

TECHNO 293 OD

CHAMPIONSHIP RULES



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1 GENERAL

1.1 Class World Championships shall be held within 200km of an international airport, and easily reached by motor vehicle

1.2 Pumping

If pumping becomes the main method of propulsion, the race shall be abandoned

1.3 Class Representative

A Class Representative (CR) will be appointed for every international championship. The CR shall be consulted on all matters pertaining to these Championship Rules and approve changes to the Sailing Instructions.

2 DIVISIONS; TITLES

2.1 Age Divisions

2.1.1 **Youth (U17)** is a boy or girl who is less than 17 years old;

2.1.2 **Junior (U15)** is a boy or girl who is less than 15 years old;

2.1.3 **Minim (U13)** is a boy or girl who is less than 13 years old;

2.1.4 **Open (O17)** is boy or girl who has reached the age of 17.

2.1.5 A sailor must have reached the minimum age limit in the relevant age division by December 31st before the year of competition.

2.1.6 A sailor must not be older than the maximum age limit in the relevant age division by December 31st in the year of competition.

2.2 Division Identification

At events where the organising authority specifies the use of identification of divisions, the identification shall be displayed according to Class Rules, unless specified differently in the Notice of Race.

2.3 Minimums

A minimum of 5 entries is required to constitute a 'Prize' division.

2.4 World Titles

World titles may be awarded in the following divisions: Youth (U17) boy and girl; Junior (U15) boy and girl.

2.5 Under 13

If specified as a separate division in the Notice of Race competitors in the under 13 division shall use the 5.8 sq.m. one design sail/rig and any sail of 5.0 sq.m. or less with an aluminium booms and mast with maximum 75% carbon content.

3 MAXIMUM NUMBER OF RACES; TIME LIMITS; TARGET TIMES; REST PERIODS

3.1 GENERAL

3.1.1 Except at regattas scheduled for two days or less, no more than three races per day shall be scheduled or raced.

3.1.2 The maximum of races that can be scheduled in a Series (or a First Round and a Final Round) is 12.

3.1.3 A minimum 3 races shall be completed by a division to validate a championship or event for that division.

3.2 TIME LIMITS & TARGET TIMES

a) The time limit for the first finisher in a course race is 45 minutes

b) The time limit for the first board in each race to reach the first mark is 15 minutes.

c) A race shall be abandoned if either of these time limits (Art (a) & (b) above) is exceeded and anyway shall not count towards the official results.

d) **Crews** finishing more than 20 minutes after the first finisher in their respective division shall be scored DNF except those who are scored DSQ, BFD, OCS, RAF, RDG, or DNE.

e) The target elapsed time for the winner of a course race shall be 30 minutes.

f) In regattas of two days or less no more than 4 races may be scheduled in one day, The target time for each race quoted in e) above shall be reduced by 25%.

3.3 NUMBER OF RACES IN A DAY

No more than 2 races per day shall be sailed in marginal (for most of the fleet) planing conditions. A third race may be sailed if:

a) The first two races were sailed in planing conditions or

b) one of the first two races was sailed in planing conditions and planing conditions exist constantly before the start of the third race.

3.4 REST PERIODS

3.4.1 When racing back to back:

a) in marginal planing conditions, the minimum interval between the closing of the finishing line and the new warning signal for that fleet/division shall be 20 minutes.

b) in planing conditions, the minimum interval may be reduced to 10 minutes.

3.4.2 If two races have been sailed back to back there shall be a rest period of a minimum of one hour ashore for the last finisher in the second race before the warning signal for the third race, except in cold weather conditions,

4 PERSONAL BUOYANCY

4.1 If personal buoyancy is prescribed as mandatory it shall be specified in the Notice of Race.

4.2 Failure of a competitor to comply with this Rule will result in a 5 point penalty being implemented by the Race Committee, without a hearing. (**Alteration of RRS 63.1**)

5 CHANGING RIGS

When changing to a rig with a different size sail, the crew must obtain the new rig and return the old rig at the same time to the equipment storage area. The equipment storage area shall be ashore in the vicinity of the launching area unless otherwise stated in the sailing instructions.

6 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

6.1 The Official Equipment Inspector may stamp all equipment a competitor intends to use during the regatta before the start of the first race.

6.2 The equipment inspectors may conduct checks & inspections of equipment, at any time during the regatta. Identified competitors, at sea, shall sail their boards to the 'equipment inspector's boat,' which will be flying a white flag with the word 'M' up on it, immediately after finishing the race. All competitors, notified of the requirement to be inspected shall follow the instructions of the crew of the equipment inspector's boat and proceed directly to the equipment inspection area, ashore. Until permission is given by the equipment inspector, a selected board shall have no contact with a coach or support personnel, no person shall join or leave the board and no equipment or other item shall be taken on board or off board that board. A competitor, so notified, shall not leave the equipment inspection area, without the permission of the equipment

inspectors. Failure to comply may result in disqualification.

7 SAIL INSIGNIAS

7.1 National letters & sail numbers shall be clearly legible and positioned according to the Class Rules.

7.2 Failure to comply with this rule may result in a 3-point penalty being implemented by the Race Committee for each infringement, without a hearing (**Alteration of RRS 63.1**)

8 EVENT SPONSOR'S ADVERTISING

8.1 At World and Continental Championships, **crews** may be required to carry advertising in compliance with ISAF Regulation 20.

8.2 In such a case...

- a) each **crew** shall place the advertising stickers issued by the organising authority, back to back on the sail immediately above the boom and as close to the leach as possible.
- b) **Crews** shall not cut or adapt the stickers in any way.
- c) Lycra vests issued by the local organiser shall be worn outside other clothing when going afloat to race or racing.
- d) Only the event advertising stickers and/or Lycra vests issued by the local organiser of the regatta in which the **crew** is currently entered may be worn or appear on the sail.

8.3 The local organising authority (LOA) may also require the first, second and third **crews** overall in each division to wear coloured Lycra vests and carry self-adhesive identifying disks on their sails.

- a) The **crews** affected shall comply with Art # 8.2 (c) above;
- b) And fix the disks just above the sail number on their sails, whilst racing.
- c) A **crew** shall not carry or wear such identification when he/she no longer occupies first, second or third place.
- d) The LOA will post a notice on the official notice crew stating where and when crews shall collect this identification in the morning and where to return it to after racing each day.

9 RACING FORMAT

9.1 FLEET SIZES

- a) Where there are 70 or fewer crews entered in a class/division, they shall race together in one fleet.
- b) Where there are between 71 and 85 crews entered in a class/division, the Class Representative shall decide whether they shall race in one fleet or whether there shall be a First Round followed by a Final Round.
- c) Where there are more than 85 crews entered in a class/division, they shall race a First Round followed by a Final Round.

9.2 GROUP RACING

- i) Crews racing in a Series shall be divided into two Groups of approximately equal ability, according to a seeding list as defined in the Sailing Instructions.
- ii) The crew heading the seeding list shall initially be in the first Group, crews in 2nd and 3rd positions on the seeding list shall be in the second Group, crews in 4th and 5th positions on the seeding list shall be in the First Group and so on. The first Group shall be designated the Yellow Group and the second the Blue Group.
- iii) Groups may be required to carry a ribbon provided by the local organiser tied to the batten retaining

strap of the second batten down from the head of the sail. The LOA will post a notice stating where and when these ribbons will be issued before the first race of the day.

9.3 The decision of the Class Representative is final.

9.4 FIRST ROUND

- a) The First Round may be held over four days, including three-scheduled race days and a reserve day.
- b) When, at the end of each day, the two Groups have completed an equal number of races, they shall be intermixed according to their current standing. At other times they may be intermixed according to their current standing provided that each Group has completed the same number of races.
- c) If, at the close of racing on the third day of the First Round, four races have not been completed by each of the two Groups, racing may be held on the reserve day for the Group(s) affected.
- d) If the reserve day is used no more than three races may be run for each Group.
- e) If, at the close of racing on the reserve day of the First Round, four races have not been completed by each of the two Groups, racing will be held on succeeding days until the minimum number of four races has been completed.

9.5 OVERALL STANDING

At the end of the First Round, an overall standing will be established. A **crew's** overall standing shall be the sum of their scores for all first round races excluding their worst score in accordance with Art # 13.5. If racing in the Final Round is not possible, this shall count as the official result. The competitor with the lowest score will head the overall standing.

9.6 FINAL ROUND

Racing in the Final Round will take place in the Gold and Silver Fleets. The Gold Fleet shall consist of the top 50% of crews based on the Overall Standings (Art # 9.5) plus one in the case of an odd number of entries. In case of ties at the break point those crews so tied shall sail in the Gold Fleet. The fleet lists shall be posted at least 1 hour before the first scheduled starting time of the first race of the Final Round

9.7 FLEET STANDING

A **crew's** fleet standing will be the sum of their scores for all races excluding their worst score(s) in accordance with Art # 13.5. The crew with the lowest total score will head the fleet standing. Silver Fleet crews will be ranked in the fleet standing after those in the Gold Fleet.

10 COURSES & COURSE AREAS

10.1 Courses will be as described in the Sailing Instructions

10.2 The course area is defined as an area extending 75 metres beyond the course including the 'starting line' and the 'finishing line' and its extensions, which would normally be taken by a racer when racing.

10.3 Access to the course area during a race is restricted to racers racing, and official boats as defined in the Sailing Instructions. Failure to comply with this rule, either by a racer or a racers support boat, may result in a 5-point penalty in the next race in which they are due to sail. In the case

of the last race in the series, the penalty will apply to the penultimate race.

The penalty may be applied without a hearing.

(Alteration of RRS 63.1)

11 PROTESTS

Arbitration System

11.1 As an alternative to a full Protest Hearing in front of the International Jury, competitors may be given a choice of using an Arbitration System but ONLY if, before the hearing, both the Protestor and the Protestee, agree to accept the decision of the Arbitrators.

11.2 The Arbitrators will be two members of the International Jury and they will listen to the evidence of the Protestor and Protestee only and will give their decision as to which board (if any) infringed a rule. **(Alternation of RRS 63.6)**

11.3 The decision is binding on all Parties to the Protest but the hearing may be reopened under RRS 66.

11.4 If the Arbitrators penalise a board the penalty that will be applied is a points penalty of 30% (rounded up to the next whole number) of the number of entrants in the class/division. If the addition of the points penalty would result in the boat receiving more points than would be applicable to a boat which had been disqualified from that race the boat will be scored the same number of points as a disqualified boat. The application of the points penalty shall not affect the scores of the other boats in that fleet. The score will be shown in the result lists as -ARB-.

11.5 If at the time of offering the Arbitration System to the parties to the protest, either of the parties refuse to accept the System, the protest will be heard by the full International Jury and the penalty becomes disqualification.

11.6 Only the arbitrators have the right to give the open arbitration hearing to a full jury.

12 SAFETY REGULATIONS

12.1 Abandoning:

12.1.1 A board that retires from a race shall, whenever possible, notify a Race Committee boat before leaving the course area. Notwithstanding such notification, she shall then proceed, as soon as possible, to the beach and the competitor shall immediately report to the Regatta Office, in person or, if the competitor has come ashore along way from the race site, by phoning the Regatta Office. Failure to comply with this instruction may result in action under RRS 60.2 or 60.3.

12.1.2 Competitors not leaving the site for the days racing shall inform the Beach Office prior to the first start.

12.2 Safety System:

12.2.1 The Safety System shall be as specified in the Sailing Instructions and could be either the "Sign Out /Sign In" system (see next) or "Tally System".

12.2.2 **Sign Out/ Sign In** sheets will be provided, by the Race Committee, as specified in the SI's.

12.2.3 Each competitor, intending to race, shall personally sign-out, against his name/sail number, when going out to race.

12.2.4 When returning ashore each competitor shall personally sign in to confirm that he/she has returned to shore.....

a) ...Either within 30 minutes of the end of the time limit of that race, or in the case of back to back

... races, the last race of that class/division for the day ,

b) ...Or, within 30 minutes after being instructed to go ashore by the Race Committee.

12.2.5 Failure to comply with Art# 12.2.3 or 12.2.4 will result in a 5-point penalty being implemented by the Race Committee, without a hearing. **(Alteration of RRS 63.1)**

12.2.6 The board's penalty under Art# 12.2.5 shall be reduced to a 2-point penalty,

a) If a competitor who has not signed out reports to the starting vessel before the warning signal of the first start of the period for his/her Class/Group/Division.

b) Or if a competitor who has not signed in according to Art # 12.2.4 reports to the Race committee before the end of protest time for his/her Class/Group/Division.

12.2.7 The board shall be penalized for each infringement of Art# 12.2.3 and 12.2.4 and the penalty shall be added to that board's race score.

13 SCORING

13.1 Scoring will be in accordance with RRS Appendix A and using rule A 4 "Low Points Scoring System".

13.2 Where there is more than one "Division" racing in a single fleet, competitors may score points equal to their finishing place in their "Division" in that race and Official Results may be published for each "Division".

13.3 Boards without a finishing place, including a board that finished and thereafter retires or is disqualified, will be scored points for the place one more than the number of boards entered ...

i. In "Fleet Racing", the number of competitors in that fleet.

ii. In a "Division" within a "Fleet", the number of competitors in that "Division".

iii. In the "Qualifying Round", the number of competitors in the largest group of that "Round";

iv. In the "Final Round", the number of competitors in the "Gold Fleet."

13.4 "Silver Fleet" Competitors will score points from "qualifying round" plus the number of points corresponding to Art#21.1 and Art#21.2 above in order to be ranked according to Art#9.1.6

13.5 In accordance with RRS A 2, if there are between 1 and 3 races completed, there will be no discards.

i. In "Fleet Racing" (Art#9.1.2(a)), two discards shall be allowed; the first after four races have been completed and the second after 11 races have been completed.

ii. When racing in "Groups",

a) one discard shall be allowed after four races have been completed in the "First Round". This discarded race result from the "First Round" may be substituted with a worse race result from the "Final Round"

b) When racing a "Final Round", one additional discard shall be allowed when the sum of the races completed in the "First Round" and the "Final Round" is 11 or more.

c) When Art#13.5.ii(b) above applies, one discard shall be taken from the "First Round" and one discard shall be taken from the "Final Round"

14 ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT & COMMUNICATION

14.1 Electronic equipment is prohibited with the exception of devices whose sole capability is timing.

14.2 Controlled use of GPS may be permitted for promotional and media purposes.

15 EQUIPMENT

15.1 Race Committee vessel(s), carrying spare equipment, may be located, on the course, in the vicinity of the starboard end of the starting line. Failure of such boats to be on station or to be able to offer replacement equipment shall not be grounds for redress under RRS 62.

16 SUPPORT CRAFT

16.1 Coach and support personnel may use "support craft" to assist their competitors on the water. They shall register at the regatta office prior to the first scheduled race, providing details of their boats and distinctive identification.

16.2 Before the Preparatory Signal of any division/group, support craft shall have left the course areas (Art#10.2) and remain outside the area, except to assist a crew in distress, until after the finish of the last competitor of the final class/division/group racing.

16.3 In the event of a postponement, support craft may re-enter the course area.

16.4 If a support craft fails to comply with a part of Art # 24.4 all competitors, supported by that craft, shall be subject to a 5-point penalty for the next race, without a hearing. In the case of the last race of the series, the penalty will apply to the penultimate race. **(Alteration of RRS 63.1)**

17 MEDICAL REGULATIONS

17.1 The use of banned substances and methods is prohibited in accordance with RRS 5 and the Medical Rules and Regulations of the International Olympic Committee. Random tests may be conducted at any time from the first race until the prize giving ceremony.

17.2 After a race, each competitor selected for a doping check will be handed a testing notification by a representative of the Organising Authority. This representative must observe the competitor at all times and accompany him/her to the visiting room of the Dope Control Station with his/her card but no later than one hour after receipt of the notification. A competitor failing to report to the Dope Control Station within the time limit will be subject to an RRS 69 hearing.

18 PRIZES/COLOUR' CEREMONY

18.1 Prizes will be awarded according to the NoR.

19 OFFICIAL FUNCTIONS

19.1 Crews shall attend the Opening Ceremony, Prize Giving Ceremony and other official functions scheduled in the Notice of Race.