

# 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 the International Radio Sailing Association (IRSA).
- 1.2 Association Members are members defined in Article 5.1 of the IRSA Constitution.

### 2 Championships

#### 2.1 World Championships

Each International Class may have a World Championship biennially, subject to the ISAF Regulation 25.3

#### 2.2 Continental Championships

Each International Class may have a Continental Championship in each continent biennially in the year when there is no World Championship for that Class. 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 Association Members. There is no restriction on the number of distinct Regional Championships that may be held in any one year. Sections 5 and 7 do not apply to Regional Championships which may be organised in such a manner that is best suited to the Association Members involved.

#### 2.4 Ratification of Championships

- (i) International Classes shall coordinate with IRSA regarding the location and timing of proposed World, Continental and Regional Championships.
- (ii) No Championship shall be advertised as taking place until ratification from IRSA has been received.
- (iii) IRSA shall not unreasonably withhold ratification and approval.

### 3 Championships conducted by International Class Associations

#### 3.1 Organisation

- (i) IRSA delegates to International Class Associations the authority and responsibility for organising World and Continental Championships in accordance with the objectives of sections 4 through 7, except that:
  - a) ratification under 2.4 above is required,
  - b) Notices of Race and Sailing Instructions shall be approved by IRSA prior to being published.
  - c) any significant variations to sections 4 through 7 shall get prior approval from IRSA

- (ii) The International Class Association shall be responsible for ensuring that the Host Member meets the requirements and obligations of section 5

### **3.2 Eligibility**

Any host Association Member shall be a current financial member of IRSA. All entries shall be from financial Association Members and of good standing with that Member, except where specific approval is given by IRSA in the interests of promoting the sport of Radio Sailing.

## **4 Application and Selection of Host Association Member**

### **4.1 Applications**

An Association Member (AM) 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 AM to put in place the organisation to run the event. Ordinarily such application shall be sent to IRSA at least 12 months in advance.

### **4.2 Commitment and Questionnaire**

The application will clearly state the Association 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 AM.

### **4.3 Decision**

The IRSA Executive Committee (EC) 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.

## **5 Obligations of the Host Association Member**

### **5.1 Race Committee**

The Host Association 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 the IRSA Racing Rules Committee (RRC) and will be empowered to select and replace all other officials as may be required.

### **5.2 Language**

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

### **5.3 Notice of Race**

- (i). After approval from IRSA and nine (9) months before the first day of the championship the Host Club will publish to all Association Members a preliminary Notice of Race. This notice shall cover the basic information required for Association Members and their membership to determine whether or not to enter and shall include as a minimum; Venue, Dates, a range within which Entry Fees will fall.
- (ii). The proposed Notice of Race shall be sent to the RRC Chairman for approval eight (8) months before the event.
- (iii) After approval from IRSA and six (6) months before the first day of the championship the Host Club will publish to all Association Members a the formal Notice of Race. This will be in the IRSA Standard Notice of Race format. The RRC can adjust this time scale for applications received less than twelve months before the proposed start of the championship.

### **5.4 Sailing Instructions**

- (i) The proposed Sailing Instructions, which shall be in compliance with the IRSA

Sailing Instructions Guide, shall be sent to the RRC Chairman for approval three (3) months before the event.

- (ii) Sailing Instructions published by the Race Committee shall be available to all competitors before the start of the Championship.

### 5.5 Report and Evaluation

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

## 6 Eligibility

- 6.1 Competitors shall comply with the requirements of ISAF Eligibility Code and the additional requirements of the following clauses.
- 6.2 Any competitor in the Championship shall be a national or a permanent resident of the country of the Association Member that is entering him / her.
- 6.3 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.
- 6.4 Proof of permanent residency shall be submitted to the IRSA, together with a letter of confirmation from a senior official of the AM that is proposing to enter him/her.
- 6.5 The Executive Committee shall review all such applications regarding eligibility.
- 6.6 Permanent residents must have received written approval of the Executive Committee prior to their AM submitting their entry.
- 6.7 IRSA approval as a permanent resident will remain in force indefinitely subject to confirmation from the Association Member at the time of entry that the status of the competitor has not changed since approval was granted.

## 7 Entries

- 7.1.1 The maximum number of boats for any IRSA championship shall be 84.
- 7.1.2 The initial closing date shall be three calendar months before the start of the event.
- 7.1.3 The allocation of places shall take place within 14 days of the initial closing date.
- 7.1.4 AMs should only send entry fees for those competitors gaining, places allocated in stage one.
- 7.1.5 AMs 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.
- 7.1.6 If at any time prior to the commencement of the Championship an accepted competitor is not able to participate in the Championship through accident or serious illness his AM may, within 10 days of the occurrence, notify the Host Member of the circumstances and nominate a replacement.

### 7.2.1 Stage one

In which no AM 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 AMs total
- (ii) two to each qualifying AM,
- (iii) one place for the host AM,
- (iv) the EC may allocate places to competitors from non qualifying AMs, to a maximum of 4.
- (v) the remaining places shall be allocated to AMs according to the finishing order of boats from the AMs in the previous relevant championship.

### 7.2.2 Stage two

In which no AM 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 AMs that have sent in applications for additional places before the closing date, using the finishing order of boats from the AMs in the previous relevant championship. Then
- (ii) if there are still places available, those AMs 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 AM going down the list repeatedly until each AM reaches the stage 2 maximum allocation, or has the places applied for in 7.2.2 (i) if less.

### 7.2.3 Stage three

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

If there are still places available, they shall be allocated one per AM to those AMs still wanting them, using the AM list described in 7.2.2 (ii). If any AM has requested places after the initial closing date, they should be added at this stage.

### 7.2.4 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 7.2.2(ii) informing them that they are a reserve should any AM reduce its places allocated in 7.2.1 to 7.2.3. 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 7.2.2 (ii).

## 8 Fees & Prizes

### 8.1 Championship Levies

The Host Association Member shall, within 3 months of the event, pay to IRSA the relevant levy for each entry in the Championship as indicated:

	Non ICA Classes per boat entered	Conducted by ICA per boat entered
World Championship	GBP 15.00	GBP 7.50
Continental Championship	GBP 10.00	GBP 5.00

### 8.2 Prizes

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

## 9 Trophies

- 9.1 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.

## 10 Conduct of the Championship

### 10.1 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.