

WFSA SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Conditions of Entry

- 1 1.1 Racing takes place under the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), RYA Prescriptions, appropriate Class Association rules and WFSA Sailing Instructions. WFSA will implement the RYA Racing Charter which can be found in the current RYA Rule Book.
- 1.2 All WFSA members and visiting competitors entering any event organised by WFSA do so entirely at their own personal safety risk. Rule 40.1, Personal Flotation Devices, will apply at all times while afloat. This changes the Part 4 preamble. Members failing to comply will be scored DSQ without a hearing.
- 1.3 All competitors must sign on, in the WFSA Logbook, in the clubhouse prior to going afloat.

Courses, starting and finishing

- 2 2.1 The race course, start times and any changes to these instructions will be displayed on the Club noticeboard. Please note areas of the lake that are out of bounds.
- 2.2 The start line will be an imaginary line in transit between the yellow pole and the Club flagpole. The extent of the line will be from the shore to the course side of the distance mark.
- 2.3 The finishing line will be an imaginary line between the Club flagpole and the course side of mark 7.
- 2.4 Starting signals will be indicated by red, white and blue starting boards and a sound signal. First start (Lasers) - the **red** board is displayed at the 6 minute signal, a blank is displayed 30 seconds prior to the **white** three minute signal, and a further blank is displayed 30 seconds prior to the **blue** start signal. Second start (Handicap) - the **blue** board is the 3 minute signal, and a further blank board is displayed 30 seconds prior to the **red** board signal to start the second race. The sequence then continues for any further starts or restarts.
- 2.5 Individual recalls will be indicated by a further sound signal and the display of **Flag 'X'**. Responsibility for restarting rests with the competitors concerned. If possible, sail numbers will be called out but failure to hail, or to hear a hail, shall not be cause for redress.
- 2.6 General recalls will be indicated by two further sound signals and the display of **Flag 'First Substitute'**. Recalled fleets will restart 3 minutes after the last scheduled start. This changes Rule 29.2.
- 2.7 Time limit for any race will be 90 minutes. Late finishers will record as **TLE**. At the Race Officer's discretion results may be taken from an earlier lap.

Scoring

- 3 3.1 The scoring system will be the low point system of Appendix A of the RRS. It is the boat owner/owners, or one appointed helmsperson per race series who score, not the boat. Changes of boat are allowed within a long series but to continue a score a competitor must race only one class of boat or sub-group of a restricted class of boat.
- 3.2 Lasers will start and race together, regardless of rig (full, radial or 4.7), and lap times, finish times, and number of laps will be recorded. Results will be calculated using the current PY numbers for each rig. The rig choice specified at the start of a series will

determine the PY number for that series. A change to a smaller rig will be allowed at the discretion of the Race Officer. A change to a larger rig will not be permitted.

- 3.3 Other scoring for Club series races,
DNC or DNS - number of boats in the **series** plus 1
DSQ - number of boats in that **race** plus 2
DNF, RTD, OCS and **NSC** - number of boats in that **race** plus 1
- 3.4 Overall ties will be broken by RRS A8.1 and A8.2. The number of races to count for a series shall be half the number of races sailed plus 1, rounded down.
- 3.5 Race Officer, recorders and safety boat crews are normally covered by volunteers. If a ballot is required to appoint someone to cover these duties, then the ballot winner is awarded 3 points for the race thus missed. Within any race series a previous ballot winner is excluded from any further ballot which may be called.

Protests

- 4 4.1 Protests must be lodged with the Race Officer within 30 minutes of finishing. Protest forms are available in the Clubhouse.

General Racing Notices

Members

- 1 1.1 Members are reminded that no race points will be awarded unless all Club fees and subscriptions have been paid.
- 1.2 Please enter for the race by filling in the logbook. This will constitute a declaration that the helmsman agrees to sail according to RRS 2021 - 2024. and WFSA rules and that the entrant carries full racing and third party insurance.
- 1.3 In the interests of safety, you must inform the race officer if you retire.
- 1.4 The plan of the lake and the course are displayed on the wall.

Visitors

- 2 2.1 All visitors must be signed in by a current WFSA member.
- 2.2 Only two such visits may be made per season by any non-member. Full membership will be required for any further sailing.
- 2.3 The race log must be annotated "visitor" and countersigned by a WFSA member.
- 2.4 No points for series racing will be awarded to any visitor. Race points will be awarded as if the visitor did not race.