

HELLENIC SAILING FEDERATION

OPEN - OPTIMIST U16 GREEK NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

07/07 – 11/07 / 2023

NOTICE OF RACE

The 2023 Optimist U16 Greek National Championship is organized by the Nautical Athletic Club Kalamaria Thessaloniki under the auspices of the Hellenic Sailing Federation.

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

[SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the Race Committee or Technical Committee without a hearing, or a discretionary penalty applied by the Protest Committee with a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and RRS A5.1.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the “Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021-2024”.
- 1.2. The current IODA Class rules (2023).
- 1.3. The National Prescriptions.
- 1.4. The 2023 Racing Program by the Hellenic Sailing Federation.
All the documents above can be found posted on the official noticeboard.
- 1.5. RRS 40 is changed as follows: “The first sentence of RRS 40.1 is deleted and replaced by: “Each competitor shall wear a personal flotation device (PFD) according to class rule 4.1 (a), properly secured at all times while on the water except when temporarily changing clothing.”
- 1.6. [SP] When Flag AP is displayed ashore means: “The races are postponed. The warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after flag AP is removed.”
This changes Race Signal AP.
- 1.7. In all rules governing this event, both “athlete” and “competitor” mean a person competing or intending to compete in the event.
- 1.8. The official language of the championship is Greek. If there is a conflict between languages the Greek text will take precedence.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available two (2) days before the beginning of the event and will be posted on the official noticeboard.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The official event noticeboard will be online on the following link:

<https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/5401/event>

- 3.2. [NP][DP] Support vessels shall carry a VHF radio that can communicate on the following channels:

<i>VHF 72 Communication with RC for search and rescue instructions</i>
<i>VHF 72 RC channel</i>

- 3.3. [DP] While racing, a boat shall not transmit nor receive voice or data, which are not available to all boats, except when in an emergency.

4. ELIGIBILITY and ENTRY

- 4.1. The event is open to competitors from all nationalities (except Russian and Belarussian) sailing on boats of the Optimist class that fulfill the eligibility requirements stated below.

- 4.2. The championship is open to competitors from abroad that:

- i. have been born in 2008 or later
- ii. [NP] have a valid sports ID issued by their respective National Authority.

- 4.3. The championship is open to Greek competitors that:

- o have been born between 2008 and 2010 (U16), with a valid sports ID at least for a year or
- o have been born in 2011 or later (U13) and have competed in the qualifications of the Optimist Greek National Team 2023 or
- o finished within the six (6) first boys and the six (6) first girls in the Optimist U 13 Greek National Championship 2023 and
- ii. [NP] have a valid sports ID issued by the Hellenic Sailing Federation.

- 4.4. To register for the event each support boat must:

- i. For the foreigners: have a driver's license
- ii. For the Greeks: they need to comply with local legislation and have a valid license from the General Secretariat of Sports and a valid coach ID from PASPI.

- 4.5. Eligible boats and support persons shall register by sending the required documents by email naokth@otenet.gr and pay the entry fee before the end of the registration period

shown on the table of paragraph 8.1. The registration documents must include:

- Sports ID number
- Boats valid third-party liability insurance – payment proof - parent (or guardian) consent and declaration form
- Copy of advertising permission (for Greeks only)
- Support person vessel valid third-party liability insurance
- Name and contact details of support persons
- Support persons driving license

- 4.6. The Organizing Authority may accept entries after the end of the registration period, as shown in paragraph 8.1.
- 4.7. Competitors under 18 years of age shall deliver a signed and completed parent (or guardian) consent and declaration form.
- 4.8. At least one support person must be registered for each club that competes with competitors in the event. Each club should have at least one support vessel per maximum 10 registered competitors.
- 4.9. When a competitor is registered and pays the entry fee for the event, but doesn't compete or retires without the approval of the OA, then the OA may keep the paid entry fee.
- 4.10. The OA may postpone or cancel the event at any time in case of very serious reasons (bad weather conditions, travel restrictions imposed, etc.). In this case the registrations are cancelled and the competitors and sup. Persons should register again within the new dates, according to paragraph 4.5. The paid entry fees remain at the disposal of the OA and are refunded only if an entry is cancelled or the event is cancelled.

5. ENTRY FEES

5.1. The entry fees are shown in the following table:

Class	Entry Fee
<i>OPTIMIST</i>	25 €

5.2. The entry fee must be paid by a bank transfer to the following bank account:

CLUB	Bank	IBAN
N.A.O.K.Θ	NATIONAL BANK OF GREECE	GR 0401107440000074429600286

6. ADVERTISING

- 6.1. Sailor advertising is permitted as per World Sailing Regulation 20.3.2 but as restricted by Class Rule 2.8.
- 6.2. Boats of Greek competitors carrying personal advertising must present the permission of their National Authority. A copy of this permission shall be delivered to the organizing authority.
- 6.3. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.

7. RACING FORMAT

The racing format will be described in detail in the Sailing Instructions. Boats might be divided into fleets.

8. SCHEDULE

- 8.1. The schedule of the event is the following:

DATE	TIME	
SUNDAY, 02/06/2023	23:59	End of registration
FRIDAY, 07/07/2023	10:00 – 18:00	Equipment check / Stamping of sails
	21:00	First division of fleets
SATURDAY, 08/07/2023	12:00	Warning signal of the 1 st race
SUNDAY, 09/07/2023	TBA	Warning signal of the 1 st race of the day
MONDAY, 10/07/2023	TBA	Warning signal of the 1 st race of the day
TUESDAY, 11/07/2023	TBA	Warning signal of the 1 st race of the day
	TBA	Prize giving Ceremony

- 8.2. Eleven (11) races are scheduled.
- 8.3. No more than four (4) races will be sailed each racing day.
- 8.4. On the last scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 17:30.

9. EQUIPMENT CHECK – CHANGE OF EQUIPMENT

- 9.1. Each boat shall produce or verify the existence of a valid Registration Book.
- 9.2. The equipment check and the stamping of the sails will take place on 07/07/2023 at the club.
- 9.3. Boats or equipment may be inspected at any time during the event.

9.4. While afloat, a race official may instruct a boat to sail to an inspection area, promptly, for inspection.

Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved in writing by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made online at <https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/5401/event>

Alternatively, only in special circumstances requests may be submitted in writing.

9.5. If the substitution was made on the water between races, or after AP is removed ashore, an oral approval can be requested and given by the Race Committee or the Technical Committee. In this case, the request for substitution shall be made immediately after returning ashore.

10. COURSES – TIME LIMITS

The courses to be sailed and the time limits will be described in detail in the Sailing Instructions.

11. RACING AREA

11.1. The racing area will be located in Thermaikos Gulf.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

12.1. Appendix P, Special Procedures for rule 42 will apply.

12.2. A boat intending to protest another boat for incidents in the racing area that she was involved in or saw, shall inform the Race Committee at the finishing line immediately after finishing of the boat/s being protested, or as soon as practicable after she retires. This changes rule 61.1.

12.3. A notice about hearings under RRS 61.1(b) from the Race Committee and the Protest Committee will be posted on the official noticeboard to inform competitors.

12.4. For breaches of the rules in the NoR and the SIs that have been marked [SP], the RC or the TC may apply a standard penalty without a hearing. However, the Race Committee or Technical Committee may protest a boat when they consider the standard penalty to be inappropriate. A boat that has been penalized with a standard penalty can neither be protested for the same incident by another boat nor can another boat request redress for this Race Committee action. This changes RRS 60.1, 63.1 and App. A5.

12.5. For breaches of the Class Rules, the rules in the NoR or in the SIs marked [SP], should the case go to a hearing, are at the discretion of the Protest Committee.

13. SCORING

- 13.1. Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a valid championship.
- 13.2. When fewer than four (4) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When four (4) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 13.3. To request correction of an alleged error in posted race or series results, a boat may complete a scoring enquiry form at
<https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/5401/event>
- 13.4. The scoring for the Greek National Championship will be extracted from the overall scoring, by taking into account only the Greek competitors.
- 13.5. Boys and girls will have different scoring, which will be extracted from the overall scoring.

14. MEDIA RIGHTS

- 14.1. By participating in the event competitors automatically grant to the Organizing Authority and their 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 the athlete during the period of the competition without compensation.

15. RISK STATEMENT

Competitors and support persons participate in the event entirely at their own risk. Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. RRS 3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone." By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- 15.1. They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- 15.2. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- 15.3. They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- 15.4. By participating in any race, they are satisfied that their boat is in good order, complies with the class rules, is equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to

participate;

15.5. The provision of a race management team, patrol boats, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;

15.6. It is their responsibility to familiarize themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

16. INSURANCE

16.1. Each participating boat and all support person vessels shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance of €540.000 or the equivalent. A copy of the insurance coverage must be delivered with the registration.

16.2. The organizing authority is not responsible for verifying the status or validity of those insurance certificates.

17. COVID 19 PROTOCOLS

17.1. [DP][NP] All event participants are required to make themselves aware of all protocols regarding COVID 19 set forth by the Greek Government, Sports Authorities and / or the Organizing authority and must comply with those prescriptions at all times during the event. These prescriptions or links to them will be published on the event web page. More information concerning the present rules and directions about COVID-19, you can read on the webpage: <https://eody.gov.gr/neos-koronaivos-covid-19/>

17.2. [DP][NP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Failure to comply may be regarded as misconduct.

17.3. 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.

18. [DP] CODE OF BEHAVIOR

18.1. Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from a regatta official.

18.2. Competitors and support persons shall handle any boats or equipment provided by the organizing authority with proper care and seamanship, and in compliance

with any written instructions.

18.3. Boats not racing shall avoid the area where boats are racing and any official boats.

19. PRIZES

19.1. Prizes will be awarded to the first three (3) winners of the boys and the first three (3) winners of the girls in overall, as well as to the first three (3) winners of the boys and the first three (3) winners of the girls in the Greek National Championship.

19.2. It is at the discretion of the OA to award more prizes.