 5.3.3 States will be asked whether their events attract travelers from interstate or from significant distances within their State.

6. Prioritization.

- 6.1 States which submit their Event Calendar within the timeframe contained in 5.1 to 5.3 will have their events prioritised ahead of States which do not meet the deadlines.

7. Process for resolving ranking event clashes.

- 7.1 A clash of events occurs when participants are significantly impaired from competing in either, or any event as a result of the scheduling.
- 7.2 A clash exists if there is not one clear weekend between the significant events at venues which may attract the same participants.
- 7.3 Events will be prioritised in order:
 - 7.3.1 Australian Championship events. No other ranking event will be accepted during these dates.
 - 7.3.2 State Championship events which attract travelers or are on traditional dates.
 - 7.3.3 State Championship events which do not attract travelers or are not on traditional dates.
 - 7.3.4 Regional Ranking events which attract travelers or are on traditional dates.
 - 7.3.5 Other Regional events.

- 7.4 The ARYA will mediate a resolution when possible. The ARYA will assess the impact on a case by case basis, taking into account the effect of travel, event history, etc. The ARYA will provide a level of flexibility, but maintains the final authority over the awarding of dates.
- 7.5 Clashes may be accepted if no other resolution is possible.

8. Process for changing Event details

- 8.1 The ARYA Ranking Policy requires the Notice of Race to be submitted to the ARYA at least 6 weeks prior to the event. The ARYA recognizes that there are occasions when the location or dates of an event may need to be amended after this time.
- 8.2 Changes to Event details may impact on participants, particularly those who have made travel arrangements. The ARYA aims to minimize these impacts as far as possible, and attempt to ensure no participant is disadvantaged, especially those who may have made travel arrangements.
- 8.3 In situations where changes to the details advertised in the Notice of Race are required through circumstances outside of the control of the Event Organisers, the changes should be communicated to the ARYA Events Committee through events@arya.asn.au as promptly as possible.
- 8.4 The ARYA will assess each request for change to the Notice of Race for the event on its merit, allowing flexibility whilst at the same time, keeping in mind the impact to sailors.
- 8.5 Changes to the Notice of Race will also be communicated to all participants, who have already entered the event.

9. Event Naming.

- 9.1 The name of an ARYA Ranking Event should reflect it's importance in the ARYA ranking structure.
 - 9.1.1 National Championships shall be named either "Australian Championships" or "Australian National Championships"
 - 9.1.2 State Championships shall be named (for example) "New South Wales State Championship"
 - 9.1.3 Regional Events shall refrain from using the word "Championship" in their name, as this is reserved for National and State events. Typical alternatives may include (but not limited to) "Regatta", "GP", "Titles", "Competition", "Showdown" and "Shootout".

10. Desired outcome of the Sailing Calendar process.

- 10.1 The process for compiling the ARYA Sailing Calendar should be as user-friendly as practicable.
- 10.2 The process should result in a well-planned calendar of events which supports the ARYA's aim of encouraging participation in ranking events.
- 10.3 The process should result in the Calendar of events being published with sufficient time for participants to plan their participation.
- 10.4 The process should maintain flexibility to accommodate unforeseen changes, resulting from events outside the control of the Event Organisers.

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- 10.5 The process should result in an efficient use of time for all volunteers, rather than overloading Events Co-Ordinators.
- 10.6 The Sailing Calendar policy will be reviewed periodically, taking into account circumstances that Event Organisers face.
- 10.7 The ARYA Sailing Calendar will be reviewed as necessary.

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