

International Radio Sailing Association



Championship Regulations

1 Status

- 1.1 The status of the event is subject to the Organiser complying with these and other relevant regulations of IRSA.

2 Championships

2.1 World Championships

Each International Class may have a World Championship biennially, subject to the ISAF Regulation 18.5.

2.2 Continental Championships

Each International Class may have Continental Championships biennially in the year when there is no World Championship subject to the agreement of IRSA Permanent Committee or as specified in the ICA Agreement. Continental Championships already agreed are:

- (i) European
- (ii) North American
- (iii) South American
- (iv) Asian
- (v) African
- (vi) Oceania

2.3 Regional Championships

Each International Class may have Annual Regional Championships. A Regional Championship is defined as being for competition between entrants from two or more geographically adjacent DMs. There is no restriction on the number of distinct Regional Championships that may be held in any one year.

Additional regulations for classes where no International Class Association exists.

3 Application and Selection of Host DM

3.1 Applications

A Division Member wishing to host a Championship should apply to IRSA in good time so that there is time for the application to be processed and for the host DM to put in place the organisation to run the event.

3.2 Commitment and Questionnaire

The application will clearly state the Division Member's acceptance of the obligations imposed by these regulations and its commitment to conduct the Championship in full conformity with such regulations, by completing the Championship Questionnaire and having it signed by two Officers of the DM.

3.3 Decision

The PC will consider all applications for Championships and make decisions based upon:

- (i) The suitability of the proposed site
- (ii) The response to the Championship Questionnaire
- (iii) The best possible circulation of Championships around the World and within Continents.

4 Obligations of the Host Division Member

4.1 Race Committee

The Host Division Member will appoint a Race Officer and Committee for the Championship. This Committee will be responsible for the conduct of the championship under the direction of IRSA PC and will be empowered to select and replace all other officials as may be required.

4.2 Language

For World and Continental Championships the Race Officer will be able to speak English well and will make announcements in that language.

4.3 Notice of Race

Nine months before the first day of the championship, Organiser will publish to all relevant countries the Notice of Race. This will be in the IRSA Standard Notice of Race format. Any requested modifications from the RC shall be sent to the RRC Chairman for approval eleven months before the event. The PC can adjust this time scale for applications received less than twelve months before the proposed start of the championship.

4.4 Sailing Instructions

Sailing Instructions published by the Race Committee shall be available to all competitors before the start of the Championship. These will be in the IRSA Standard Sailing Instructions format and any requested modifications from the RC shall be sent to the RRC Chairman for approval three months before the event.

4.5 Report and Evaluation

Within three months of the completion of the Championship the Host Division Member will forward to IRSA, a report, a statement of income and expenditure, and an evaluation of the Championship.

5 Eligibility

- 5.1 Competitors shall comply with the requirements of ISAF Eligibility Code and the additional requirements of the following clauses.
- 5.2 Any competitor in the Championship shall be a national or a permanent resident of the country of the Division Member that is entering him / her.
- 5.3 A permanent resident is defined as someone living in the country for which he / she wishes to sail, for at least nine months of the year prior to the initial closing date of entries for the event.
- 5.4 Proof of permanent residency shall be submitted to the IRSA, together with a letter of confirmation from a senior official of the DM that is proposing to entering him/her.
- 5.5 The Permanent Committee shall review all such applications regarding eligibility.
- 5.6 Permanent residents must have received written approval of the Permanent Committee prior to their DM submitting their entry.

6 Entries

6.1.1 The maximum number of boats for any IRSA championship shall be 80.

6.1.2 The initial closing date shall be three calendar months before the start of the event.

6.1.3 The allocation of places shall take place within 14 days of the initial closing date.

6.1.4 DMs should only send entry fees for those competitors gaining, places allocated in stage one.

6.1.5 DMs shall send entry forms for their competitors entering in stages two, three & four only if they are prepared to guarantee payment of the entry fee for those competitors getting a place. Once a place is allocated payment is required whether that competitor races or not.

6.2.1 Stage one

In which no DM shall have an allocation of more than 8 places.

The initial allocation of places shall be: -

- (i) a personal place for the previous champion; this place shall not be counted in any DMs total
- (ii) two to each qualifying DM,
- (iii) one place for the host DM,
- (iv) the PC may allocate places to competitors from none qualifying DMs, to a maximum of 4.
- (v) the remaining places shall be allocated to DMs according to the finishing order of boats from the DMs in the previous relevant championship.

6.2.2 Stage two

In which no DM shall have their allocation increased above 10 places.

If there are still places after the initial allocation

- (i) any available places shall be allocated to DMs that have sent in applications for additional places before the closing date, using the finishing order of boats from the DMs in the previous relevant championship. Then
- (ii) if there are still places available, those DMs still requiring places will be listed
 - (a) in order of their highest finishing place in the previous relevant championship, followed by
 - (b) in reverse numerical order of their subscription category, those in the same category will be split by drawing lots. Places will then be allocated one per DM going down the list repeatedly until each DM reaches the stage 2 maximum allocation, or has the places applied for in 6.2.2 (i) if less.

6.2.3 Stage three

In which there is no restriction on the maximum number of places for any DM

If there are still places available, they shall be allocated one per DM to those DMs still wanting them, using the DM list described in 6.2.2 (ii). If any DM. has requested places after the initial closing date, they should be added at this stage.

6.2.4 Stage four

If at any stage the maximum number of entrants is achieved, the organising authority shall notify at least the next five persons on the list 6.2.2(ii) informing them that they are a reserve should anyone drop out. If places become available immediately prior to the start of an event, the Organising Authority may make up the numbers to the entry limit, by informing the reserves and then continuing the allocation of places from the list referred to in 6.2.2 (ii).

7 Fees & Prizes

7.1 Championship Levies

The Host Division Member will for each entry in the Championship pay to IRSA the relevant levy as indicated:

World Championship	GBP 15.00 per boat entered
Continental Championship	GBP 10.00 per boat entered

7.2 Prizes

IRSA is under no obligation to provide prizes for any Championship held under its auspices.

8 Trophies

- 8.1 The winner of any trophy for which IRSA is responsible shall sign an undertaking for its safe custody and its subsequent return to such person by such time, place and date as will be notified to him by the IRSA. This undertaking and agreement will be secured by the Race Officer/Committee on the prescribed form obtainable from the IRSA General Secretary and returned to him within 14 days of the completion of the championship. The cost of sending the trophy by insured parcel post will be refunded if proof of payment is sent to IRSA Treasurer.

9 Conduct of the Championship

9.1 Rules

The Championship will be governed by the regulations of IRSA, the RRS, the ERS, Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions, and the relevant Class Rules.