

**Tenth Biennial
William I. Koch International Sea Scout Cup
Official Notice of United States Qualifiers**

Preamble

The William I. Koch International Sea Scout Cup 2020 (the “Event”) is an international sailing regatta competition between U.S. Sea Scouts and international Scouts. The United States Regional Qualifying Events (the “Qualifiers”) are held to determine which teams will represent the United States in the Event.

The Event will be held in the summer of 2020. Qualifiers will be held during the summer and fall of 2019.

The Organizing Authority for the Qualifiers are the Regional Qualifying Event Authorities (the “RQEAs”), one each in the four Regions of the Boy Scouts of America (the “BSA”). The venues for the Qualifiers will be determined by each RQEA.

PART 1-GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

1. Regional Qualifying Event Authority. The RQEA consists of the Regional Coordinator and a representative from each Regional Qualifier. All Qualifiers will be approved and coordinated by the RQEA. Members of RQEAs shall be approved by the Event Chairman prior to any Qualifiers.
2. Regional Qualification Events. Each RQEA may authorize up to four (4) Qualifiers. The RQEA may petition from the Event Committee to authorize additional Qualifiers.
3. Qualified Crews. The winner of each Qualifier will be designated as a Qualified Crew and is eligible receive an invitation to participate in the Event. If a RQEA does not conduct four (4) Qualifiers the RQEA may designate others that placed in a Qualifier as a Qualified Crew for a maximum of four (4) Qualified Crews for the Region.
4. Alternate Crews. Each RQEA may designate up to four (4) additional crews that participated in a Qualifier, as an Alternate Crew. The Alternate Crews should be ranked from one (1) through four (4) based on the strength of their respective sailing resumes. Alternate Crews may be eligible to receive an invitation to compete in the Event at the discretion of the Event Committee.
5. Web Site. Qualifier information and updates can be found on the official Event web site at www.seascoutcup.org.
6. Official Qualifiers. For a Qualifier to be officially recognized
 - a. It must be posted on the official Event web site at least 45 days prior to the Qualifier.
 - b. It must have at least four (4) teams competing.

- c. Results and summary of the Qualifier must be provided to the Event Chairman within two (2) weeks after the Qualifier on the official Qualifier results form provided by the Event Committee.

PART 2 – RULES AND ELIGIBILITY

1. Rules

- a. Governance. Qualifiers are governed by the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing 2019-2020 (RRS) until changed; the BSA Guide to Safe Scouting (No. 34416D or current); and any RQEA-issued code of conduct or Notice of Race.
- b. Crews. All vessels shall be sailed by a crew of two (2) persons.
- c. Vessels. Races for Qualifiers shall be conducted in CFJs or similar boat provided by the Qualifier. The vessels will be sloop rigged with no spinnakers. Class rules do not apply.

2. Eligibility and Entry

- a. Current BSA Registration. Qualifiers are open only to currently registered Sea Scouts in the Boy Scouts of America. They must earn the rank of Apprentice no later than January 1, 2020.
- b. Age. Participants must be at least fourteen (14) years of age and less than twenty-one (21) years of age on July 1, 2020.

PART 3 – EVENT INVITATIONS

1. Qualifier Allocations

- a. The Event Committee may offer invitations to Qualified Crews at the Event Committees discretion.
- b. The Event Committee may withdraw an invitation if a Qualified Crew does not meet registration deadlines and requirements.
- c. If a Qualified Crew declines an invitation or if the invitation is withdrawn by the Event Committee, the Event Committee may fill the vacancies with Alternate Crews as ranked by the RQEA.

2. Event Committee Allocations

- a. The Event Committee reserves the right to offer invitations to crews that do not participate in a Qualifier based on past participation or sailing resume.
- b. The Event Committee may offer invitations to Alternate Crews to fill any International Team vacant slot from the combined pool of Alternate Crews.
- c. The Event Committee may attempt to fill vacancies according to Region participation. A Region that has more participants in qualifiers will be given preference in filling vacancies.
- d. If all positions are not filled by an International, Qualified or Alternate crew the Event Committee may elect to accept youth participant applications-at-large.

PART 4 – EVENT REGISTRATION

1. Event Participation Applications. Applications for the Event will be available online at the official Event web site.
2. Registration Fees. **Registration fees are due and payable in full at the time of application**. Applications will not be processed until full payment is received. Complete payment details will be available on the official Event website.
3. Invitation Registration Deadline. Teams that receive an invitation to participate in the Event from a Qualifier have until January 1, 2020 to submit their completed application and payment. The Event Committee reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to withdraw any invitation if one or both crew members fail to submit complete registrations and payments by the deadline.
4. All applications must be completed and submitted with **required documents** by April 1, 2020.

Amendments to this Notice. The Event Committee reserves the right to amend this Official Notice of United States Qualifiers at any time. Amendments to this Notice will be posted on the Event web site. No amendments will be made to these rules without the express consent of the Event Chairman.