

# TECHNO 293 PLUS 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.

#### 1.4 Formats

Racing formats include – *course racing*, *slalom* and *marathon* (long distance).

### 2 DIVISIONS; TITLES

#### 2.1 Age Divisions

2.1.1 **Youth (U19)** is boy or girl less than 19 years old.

2.1.2 A sailor must not be older than the maximum age limit by December 31<sup>st</sup> 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 Titles

Titles may be awarded in the following -Youth (U19) Boy and Girl; Open Men and Women.

### 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 four 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 15.

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 40 minutes

b) The time limit for the first board in each course 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, UFD, RAF, RDG, or DNE.

e) The target elapsed time for the winner of a course race shall be 20 minutes.

#### 3.3 NUMBER OF RACES IN A DAY

No more than 3 races per day shall be sailed in marginal (for most of the 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 If three 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.

### 4 PERSONAL BUOYANCY

Personal buoyancy may be stipulated in the Notice of Race.

### 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.

### 7 SAIL INSIGNIAS

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

### 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, or as described in a published Notice to Competitors.

b) **Crews** shall not cut or adapt the stickers.

c) Lycra vests issued by the local organiser shall be worn outside other clothing when going afloat.

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/or 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 – *course racing*

#### 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 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> positions on the seeding list shall be in the First Group and so on.
- 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, 'qualifying series', shall be a maximum of 6 races and a minimum of 4 races.
- b) The qualifying series (First round) shall be a maximum of 6 races and a minimum of 4 races. If fewer than 6 races have been completed at the end of the 2nd day the qualification series continues into the third day. If fewer than 4 races have been completed by the groups at the end of the 3rd day, the qualifying series shall be extended to the following days if necessary. If between 4 to 6 races have been completed at the end of the 3rd day the racing shall continue into the Final round.
- c) For the first day competitors shall be assigned to groups according to a seeding list defined as the competitors list in National letter and sail number order. In the case of an odd number of competitors, the last competitor to be assigned will race in the first Group. Groups in the first round shall be reassigned at the end of each day if all groups in a Class Division have completed an equal number of races. They shall be intermixed according to their current (overall) standing in the Class Division.
- d) If both groups have not completed the same number of races by the end of a day, the groups with fewer races will continue racing the following day until all groups have completed the same number of races. All boards will thereafter race in the new groups.
- e) If at the end of the qualifying series a qualifying series group within a Class Division has more race scores than the other, any extra races will be abandoned so that all boards in the qualifying series of each Class Division have the same number of race scores.

## 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.

## 11 PROTESTS - Arbitration System

As an alternative to a full Protest Hearing in front of the International Jury, competitors shall be given a choice of using an Arbitration System.

## 12 SAFETY REGULATIONS

### 12.1 Safety System:

The Safety System shall be as specified in the Sailing Instructions.

### 12.2. Penalties:

- 12.2.1. Failure to check-out will result in a 2 points penalty without a hearing for the first race sailed.
- 12.2.2. Failure to check-in will result in a 2 points penalty without a hearing for the last race sailed.
- 12.2.3. Application of these penalties shall not result in a board being scored worse than DSQ
- 12.2.4. Only one 2 points penalty for infringements of SI 19.5.1 and SI 19.5.2 will be applied to any one race.
- 12.2.5. If no race is completed on the day of the infringement the penalty will be applied to the most recent completed race in the series or, if there were no races previously completed to the next completed race in the series.

## 13 SCORING

- 13.1 Scoring will be in accordance with WCR 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 WCR 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 for timing, personal cameras and their attachments
- 14.2 Controlled use of GPS** may be permitted for promotional and media purposes.

#### **15 SUPPORT CRAFT**

- 15.1** 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.
- 15.2** 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.
- 15.3** In the event of a postponement, support craft may re-enter the course area.

#### **16 PRIZES/COLOUR' CEREMONY**

Prizes will be awarded according to the NoR.

#### **17 OFFICIAL FUNCTIONS**

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

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***It is proposed to add Championship Rules for slalom and marathon after the 2016 AGM***