

## 2022 ANNUAL BALLOT

Instructions: Please print a copy of this ballot, enter your contact information below, list the sanctioned battles you participated in, circle your choices, and sign it at the end. Per the Bylaws of the Club only those who have battled in a sanctioned event in the past 24 months may vote. Those who have battled in either the 2021 or 2022 Championship (Nats) will have their votes counted twice. Bylaws revisions and Rules revisions which receive 2/3 or more favorable votes shall be adopted and shall become effective on January 1, 2022. The Bylaws of the Club and the laws under which the Club is incorporated require that this ballot be returned BY MAIL. IT MAY NOT BE E-MAILED. **Please mail this ballot before 23-Nov-2022.**

Mail the completed ballot to:

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I have battled in the following IRCWCC sanctioned events in the past 24 months (no need to list all battles) **(List Nats 2021, 2022 first if applicable):**

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**Election of Member-at-Large**

Comment: The Member at Large represents all the members of the IRCWCC on the E-board.  
The following individual(s) were nominated for Member-at- Large of the Executive Board. **Vote for one by circling that person’s name.**

Brian Koehler

Lou Mezaros

**Site for 2023 Annual Championship (Nats) (Circle One)**

Site

Site Host

Saranac, MI

Craig Singer/ Evan Fowler

**Dates for 2023 Annual Championship (Nats) (Circle One)**

June 18<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>

June 25<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>

July 9<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>

**Contest Director 2023 Annual Championship (NATS) (Circle One)**

Steven Andrews

Tim Beckett

Please vote on the following rules proposals which passed the 2021 Rules Committee Meeting vote.  
See page 4 for rule proposal text.

Rule Proposal 2022.1 Limiting Campaign Ships to 8 total per fleet

Yay- Change the number of ships allowed on water at given time

Nay – Don't change rule

Rule Proposal 2022.2 Changing Droptest rule wording

Yay- Change wording on rule

Nay – leave rule as is

Rule Proposal 2022.3 Adding foam to bow of convoys to allow for easier retrieval

Yay – Allow convoys to add foam to bow to prevent them from fully sinking

Nay – Don't amend Rule

Rule Proposal 2022.4 Changing wording on rule to better define sink of convoy ship

Yay- Change wording on rule

Nay – Leave rule as is

Rule Proposal 2022.1: Limiting convoy ships to 8 on the water at a time per fleet

Purpose: There has been a general consensus that the campaign rules need to be changed to allow campaign to be more tactical. This rule intends to limit the amount of ships on the water, Encourage the use of capital ships during campaign and make the fleets think more tactically.

Over the last 3 years we've averaged 36 captains at Nats. Splitting that into 2 fleets of 18 captains gives you 8 convoy captains and 10 combat captains. More combat ships on the water equals more convoy hunting. With only 8 targets available at any given moment there is a greater opportunity for shot concentration and dealing enough damage to sink convoys. This also places greater emphasis on convoy protection. They are your only ships on the water for this segment of 5 minutes. Any ship lost is valuable points lost. You can't run 2 convoys in the next segment to make up for it.

This also addresses the complaint that there isn't enough ship on ship action during campaign/ it takes away from fleet battles. This simple change will create a dynamic and strategic game. Admirals will have to decide which combat ships to run and when, what size convoys and when to launch to best avoid the enemy combat ships.

Amend Part V Campaign, D Convoy Ships and their Duties, 3.

Current:

There is no limit to the number of convoy runs which can be made during Campaign

Proposed:

- A. Each fleet shall be limited to no more than 8 convoy ships on the water at any one time
- B. If it is discovered that more the 8 Convoys are on the water at any one time then the largest Convoy(s) ships of that fleet must be pulled as penalty and their current run(s) voided

Rule Proposal 2022.2: Changing wording on drop test rule:

Purpose: The current drop test rule is very limiting in it's scope on what can be used and doesn't leave room to experiment with newer materials. There has been also some complaints that the current drop test hasn't kept pace with the current technology and guns. This rule is made to answer some of these complaints and make the rule better for going into the future.

Current Rule: Part II Ship Construction and Classification B. Hull Penetrability 1.

All ships shall pass the following hull penetrability test to be able to participate in any IRCWCC event:

*The ship to be tested shall be placed on its side. One end of a 3/16" (or larger) diameter by 18" long brass tube shall be placed perpendicular to and touching the ship's penetrable hull area at a spot between two ribs. A 12" long by 1/8" diameter solid brass rod shall be placed about 1/8" into the brass tube. No lubricant of any kind shall be present in the tube or on the rod. The rod shall be released and allowed to fall freely through the tube so it strikes the hull material. The rod shall penetrate the ship's hull. The test shall be repeated up to 4 additional times at other penetrable locations on the ship. The rod shall penetrate the hull at 3 different locations out of a maximum of 5 tries.*

Proposed Change: Part II Ship Construction and Classification B. Hull Penetrability 1.

All ships shall pass the following hull penetrability test to be able to participate in any IRCWCC event:

*The ship to be tested shall be placed on its side. One end of a 3/16" (or larger) diameter by **20" long Rigid tube That is between 4MM-6MM interior diameter** shall be placed perpendicular to and touching the ship's penetrable hull area at a spot between two ribs. A 12" long by 1/8" diameter solid **Rigid** rod shall be placed about 1/8" into the **(Remove the word brass from here)** tube. No lubricant of any kind shall be present in the tube or on the rod. The rod shall be released and allowed to fall freely through the tube so it strikes the hull material. The rod shall penetrate the ship's hull. The test shall be repeated up to 4 additional times at other penetrable locations on the ship. The rod shall penetrate the hull at 3 different locations out of a maximum of 5 tries.*

#### Rule Proposal 2022.3: Adding Foam to bow of Convoy Ships to allow easier retrieval

Purpose: Convoy ships lost during campaign sometimes sit on the bottom of the lake for a while until they can be recovered. This can lead to their position being lost if the captain doesn't remember where they went down. We had a few instances of campaign ships being lost for awhile before being found and 1 never being recovered. We also found one no one at the event even knew was there. This rule will eliminate this problem from happening by allowing the bow of the campaign ships to be above water to allow for easier retrieval.

#### Add Part V Campaign C Convoy Ship Construction

7: Convoy ships shall be allowed to add foam to the bow area to allow the bow area to float above the water once the rest of the ship is sunk. This foam shall not be added in a way to allow the convoy ship to not sink. If it is discovered that the foam prevents the ship from sinking then the ship shall not be allowed to be used until the issue is resolved.

#### Rule Proposal 2022.4 Changing wording on rule to better define sink of convoy ship

Purpose: There has been some confusion in the past on what constitutes a sunk convoy ship. We have had arguments in the past on whether a convoy ship is sunk when one side is under water/ both sides are under water. We had some questions this year about whether some runs should have counted because the ship was listing so badly it was almost capsized when it came into port. This rule change should clear up the confusion

Add:

Part V Campaign, D. Convoy Ships and their Duties

##### 8 Sinks

a. A sink shall be declared when a ship has any portion of the weather deck awash on one sides of the hull and is unable to recover, or when part of the hull is resting on the lake bottom. This applies to sinking from any and all causes.