

MBL Spring 2021 Sailing Protocols

General Requirements:

1. Contact between people from different schools shall be minimized as much as possible.
2. Masks shall be worn at all times on land and whenever with another person on a boat, dock or float.
3. All state and local requirements shall be followed.
4. Additional requirements imposed by schools or venues shall be published to visitors at least 3 days before an event.
5. There will be no rotations of boats in events. Boats will be assigned by chance.

Protocols for Hosting Teams

- If at all possible, the host team will provide the visitors with a coach boat that can accommodate a coach and up to two substitute sailors. When that's not possible, the visiting coach shall be notified at least 3 days in advance and offered one or more of the following options:
 - If the host's coach boat is large enough for social distancing, a visiting coach may share that boat.
 - Visiting substitutes must be left on shore or on floats with adult supervision by the visiting coach, a second visiting coach, or a second host coach.
- Host teams will place sails and rudders in boats before visitors arrive and the host team will put equipment away after visitors have left.
- The host will confirm the names of visiting attendees upon arrival at the venue.
- Bathroom facilities shall be provided where possible. They must have hand sanitizer.

Protocols for Visiting Teams

- Visiting coaches must submit the electronic MBL attendance form one day in advance of the event, showing the name and contact phone number for each person attending with the team. Names and numbers are for contact tracing only and will not be made public. Last minute additions and subtractions shall be provided in writing upon arrival at the venue.
- Visitors must inform the host at least 2 days in advance of a desire to bring substitute sailors. Visitors may bring substitutes only when the host team agrees that the substitutes can be accommodated within the safety protocols.
- Visitors must bring all personal equipment, gear, food, water and masks. None will be supplied by the host.
- Visitors will have no indoor locker room or dressing facility unless that facility is separate from one used by the host team.
- At the end of the day, visitors will restore the boats to the condition in which they found them.

Protocols for Host and Visiting Teams Depending on Venue Type

Where boats may be launched from a beach

- The host team will place boats to be used by different teams at least 10 feet apart.
- Both teams will rig and derig their own boats and may do so at the same time.
- When launching, landing, or derigging, boats used by different teams shall be kept 10 feet apart.
- Host team will move boats and equipment back into their storage positions after visitors have left.

Where boats are launched from a dock, float storage, or short beach

- Different teams may not rig at the same time. One team shall rig and launch before the other begins to rig.
- At the end of the day the visiting team will land, place boats back at their launch point, drop sails, and leave the area.
- The hosts will then land their boats and secure all the boats and equipment.

Where boats are launched from a float

- Sailors shall be ferried to the float and back, preferably in a boat driven by their own coach.
- Sailors from different teams may not be on the same boat.
- Each ferry should take only one skipper and crew combination unless the boat is large enough for the pairs to stay 6 feet apart.

Assemblies of Competitors

- In lieu of pre-sailing competitors' meetings, the host shall issue written sailing instructions at least 2 days before the event. The visiting coach and visiting competitors may ask for clarifications on an as needed basis.
- Protest hearings shall be conducted with all participants masked and appropriately social distanced.
- Traditional handshakes and other demonstrations of good sportsmanship shall be subject to the constraints of social distancing.