

World Championship Rules

Amended 18/03/2019

1. General

1.1. A World Championship shall be arranged each year unless required otherwise by the International Sailing Federation (ISAF).

1.2. The Executive Committee of the International Tempest Association (ITA) is responsible for selecting a host nation for each World Championship.

1.3. The World Championship shall be arranged, conducted and judged in accordance with the current ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (ISAF RRS), the Notice of Race of the host National Authority and these World Championship Rules.

2. Trophies and Prizes

2.1. The World Championship Trophy and other donated trophies are the property of the ITA and shall be awarded to the helmsmen and/or crews of the appropriate yachts upon its satisfaction that the event has been conducted in accordance with the provisions of rule 1.3.

2.2. Each trophy shall be retained by the winner until the next Championship takes place. The winner shall be responsible for engraving and returning the trophy to the ITA before the start of the following Championship.

2.3. When prizes are presented by the host club, they shall be of equal value for both helmsman and crew.

3. Eligibility and Entries

3.1. No yacht shall be permitted to race unless it holds a valid Measurement Certificate and displays a valid subscription label.

3.2. One member of the crew of each yacht must have been a resident and/or citizen of the country from which it is entered for the six months preceding the first race. One member of the crew must also be a member in good standing of the ITA.

3.3. The Executive Committee of the ITA may impose entry limitations for the purpose of maintaining a 60 yacht maximum for the Championship. Any limitation so imposed shall take into consideration the number of paid up members in a country and the performance standard of the entrant.

3.4. Notwithstanding rule 3.3, the current champion shall always have the right to defend his title without having to qualify and without his entry affecting the number of yachts his country is permitted to enter.

4. Jury

4.1. Unless otherwise authorised in writing by the ITA, an International Jury shall be constituted in accordance with ISAF RRS, Appendix N.

4.2. Final decision concerning interpretation of the Class Rules shall rest with the Jury.

5. Measurement

5.1. The ITA and its approved measurer shall be responsible for the event measurement program.

5.2. Measurement shall be taken under the current ISAF Measurement Instructions except where varied by the Class Rules.

5.3. The measurer at the Championship shall measure neither yachts nor sails owned or built or made by him.

5.4. For each measured yacht, any deviation from the dimensions or from the tolerances stated in the Class Rules shall be reported to the Jury and the owner.

5.5. No more than two mainsails, two jibs and three spinnakers shall be measured or used.

5.6. Sails shall not be altered after they are measured. Repairs other than cosmetics shall be undertaken only with written permission of the Jury. If a sail requires major repair, the Jury may order the sail re-measured.

5.7. In the event of accidental damage, which in the opinion of the Jury cannot be adequately repaired, the Jury may authorise a spare sail to be measured and used for the remaining races of the championship and the damaged sail shall then be deposited with the Race Committee for the duration of the Championship.

6. Sailing Instructions

6.1. The Sailing Instructions shall conform to the Championship Sailing Instructions (see Appendix) unless otherwise authorised by the ITA and shall be approved in writing by the ITA.

6.2. Prescriptions of the host National Authority shall be published together with the Sailing Instructions.

7. Alterations

7.1. Alterations to the Championship Rules shall be made by International Ballot in accordance with Association Rule 6.3, except that the Championship Sailing Instructions may be changed to confirm to revisions of the ISAF RRS.

APPENDIX - CHAMPIONSHIP SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The following shall be part of the Notice of Race:

International Tempest World Championship 20.. (Insert year); dates (insert dates): start of measurement; name, city and country of the organising authority.

1. Rules

The Championship will be governed by the latest edition of the World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing (WS RRS), the prescriptions of the host National Authority, the ITA Class and Championship Rules and by these sailing instructions.

2. Entries

Eligible yachts may be entered by completing registration with the organising authority.

3. Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Regatta Notice Board(s) located at (*insert location*).

4. Changes in Sailing Instructions

Any change in the sailing instructions will be posted before (*insert time*) on the day it will take effect. When possible, any change in the schedule of races will be posted (*insert time*) on the day before it will take effect.

5. Signals made ashore

Signals made ashore will be made according the Sailing Instructions and/or notices on the Regatta Notice Board.

6. Scoring

6.1 The low point scoring system WS RRS appendix A will apply.

6.2 Four races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

6.3 When fewer than five races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores.

6.4 When from five to seven races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

6.5 When eight or more races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst two scores.

7. Schedule of Races

7.1 The competitors will be informed of the schedule of races on the day prior to the first race day.

7.2 A maximum of nine races may be scheduled.

7.3 The maximum number of races scheduled per day will be two. Exception : (valid for one day only): three races may be sailed on one day if in the opinion of the race committee it is necessary to do so in order to complete the schedule of races. If three races on that day have been achieved, there can only be maximum two races per day on the other days.

7.4 deleted (reserve day)

8. Racing Area

The racing area will be (as shown on [location] or described).

9. The Course

9.1. The preferred course is up and down preferably with dog leg at upper mark and possibly a gate at lower mark

9.2. No later than the warning signal the race committee signal boat will display the approximate compass bearing from the starting line to Mark 1.

9.3. The course will not be shortened before the starting signal. After the starting signal the course can be shortened.

10. Marks

10.1. The course marks will be (*insert description*).

10.2. The port end starting mark and the finishing mark will be (*insert description*). The port end starting and finishing marks can also be marks 1 or 3.

11. The Start

11.1. Races will be started in accordance with WS RRS, Rule 26. The warning signal will be Code Flag "T" (Tempest flag).

11.2. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat at the starboard end and the port end starting mark.

11.3. Any yacht shall not start later than ten minutes after her starting signal.

12. The Finish

The Finishing Line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the finishing mark at the starboard end and the port end finishing mark.

13. Time Limits

13.1. The target time for each race is between 60 minutes and 90 minutes.

13.2. If no boat has rounded the first mark within 30 minutes, the race will be abandoned.

13.3. The time limit for the first yacht to finish is 150 minutes.

14. Protests

14.1. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has entered the harbour after the last race of the day.

14.2. Protest forms will be available at the Race committee office and shall comply to WS RRS, Rule 61.2.

14.3. Decisions of the Jury will be final in accordance with WS RRS, Rule 3.

15. Alternative Penalties

According to WS Racing Rules 44.1, 44.2. and 44.4.

16. Haul-out Restrictions

All yachts shall be afloat before (insert date and time) and shall not be hauled out except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Jury.

17. Substitute Competitors

Substitute competitors shall not be eligible to compete except with and according to prior written permission of the Jury.

Amendments

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