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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 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 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.

3.1.3A 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 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, RAF, RDG, or DNE.

e) The target elapsed time for the winner of a course race shall be 25 minutes.

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.

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 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. In exceptional circumstances the CR may agree to a third back to back 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.

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.

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 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, 'qualifying series', shall be a maximum of 6 races and a minimum of 4 races.
- 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.

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 and could be either the "Sign Out /Sign In" system or "Tally System".

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

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

12.2.2 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.

12.2.3 Failure to comply with Art# 12.2.1 or 12.2.2 will result in a 5-point penalty being implemented by the Race Committee, without a hearing.

(Alteration of RRS 63.1)

12.2.4 The board's penalty under Art# 12.2.3 may 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 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.

12.2.5 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 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.

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