

THE CLASS RULES EXPLAINED

What are Class Rules?

Class Rules are 'equipment' rules that explain any limitations on the amount and type of equipment you can use for an R300 event; and contain any regulations governing the use of that equipment during an R300 event.

The R300 **Class Rules** are defined as "**CLOSED Class Rules** - where anything not specifically permitted by the **Class Rules** is prohibited." Or, explained another way, "where if it does not specifically say that you may, then you shall not."

This document will highlight the main rules and explain how to comply; it does not include Championship (or Event) Rules, these will be found in a separate document (in preparation) and in an event Notice of Race.

Approved List

The **Approved List** should be read in conjunction with the Class Rules. It contains a list of boards (hulls including centreboard), sails, masts, booms and fins that maybe used by a competitor in an R300 event.

Only equipment that appears on this list may be used in an R300 event.

Only equipment that is currently in production, and will stay in production, has been included on the **Approved List**.

Other Limitations

At event registration a competitor will be required to complete an **Equipment Registration Form** on which the competitor shall list the equipment to be used during that event.

A competitor shall be limited to registering, and using, **1 board**, **2 sails**, **2 masts**, **2 booms**, and **2 fins**.

During **a race**, any race, of than event a competitor may only use **1 board**, **1 sail**, **1 rig**, and 1 fin. The **rig** is defined as the sail spars and fittings, or, the mast, boom, and mast extension. It is not permitted to change or replace any part of your equipment during a race – for example, if there is breakage a competitor may retire from that race and restart the next race after replacing the damaged item.

Boards

Only a board that has been registered with ISAF as a Raceboard Production Board, or is in the process of registering, can be included on the R300 **Approved List**. Only hulls produced without carbon have been included; only hulls of 300cm or less in length have been included.

The **Hull** by definition includes the following fittings: mast track, centreboard cassette and gasket, fin box, foot-straps.

The **Hull Appendages** are centreboard (daggerboard) and fin (skeg).

The hull plus hull appendages must not weigh less than 15kg.

The hull shall be fitted with a minimum of 4 foot-straps supplied with the hull.

The hull selected by a competitor shall only be used with the fittings supplied by the manufacturer (brand), including the foot-straps, and with the centreboard supplied with the hull. The centreboard shall remain in the hull at all times when racing.

Fins

The competitor may select any 2 fins from the **Approved List** to be used in an event. Only fins supplied with hulls by the one design brands have been included.

Sails

Only sails produced and supplied with a brands one design hybrid package have been included on the **Approved List**. Sails are a maximum of 8.5 sq,m in sail area; have a maximum of 8 battens and 3 cambers.

A competitor may register 2 sails for an event – but they shall be of different sizes; it is **not** possible to register 2 x 8.5 sq.m sails from 2 different brands.

A competitor may choose any 2 sails, each of a different size from the **Approved List**.

Rigs

A **rig** includes a mast, boom, and mast extension.

Only **masts** and **booms** supplied by brands with their one design packages have been included on the **Approved List**. A mast shall have a carbon content of 80% or less; and booms shall be made from aluminium tubing (no carbon).

Any aluminium mast extension may be used from those supplied with a brands one design package ie you have a choice from 4 mast extensions.

Repairs

Repairs to any item of equipment used in a race, and on the Approved List, are permitted. A repair should be considered restoring an item to its original condition after accidental damage or wear.

You are not permitted to modify an item of equipment to alter, and improve, its performance.

Fins can only be repaired to their original shape and size.

Damaged fittings may be replaced by those of the same type and function.

Deck grip may be restored to its original condition- but hull graphics shall remain clearly visible at all times.

Other Equipment

In addition to the mast extension competitors can bring their own choice of the following: personal buoyancy (ISO standard 12402-5, level 50); drinks container; harness and harness lines; adjustable downhaul system (optional); adjustable outhaul system (optional); uphaul.

Responsibility

Competitors are reminded that it is their responsibility to ensure the equipment they use complies with these **Class Rules**.

This includes complying with Sail Identification Rules – the positioning and size of your nationality code and sail number. Sail Identification shall be black letters/numbers on opaque white background, placed back to back above the boom(in the middle third of the sail above the boom) and near the clew.

Competitors should be aware of the one design class rules with regard to sail identification – if in doubt, ASK!

Further Information

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