

RACEBOARD CLASS

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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

2.1 Gender Divisions

2.1.1 MEN (A)

2.1.2 WOMEN (B)

2.2 Age Divisions

2.2.1 **Youth (C)** is less than 19 years of age ;

2.2.2 **Junior (D)** is less than 23 years of age;

2.2.3 **Senior (E)** has reached the age of 23;

2.2.4 **Master (F)** has reached the age 40;

2.2.5 **Grand Master (G)** has reached the age of 50;

2.2.6 **Veteran (H)** has reached the age of 60;

2.2.7 **Super Veteran (I)** has reached the age of 65;

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

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

2.3 Weight Divisions

2.3.1 **Lightweight.** A sailor who weighs less than 82kg

2.3.2 **Heavyweight.** A sailor who weighs more than 78kg

2.4 Equipment Divisions

2.4.1 **Hybrid.** A 'hybrid' is any production raceboard with a maximum length of 310cm.

2.4.2 **Seven Five (7.5).** A division for sailors using maximum sail size 7.5sq.m.

2.5 Division Identification

At events where the organising authority specifies the use of identification of divisions, the identification shall be displayed on the top panel of the sail, and as specified in the Class Rules. Alternatively, the Sailing Instructions may specify the sail carries a coloured streamer.

2.6 Minimums

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

2.6 World Titles

World Titles may be awarded in the following divisions: Men, Women, Junior and Master.

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

3.1 GENERAL

3.1.1 The maximum of races that can be scheduled in a Series is 15.

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

3.1.3 A minimum of two thirds of races sailed shall be in the "course racing" format.

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) Racers 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, RTD, RDG, or DNE.

e) The target elapsed time for a course race is 25 > 30 minutes for the winner.

3.3 NUMBER OF RACES IN A DAY

3.3.1 No more than four races per day shall be scheduled or raced.

3.3.2 No more than 3 races per day shall be sailed in marginal (for majority of fleet) planing conditions.

3.4 REST PERIODS

3.4.1 When racing back to back the minimum interval between the closing of the finishing line and the new warning signal for that fleet/division shall be 10 minutes.

3.4.2 No more than 3 races shall be sailed back to back, which may be reduced to 2 in marginal planing conditions. After a series of back to back races there shall be a rest period of a minimum of 30 minutes ashore for the last finisher in the last race.

4 DECISION TO RACE

4.1 The race shall start at the scheduled time if the wind conditions are within the set criteria.

4.2 A course race should not be started in less than 5 knots of wind established in the starting area. This lower limit may actually be higher if there is strong current in the racing area.

4.3 A marathon race should not be started in less than 9 knots of wind measured over the majority of the race area.

4.4 Races should not be started in excess of 30 knots. Once a race has been started and winds exceed 30 knots the race should be allowed to continue unless there is a danger to life.

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 RULES

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7 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

7.1 The Official Equipment inspector shall mark all equipment a competitor intends to use during the regatta before the start of the first race.

7.2 The equipment inspectors may conduct checks & inspections of equipment at any time during the regatta.

8 RACING FORMAT's; FLEET SIZES

8.1 **Formats** include: *course racing, slalom* and *Marathon* (long distance)

8.2 Fleet sizes.

8.2.1 The maximum size of a fleet starting together in a course race shall be 99 boards. If the fleet is 100 or more Group Racing applies.

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- 8.2.2 If the number of boards is 80 or less in a division they shall race as one fleet.
- 8.2.3 If the number of entries in a division is between 81 and 99 the Class Representative shall decide to race as one fleet or apply Group Racing.
- 8.2.4 Women shall have a separate start if the number of boards is 10 or more.

8.3 Group Racing.

- 8.3.1 There shall be a maximum of 8 and a minimum of 5 races in a Qualification Series.
- 8.3.2 There shall be a minimum of 2 and maximum of 5 days to complete a Qualification Series.
- 8.3.3 If there are 2 discards one shall be taken from the Qualification Series and one from the final series.

- 8.4 Slalom Seeding.** Competitors, within a division, shall be seeded according to their current position in the event overall ranking.

9 COURSES & COURSE AREAS

- 9.1 Courses will be as described in the Sailing Instructions.
- 9.2 The course area in a *course race* 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.
- 9.3 Access to the course area during a race is restricted to racers racing and official boats as defined in the Sailing Instructions.

10 PROTESTS – Arbitration

- 10.1 Arbitration** shall be offered to settle protests and requests for redress at all class championships.
- 10.2** The Arbitration System shall be published in the Sailing Instructions and will meet with the latest accepted practice.

11 SAFETY SYSTEMS

The Safety System shall be as specified in the championship Sailing Instructions, and could be either "Sign In /Sign Out" system or "Tally" system.

12 SCORING

- 12.1 Scoring shall be according to current RRS Windsurfing Edition.
- 12.2 A Race shall consist of one course race, one slalom round, or one marathon.

13 ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT & COMMUNICATION

- 13.1 Electronic equipment is prohibited with the exception of devices whose sole capability is timing.
- 13.2 **Controlled use of GPS** may be permitted for promotional and media purposes.