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IRSA Notice of Race Guide

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This guide provides wording for NOR designed primarily for major championships. It has been written presuming that an International Jury is to be appointed and that racing will be umpired under IRSA Addendum Q.

Please read the preamble to RRS Appendix K Notice of Race Guide.

[Full Event name]

[Dates (full dates from opening of measurement to closing ceremony)]

[Venue (Town and Country)]

NOTICE OF RACE

Organizing Authority

The [Event name] is organized by [name of host club or organisation] in conjunction with [any other organisations such as the national radio sailing organisation, class association, World Sailing (WS) Member National Authority etc], and the International Radio Sailing Association (IRSA).

1. Rules

1.1 The event will be governed by the *Racing Rules of Sailing*. RRS Appendix E will apply.

1.2 The following documents will also govern the event:

[Class name] Rules

IRSA Championship Regulations

Equipment Rules of Sailing

IRSA Sailing Addendum Q (Umpiring)

Heat Management System (HMS)

IRSA SYRPH

IRSA Case Book

1.3 The Jury may publish a document setting out an accelerated procedure for protests and requests for redress.

1.4

(a) RRS XX.x and XX.x may be changed in the Sailing Instructions.

(b) (optional) Chartered or loaned boats may carry the national letters denoting the national authority and/ or the sail number of the person or organisation providing the boat. This changes RRS G1.1(b) as modified by RRS E8.

(c) Other rule changes are stated in the notice that changes the rule

1.5 No national prescriptions shall apply.

Or

1.5 The National Prescriptions that shall apply are set out in Addendum X

2. Eligibility

2.1 The competition is open to [class name] boats selected by an IRSA National Member in good standing with IRSA. The World Sailing Eligibility Code (Regulation 19) applies together with the additional requirements of the IRSA Championship Regulations.

3. Entry

3.1 Entries and allocation of places shall be governed by IRSA Championship Regulation 7, Entries (see Addendum 1)

3.2 The maximum number of entries shall be [insert number, eg 76]

3.3 Entry forms shall be available on the event website at [Event URL].

3.4 Completed entry forms shall be sent to [e-mail address of organiser] before [insert date]. Entry fees for places allocated under Stage One (IRSA Championship Regulation 7.2.1) shall be sent to the account indicated in NOR 6 before [insert date].

3.5 Places allocated under Stages 2-4 shall only be confirmed upon receipt of the full entry fee. The Organizing Authority may announce a closing date for payment of fees for places allocated under each stage.

3.6 In order that a disabled competitor may be able to compete on equal terms, the race committee shall make as fair an arrangement as possible. Disabled competitors who require any form of help or special requirements shall contact the [name of on site organiser] at [e-mail address of on-site organiser] prior to entry to confirm that suitable arrangements can be made. It is the competitor's responsibility to determine that adequate facilities are available before entering the event.

4. Measurement and Registration

4.1 Boats together with their measurement certificates shall be presented for registration and equipment inspection on [insert dates] [insert times]. The Race Committee may extend the time for registration and inspection if there is a valid reason to do so.

4.2 No boat shall be eligible to race until it has been registered and has passed equipment inspection.

5. Fees

5.1 The fee for the event per boat is [insert number and required currency] net excluding bank charges (which amount includes the IRSA fee of [enter appropriate fee or equivalent in local currency]).

5.2 Payment via bank transfer:

Account name: [insert details]

IBAN: [insert details]

BIC CODE: [insert details]

5.3. The fee includes [insert appropriate details:- for instance : a skipper lunch on [insert dates], the opening ceremony dinner on [insert date] and the closing ceremony buffet/dinner on [insert date].]

6. Schedule

[insert date] Closing date for entries and receipt

[insert date] Announcement of allocation of places

[insert dates] Registration, Practice, Equipment Inspection

[insert date] Opening ceremony

[insert dates] Racing from [insert time] to [insert time]. The Race Committee may continue racing after [insert time].

[insert date] is a reserve day. There may be racing if less than 3 races have been completed at the end of racing on [insert date].

[insert date of last scheduled day of racing] Racing from [insert time] to [insert time]. The Closing Ceremony is scheduled at [insert time].

7. Sailing Instructions

7.1 The sailing instructions will be available at registration and may be available beforehand on the event website.

8. Umpires

8.1 WS International Umpires or International Judges shall be appointed as umpires. National Judges and National Umpires may be appointed to assist.

8.2 Competitors shall be required to undertake Observer duties.

8.3 An International Jury conforming to RRS Appendix N shall be appointed and the right of appeal is denied under RRS 70.5.

8.4 When a hearing is reopened under rule 68 or N1.4(b) any decision to penalize or give redress made after the warning signal of any heat to which a party to the hearing may be promoted, shall not change the race schedule for that race. This changes rules 64.1 and 64.2.

9. Scoring and Racing System

9.1 The Championship shall be raced and scored under the Heat Management System (HMS). Five races are required to be completed to constitute the championship.

10. Liability

10.1 Competitors participate in the Championship entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

or

10.1 Local version as required by the host authorities. For instance this text which seems to be based on an MYA document. This may or may not be appropriate in other jurisdictions.

All those entering or taking part in this Championship do so at their own risk and responsibility. IRSA, the Organizing Authority, the Race Committee, and any other parties involved in the organization of this event disclaim any and every responsibility whatsoever for loss, damage, injury, or inconvenience that might occur to persons and goods, both on the water and ashore as a consequence of entering or participating in the Championship covered by this Notice of Race.

At all times the responsibility for the safety of their boat and themselves including the decision to participate or continue shall rest with the competitor. By entering the event it is deemed that competitors accept these conditions. Competitors are advised to ensure that they have adequate personal insurance that provides cover for public liability and their possible injury.

Or (as recommended by the RYA a Risk Statement – as Disclaimers of Liability are of limited legal standing)

10 Risk Statement

10.1 RRS 4 of the Racing RRSs of Sailing states: “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a heat or to continue racing is hers alone.”

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore involves an element of risk. By taking part in any of the events covered by this notice of race, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- a. They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- b. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- c. They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- d. Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- e. The provision of a race management team, patrol boats, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f. The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

11. Insurance

11.1 Each boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of €XXXXXXXX. For the purposes of NOR 4.4 the term ‘boat’ includes the designated competitor.

Or appropriate text based on local legislation

Or

11.1 The purchase of third-party liability event insurance from [name of organisation] is mandatory. The purchase will be arranged through [name of organisation] at a cost of €XX per competitor, payable to the organisers upon arrival, before registration is completed. There is a €XXX deductible payable on any claim. Details of this insurance can be found at: XXXXXXXX@XXXX.XXX

12. Accommodation, Transport, etc

12.1 The event website contains a list of possible accommodation and costs, and a list of social, food, and transport packages and their costs.

13. Event and Venue Information

13.1 Event information updates will be posted on the Web site for the [Event name] Championship at the following Web site: [Event URL].

Appendix 1: IRSA Championship Regulations Entries and Allocation of Places

This appendix presents Regulation 7 of IRSA Championship Regulations. For this event the maximum number of boats has been set at [insert number, eg 76]. These regulations will govern the allocation of places at this event.

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 IRSA Member Associations should only send entry fees for those competitors gaining places allocated in stage one.

7.1.5 IRSA Member Associations 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 IRSA Member Association may, within 10 days of the occurrence, notify the Organising Authority of the circumstances and nominate a replacement.

7.2.1 Stage one

In which no IRSA Member Association 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 IRSA Member Association total,
- (ii) two to each qualifying IRSA Member Association,
- (iii) one place for the host IRSA Member Association,
- (iv) the IRSA Executive Committee may allocate places to competitors from non-qualifying National Radio Sailing Associations, to a maximum of 4.
- (v) the remaining places shall be allocated to IRSA Member Associations according to the finishing order of boats from the IRSA Member Association in the previous relevant Championship.

7.2.2 Stage two

In which no IRSA Member Association 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 IRSA Member Associations that have sent in applications for additional places before the closing date, using the finishing order of boats from the IRSA Member Associations in the previous relevant championship. Then,
- (ii) if there are still places available, those IRSA Member Association 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 IRSA Member Association going down the list repeatedly until each IRSA Member Association 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 IRSA Member Association.

If there are still places available, they shall be allocated one per IRSA Member Association to those still wanting them, using the IRSA Member Association list described in 7.2.2 (ii). If any IRSA Member Association has requested places after the initial closing date, they will 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 IRSA DNM Member Association 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).