

RS: CONVERTIBLE CLASS

Championships Rules

1 GENERAL

1.1 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.

1.2 Championship Rules may be amended at a championship event only by the CR.

2 DIVISIONS

2.1 Gender Divisions

2.1.1 Men

2.1.2 Women

2.2 Age Divisions

2.2.1 Youth is less than 18 years old.

2.2.2 Master has reached 40 years of age.

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

2.2.4 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 Division Identification

The Sailing Instructions may specify an alternative system to that published in the Class Rules.

2.4 Minimums

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

2.5 World Titles

World Titles may be awarded in the following divisions: Men, Women

3 FORMAT's; FLEET/GROUP SIZES; FINALS

3.1 Formats include:

3.1.1 'Regatta' – classic course racing with reaching starts.

3.1.2 'Pulsar' - course racing, short races with reaching starts.

3.1.3 'Super 8'- in and out reaching Slalom, including long distance.

3.1.4 'Adrenaline' – speed, individual timed runs.

3.2 Fleet/ Group Racing

3.2.1 Fleet size in course racing.

- a) Where there are 50 or fewer competitors entered in a division, they shall race together in one fleet.
- b) Where there are between 51 and 80 competitors entered in a division, the Class Representative shall decide whether they shall race in one fleet or whether group Racing applies.
- c) Where there are more than 80 competitors entered in a division Group Racing shall apply.

3.2.2 A minimum of ten entries in a division is required to give that division a separate start.

3.2.3 For Group Racing within a fleet or division the racers shall be divided into two groups of approximately equal ability by seeding or random selection.

3.3 Seeding. Competitors, within a fleet or division, shall be seeded according to their current position in the event overall ranking.

3.4 The decision of the Class Representative is final.

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

4.1 General

4.1.1 The maximum of races that can be scheduled in an event series is 16.

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

4.2 Time Limits & Target Times

- a) The time limit for the first finisher in a 'Regatta' race is 40 minutes and in a 'Pulsar' race 25 minutes.
- b) The time limit for the first board in each race to reach the first mark in a 'Regatta' race is 15 minutes, and in a 'Pulsar' race 10 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 a 'Regatta' race, or 10 minutes in a 'Pulsar' race, in their respective fleet/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 in a 'Regatta' race is 25 > 30 minutes, and in a 'Pulsar' race is 10 > 15 minutes..

4.3 Number of races in a day

4.3.1 No more than five races per day shall be scheduled or raced; unless the event is scheduled for 3 days or less.

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

4.4 Rest periods

4.4.1 When racing back to back in a 'Regatta' race the minimum interval between the closing of the finishing line and the new warning signal for that fleet/division shall be 10 minutes.

4.4.2 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.

5 DECISION TO RACE

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

5.2 No races should start in less than 7 knots of wind measured over the majority of the race area.

5.3 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.

6 PERSONAL BUOYANCY & HELMET

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

6.2 Personal buoyancy and helmet is mandatory for competitors under 18 years of age.

7 EQUIPMENT REGISTRATION

Each competitor may be required to complete an Equipment Registration Form and return it before the close of registration.

8 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

8.1 The Official Equipment inspector may mark all equipment a competitor intends to use during the regatta.

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

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 System

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.

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 RRS Windsurfing Competition Rules.

12.2 A Race shall consist of one course race (long or short course), one long distance race, or one speed round.

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.

14 PRIZE MONEY

14.1 There may be a prize fund for a championship as specified in the Championship Notice of Race.

14.2 The published prize fund shall be net of taxes.

14.3 The Prize Fund may be allocated according to Appendix 3, or as specified in the NoR.

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