

Topper 5.3 National Series

2025-2026

Organised by ITCA (GBR)

Version 3

1 RULES

- 1.1 The series will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* and the prescriptions of ITCA (GBR).
- 1.2 The rules governing each event in the series will be specified in the *Notice of Race* and *Sailing Instructions* published for each event (taking precedence over this *Notice of Series* if there is any conflict).
- 1.3 Competitors should note that ITCA (GBR) implements the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be required to undertake to sail in compliance with the Charter, which can be found on the RYA website at <https://www.rya.org.uk/racing/rules/racing-charter>

2 SERIES EVENTS

- 2.1 The series will consist of the following events:

NS 1	Autumn Champs	4 th / 5 th October 2025	Draycote Water SC
NS 2	Winter Champs	7 th / 8 th March 2026	WPNSA, Portland
NS 3	Inland Champs	11 th / 12 th April 2026	Rutland SC
NS 4	Coastal Champs	9 th / 10 th May 2026	Hayling Island SC
<u>NS 5</u>	<u>Summer Champs</u>	<u>13th / 14th June 2026</u>	<u>Grafham Water SC</u>

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The series is open to members of a National Topper Class Association sailing an International Topper class dinghy with a 5.3 sail.
- 3.2 Every such competitor that competes in at least one series event will automatically be entered into the series.
- 3.3 To be deemed to have competed in an event, a competitor must have (a) entered the event, (b) registered in the 5.3 class at the event, and (c) come to the starting area for at least one 5.3 class race at the event.

4 SCORING

- 4.1 For the purpose of scoring the series, a competitor's score for each event ('event score') will be points equal to her position in the overall results for the 5.3 class at the event.
- 4.2 If a competitor does not compete in an event (as per 3.3 above) her event score for that event will be one more than the total number of competitors entered in the series.
- 4.3 If an event is cancelled, or insufficient races are completed by the 5.3 class at an event to make the event valid, that event will not be included in the series for scoring purposes.

- 4.4 When fewer than four events have been validly completed, each competitor's series score will be the total of her event scores. When four (or more) events have been validly completed, each competitor's series score will be the total of her event scores excluding her worst event score.
- 4.5 The competitor with the lowest series score wins and others will be ranked accordingly.
- 4.6 RRS A8 will be used to break series ties, replacing "boat" with "competitor" and "race" with "event".
- 4.7 RRS 90.3(e) will apply.

5 SERIES PRIZES

- 5.1 Only competitors that have competed in two or more series events (as per 3.3 above) will be eligible for series trophies and prizes.
- ~~5.2 Series prizes will be awarded to the ten highest ranked competitors overall.~~
- ~~5.3 Series prizes will also be awarded to the top female competitor outside the top ten and the top male competitor outside the top ten.~~
- ~~5.4 Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of ITCA(GBR) and the sponsors.~~
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6 FURTHER INFORMATION

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