



OPTIMIST GOLD FLEET QUALIFIER 2021

3 & 4 July 2021
Singapore Sailing Federation
National Sailing Centre

Combined NOTICE of RACE & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (NOR/SI)

The Organising Authority (OA) is the Singapore Sailing Federation (SSF).

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. National prescriptions will apply. For Rule 40 PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES; LIFE-SAVING EQUIPMENT, add on after the rule, the following: - ‘Singapore Sailing prescribes that every boat shall carry life-saving equipment conforming to Singapore government regulations that apply in the racing area.’
- 1.3. All boats must adhere to Maritime Port Authority of Singapore regulations.
- 1.4. RRS Appendix P, *Special Procedures for Rule 42*, will apply.
- 1.5. If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.
- 1.6. Due to the COVID-19 situation, participant must adhere to Singapore government prevailing regulations and guideline on safe management measures which can be found through SSF website below:

<https://sailing.org.sg/news/covid-19-operations-nsc/>

Please also see Addendum E on temporary zone areas assigned for competitors at the venue during the event.

- 1.7 [SP] Denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the Race Committee or Technical Committee without a hearing.

[DP]a discretionary penalty applied by the International Jury with a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.1

[NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1 (a).

2. [NP]ADVERTISING

- 2.1. Advertising will be restricted to World Sailing Regulation 20.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. The event is open to optimist sailors who receive an **invitation** to the event by the organiser.
- 3.2. All competitors are required to have at least an SOF Opti-Racer.
- 3.3. Eligible boats may enter by completing the form in the link below by 30 June 2021:

<https://singaporesailing.eventsmart.com/events/gold-fleet-qualifier-july-2021/>

3.4. The required entry fees are as follows:

<i>Category</i>	<i>Event Fee</i>
Optimist	\$35.20

4. [NP] INSURANCE

- 4.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with an adequate and valid third-party liability coverage.
- 4.2. The Organising Authority is not responsible for verifying the status or validity of certificates.

5. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 5.1. Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3 , Decision to Race. The Organising Authority, or any other race officials and volunteers, will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event.

6. [NP,DP]MEDIA RIGHTS, CAMERAS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

- 6.1. By participating in this event, competitors and their support persons automatically grant to the Organising Authority and any event sponsors, the right in perpetuity to make, use, and show, from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of them during the period of the event without compensation.
- 6.2. Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment as specified by the Organising Authority.

7. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 7.1. Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official.
- 7.2. Reasonable actions by event officials to implement COVID-19 guidance, protocols or legislation, even if they later prove to have been unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions.
- 7.3. Boats not racing shall avoid the area where boats are racing and any race official vessels.
- 7.4. Boats that are on a Course Area to which they are not assigned shall avoid the area where boats are racing and any race official vessels.

8. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 8.1. All competitors shall wear personal floatation devices at all times while afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing, or personal equipment. Wet suits, dry suits and trapeze harnesses are not personal floatation devices. This changes RRS 40.
- 8.2. [SP] Check-Out and Check-In Procedures:
 - 8.2.1. Before launching on each scheduled racing day, a competitor from each boat shall individually Check-Out, by personally signing on the forms provided outside the Race Office.
 - 8.2.2. Upon returning to shore after racing, a competitor from each boat shall individually Check-In, by personally signing on the forms provided outside the Race Office, as soon as possible but no later than the protest time limit.
 - 8.2.3. Boats will be scored additional 5 points for failing to check out and/or check in. Points will be added to the first race of the day for failing to check out and last race of the day for failing to check in.
- 8.3. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible before leaving the Course Area.

9. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

9.1. Official Notice Board

- 9.1.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located online at <https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/2253/event>. All links on this page which open to

subsidiary pages of the event using the racingrulesofsailing.org platform is also a part of the Official Notice Board.

9.2 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least 30 minutes before the displaying of flag D on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the end of the latest protest time limit on the day before it will take effect.

8.3 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the official flagstaff located at the boat park of the National Sailing Centre. Add to the Race Signals preamble: “When a visual signal is displayed over a NSC Zone flag, the signal applies only to that zone.”

8.4 When flag AP is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 30 minutes” in the race signal AP. This changes RRS Race Signals.

8.5 [SP][NP] Flag D with one sound means: “The warning signal will not be made before the scheduled time or less than 30 minutes after flag D is displayed, whichever is later. Boats shall not launch until this signal is made.”

8.6 [DP][NP] From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

10. BERTHING

10.1. Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while they are in the boat park.

11. RADIO COMMUNICATION

11.1. Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

12. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

12.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag staff located within the boat park of National Sailing Centre.

12.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, ‘1 minute’ is replaced with ‘not less than 30 minutes’ in the race signal AP.

12.3. [NP][DP] Flag D with one sound means ‘The warning signal will be made no less than 30 minutes after flag D is displayed. Boats shall not leave the harbour until this signal is made.’

13. FORMAT OF RACING

13.1. The regatta will consist of a single series

14. SCHEDULE

14.1. Dates of racing:

<i>Start Date:</i>	3 July 2021
<i>End Date:</i>	4 July 2021

14.2. Number of races:

<i>Events Total No. of races</i>	<i>Races per day</i>
7	No more than 4

14.3. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race of each day is 1100h

14.4. The Schedule of activities will be as follows:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Venue</i>
3 July	0930	Coach/Team Leaders & Skippers briefing	Google Hangout: https://meet.google.com/onj-pffz-rzk?authuser=0
3 & 4 July	1100	First Warning Signal for Fleet Race	Racing Area B

14.5. On the last day of the regatta, no warning signal will be made after 1700h

15. CLASS FLAGS

The class flags will be:

<i>Event</i>	<i>Class Insignia</i>	<i>Background Colour</i>
Optimist	Optimist (Blue)	Yellow

16. RACING AREAS

16.1. Attachment 1 shows the location of the racing areas.

16.2. Classes are assigned to racing areas as follows:

<i>Area B</i>
Optimist

17. THE COURSES

17.1. The diagram in Attachment 2 shows the course, including the order in which marks are to be passed and the side that each mark is to be left.

18. MARKS

18.1. Marks 1 and 4, or associated gate marks, will be as follows:

Area	Marks 1, 4s, 4p	New Mark	Starting line mark	Finishing line mark
B	Red Spherical	White Spherical	Pink Spherical	Blue Spherical

18.2. New marks, as provided in instruction 19.1, will be white marks.

18.3. A race committee boat signalling a change of a leg of the course is a mark as provided in instruction 19.

18.4. If only one gate mark is in position, that mark shall be rounded to port.

19. THE START

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

19.2. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least 5 minutes before a warning signal is made.

19.3. A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rules A5.1 and A5.2

20. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

20.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent

change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

- 20.2. Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the race committee boat signalling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee boat to starboard. This changes rule 28.1.

21. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the finishing boat at the port end and a finishing blue spherical mark on the starboard end.

22. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 22.1. Appendix P will apply.
22.2. Rule P2.3 will not apply and rule P2.2 is changed so that it will apply to any penalty after the first one.
22.3. For the optimist class, the scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under instruction 23 will be DPI as described in attachment 3.

23. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 23.1. The time limits and target times are as follows:

<i>Class</i>	<i>Time Limit</i>	<i>Mark 1 Time Limit</i>	<i>Finish Window</i>	<i>Target Time</i>
Optimist	60 min	30 min	20 min	50 min

- 23.2. If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.
23.3. Boats failing to finish within the Finish Window after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A5.1 and A5.2

24. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 24.1. Add to rule 61.1(a) "The protesting boat shall inform the Race Committee of the boat/s being protested at the finishing line immediately after finishing."
24.2. Protest forms are available at the race office, located at the Race Control Office at National Sailing Centre. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
24.3. For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day, or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
24.4. Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located at the second story of the National Sailing Centre, beginning at the time posted.
24.5. Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
24.6. A list of boats that have been penalized under Appendix P for breaking rule 42 will be posted.
24.7. Breaches of instructions 2, 23, 25 and 26 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.
24.8. On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for redress from a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

25. SCORING

- 25.1. Three races are required to be completed to constitute an event.
25.2. (a) When fewer than 5 series races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
(b) When 5 or more series races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

25.3. To request correction of an alleged error in posted race or series results, a boat may complete a scoring enquiry form available at the race office no later than 30 minutes after the results have been posted.

26. [DP][NP] REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

26.1 Substitution of competitors is not allowed.

26.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless approved online by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity by submitting an Equipment Replacement Request Form available online via the event website.

26.3 Repairs or replacements may be made on the water before or between races provided that the Race Committee afloat is notified, and approval granted by the committee before the next race. After the end of the day's racing, the substitution is still subject to the approval of the Race Committee given retrospectively.

27. [NP] EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

27.1. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee, equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

28. [NP] OFFICIAL BOATS

Official boats will be marked as follows:

Jury/Judges – White flag with letter "J"

Race Committee – Yellow flag with black letter corresponding to course area.

Rescue or Course Marshals – Pink flag with numbering

29. [DP] SUPPORT BOATS

29.1. Support Boat Regulation shall apply. A copy of the Regulation will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

29.2. Support boat safety briefing will be conducted after the Skippers briefing daily

29.3. [DP] Support person vessels will be identified with a numbered Green flag.

30. [DP] TRASH DISPOSAL

Competitors and support persons shall not intentionally put trash in the water. In addition to RRS 47, trash may be placed aboard support or official vessels. The use of 'single-use' plastic bottles or containers on shore or afloat is strongly discouraged

31. [DP][NP] RADIO COMMUNICATION

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats, except in an emergency or when using equipment provided by the Race Committee. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

32. FURTHER INFORMATION

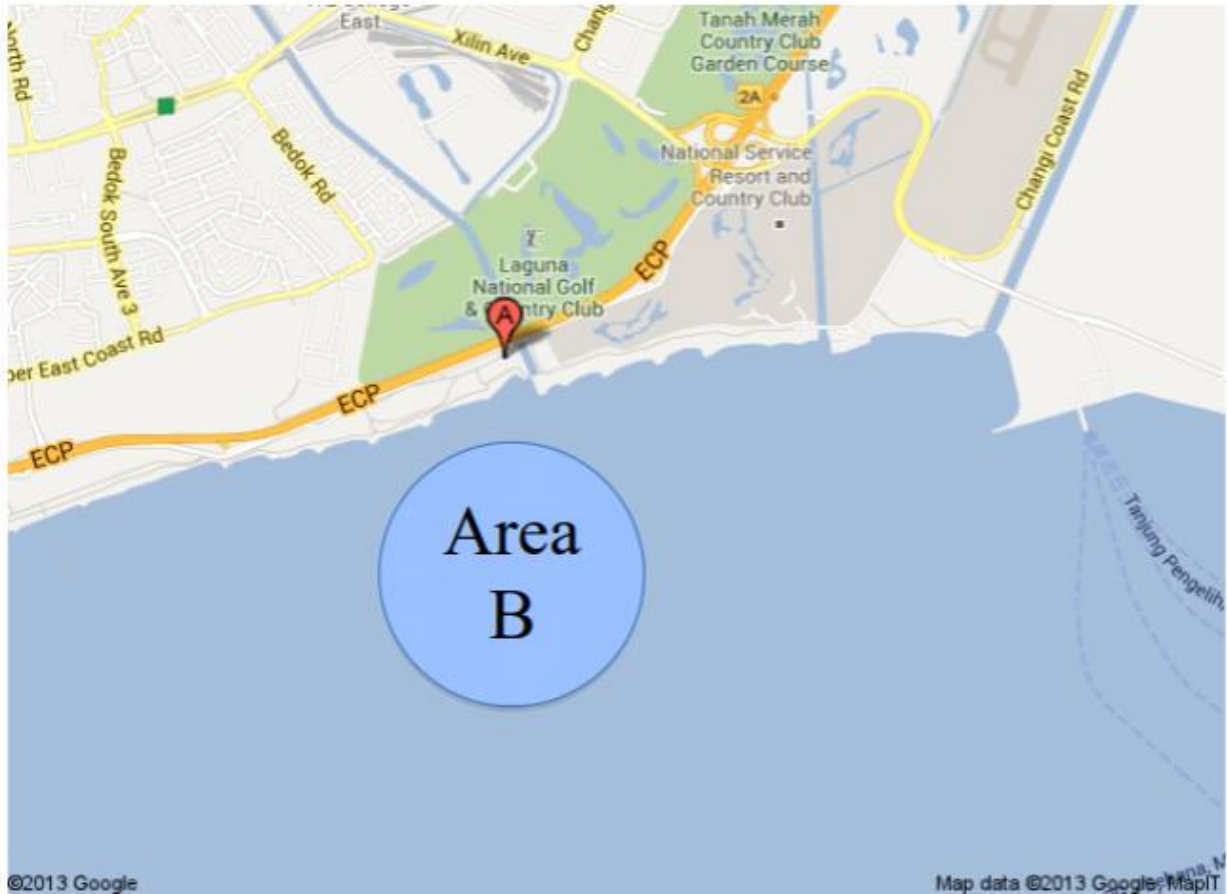
Please contact the Singapore Sailing Federation (SSF) for any question regarding this event via the following means:

Tel: 6444 4555

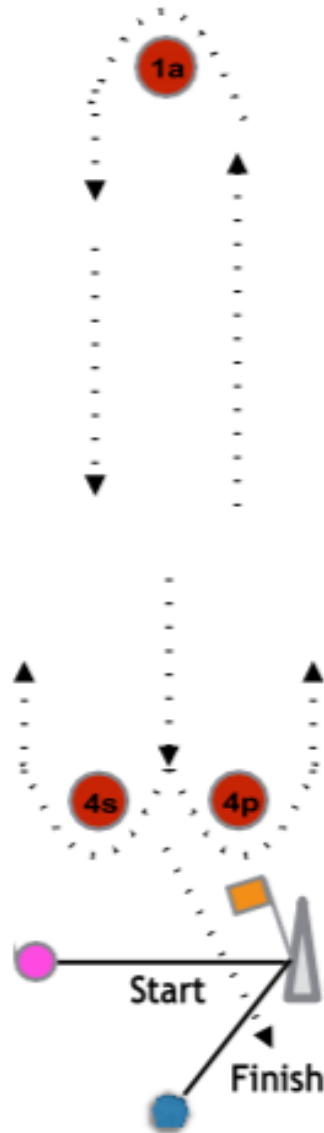
Email: info@singaporesailing.org.sg

Website: <https://sailing.org.sg/>

Attachment 1



Optimist



Signal	Mark Rounding Order
L1	Start - 1 - Finish
L2	Start - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - Finish
L3	Start - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - Finish
L4	Start - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - Finish

Attachment 3

Graded Penalty System

Minor (technical) penalties

Penalty approximately equal to 5% of fleet

- Failure to comply with the requirement to report penalty taken or retirement (SI 19.4)
- Failure to comply with reasonable request of the Race committee, Technical committee, Jury or an event official.
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Intermediate penalties

Penalty equivalent to 10% of fleet

- Bailer not attached to the hull (CR 4.3)
- Paddle not attached to the hull (CR 4.3)
- Daggerboard not attached to the hull (CR 3.3.4)
- Painter not attached to the mast step or mast thwart (CR 4.3)
- Whistle not attached to personal flotation device (CR 4.2)
- Breaches of SI 29 Trash disposal
- One sail tie more than 5mm loose (CR 6.6.3.4)
- Two sail ties more than 3mm loose (CR 6.6.3.4)
- Accidental loss of sail tie (CR 6.6.3.4)
- Sailing across a race in progress before starting or after finishing
- Out of the waiting area (SI 12.4)
- Breaches of Support Boats

Major penalties

Penalty equivalent to 30% of fleet

- No bailer, paddle or painter in boat (CR 4.3)
- No whistle (CR 4.2)
- No lanyard, locking device or other arrangement to attach mast to the hull (CR 3.5.2.11)
- Sail outside limits of bands (CR 3.5.2.7)
- Two ties looser than 5 mm (CR 6.6.3.4)
- Three or more ties looser than 3 mm (CR 6.6.3.4)
- Throat, tack or clew eyelet more than 3mm loose (CR 6.6.3.4)
- Repeated intermediate penalty

Disqualification (as per RRS)

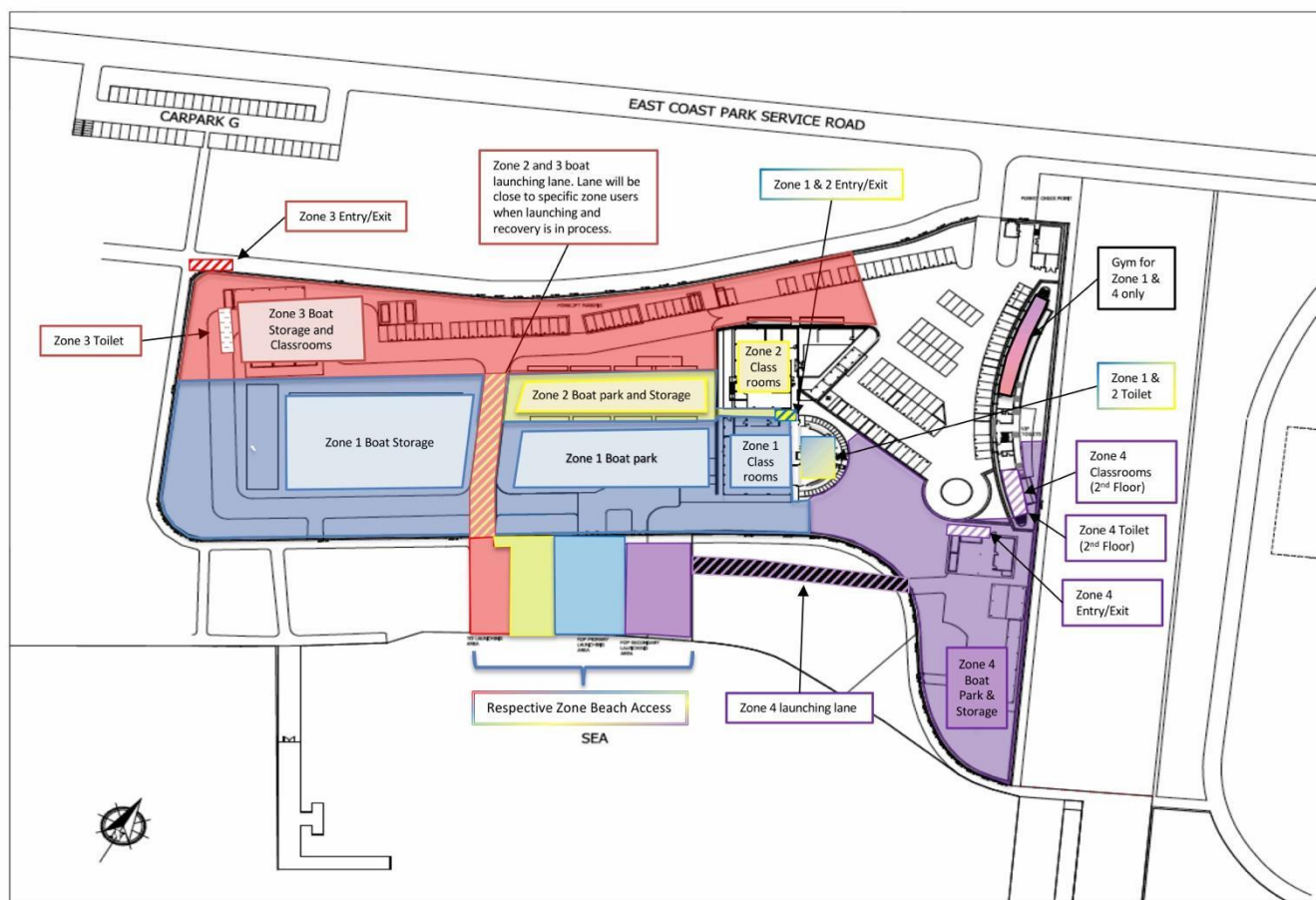
- All RRS except as amended
- All SI except as amended
- All Optimist Class Rules except as amended
- Use of uninspected equipment
- Use of unapproved fittings
- Repeat of major penalty infringement

Addendum E – Covid-19 Zone Areas Assigned for Competitors & Support Persons

1 GENERAL

- 1.1 This COVID-19 Zone Areas shall apply at all times during the event at the venue and are applicable to all competitors and support persons.
- 1.2 The Organising Authority may refuse entry to the event venue if competitor(s) and/or support person(s) not abiding by the Safe Management Measures in place and/or are breaching zone areas assigned.
- 1.3 See also NoR/SI 7.1 and 7.2 under Code of Conduct.

2 ZONE AREAS



- 2.1 National Sailing Centre (NSC) will be split into 4 zones and entry to the zone area will be restricted for competitors, coaches, officials and volunteers only.
- 2.2 Parents, guardians and supporters will not be allowed in the venue during the entire event except for drop off and pick up at the respective zones only.
 - a) Zone 1,2 and 4:

Parents are able to enter the NSC Carpark to do drop off and pick up. Please wait inside your car if you are early for pick-up.
 - b) Competitors are required to remain in their assigned zones.

Zones for Optimist 3 & 4 July 2021

Zone 1:

- NSC Weekend Optimist training squad

Zone 2:

- Changi Sailing Club
- NSC school training squads

Zone 4:

- National Training Squads - Single Handed Junior (Optimist)
- Development Clinic Squad - Single Handed Junior (Optimist)

3 BOAT TRANSFER

Clubs are to submit their request and details of their boat transportation for the event to info@singaporesailing.org.sg.