

Hellenic Sailing Federation
Open Northern Greek Qualification Championship for
Pre National Teams 2023

Optimist & ILCA 4

Thessaloniki 02- 05 March 2023

NOTICE OF RACE

[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 the technical committee without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.

Organizing Authority

Sailing Club of Thessaloniki (Ιστιοπλοϊκός Όμιλος Θεσσαλονίκης ΙΟΘ) in conjunction with the Hellenic Sailing Federation (HSF).

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1. Rules

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021-2024.
 - 1.1.1 The Optimist class rules.
 - 1.1.2 The ILCA 4 class rules.
 - 1.1.3 The HSF National Prescriptions will apply.
 - 1.1.4 The HSF Racing Program Rules, will apply.
- 1.2 [DP] Rule 40.1 applies at all times while afloat.
- 1.3 When flag AP is displayed ashore '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than **30** minutes' in race signal AP. This changes race signal AP.
- 1.4 In all rules governing this championship, both "athlete" and "competitor" mean a person competing in the event.
- 1.5 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence. Referring to the rules of the national authority (HSF), the notice of race, sailing instructions appendix B the Greek text takes precedence.

2. Sailing Instructions - Addendum B

- 2.1 The sailing Instructions - Addendum B will be available on the official notice board of the event (<https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/4987/event>) at least two (2) days before the beginning of the event.

3. Communication

- 3.1 The official notice board will be the webpage:
<https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/4987/event>
- 3.2 (DP) All supporting boats must be equipped with a VHF able to communicate on channels mentioned in Addendum B.

- 3.3 [DP] A boat while racing, shall not transmit or receive communication of any information not publicly available to all participating boats, except for an emergency. This changes RRS 41.

4. Eligibility and Entry

- 4.1 The event is open to male and female athletes as follows:
- 4.1.1 Optimist (born 2008 and later)
 - 4.1.2 ILCA 4 (born 2006 and later)
- To be eligible for entry, a Greek competitor shall have a valid Sports ID issued by the HSF and as provided by the state law. All international participants must be registered on their respective national authority.
- 4.2 N/A for non-Greek support persons.
- 4.3 Competitors under 18 years of age shall deliver a signed and completed parent (or guardian) consent and declaration form at each registration.
- 4.4 Clubs shall register the participation of their athletes and support persons at least five (5) days before the beginning of the event, by email, to the championship secretariat and pay the respective entry fee.
- On the registration form the following data shall be written:
- 4.4.1 Participants registration number from the relevant national authority (if applicable).
 - 4.4.2 Boat insurance, the payment receipt and the parental consent declaration.
 - 4.4.3 Copy of personal advertisement, if any, approval.
 - 4.4.4 Support boat insurance.
 - 4.4.5 Personal details of the supporting persons.
 - 4.4.6 Motorboat driving license of the supporting person.
- 4.5 Each Club must register at least one supporting boat for every ten (10) participants.
- 4.6 If a participant registers and pays the entry fee but does not participate in the event without the approval of the organizing authority, the OA may decide to not refund the entry fee.
- 4.7 The organizing authority may postpone or cancel the event at any time due to unforeseen reasons. The competitors are not entitled to claim any compensation for any expenses they have incurred for their participation or preparation for participation in the event. The entry fees for cancelled events will be refunded.

5. Entry Fee

- 5.1 The entry fee for each participant athlete is twenty (20) Euros.
- 5.2 The fee must be paid by bank transfer at the SCT's bank account:
- Piraeus Bank
IBAN GR27 0172 2020 0052 0205 9166 875

6. Advertising

- 6.1 The World Sailing Advertising Code will apply. Boats carrying personal advertising must have the permission of the National Authority.
- 6.2 The OA may request boats to display advertising with the sponsor logo.

7. Racing format

- 7.1 The format may consist of a qualification and a final series or of a single series. For details of the race format refer to the Sailing Instructions - Addendum B.

8. Schedule

- 8.1 Monday, 27/02/2023 (23:59): End of registration period.
- 8.2 Nine (9) races are scheduled. The race schedule is as:

Friday, 3/3/2023	12:00	Warning Signal 1 st Race
Saturday, 4/3/2023	TBA	Races
Sunday, 5/3/2023	TBA	Races

- 8.3 No more than four (4) races will be sailed in any scheduled day in each class.
8.4 On the last day of the event, no warning signal will be made after 16:00 h.

9. [DP] Inspections - Equipment and measurement checks

- 9.1 Each boat shall produce or verify the existence of a valid measurement certificate, if required
9.2 Boats or equipment may be inspected at any time during the event.
9.3 While afloat, a race official may instruct a boat to sail to an inspection area, promptly, for inspection.
9.4 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved in writing by the race committee or the technical committee.
9.5 Requests for substitution shall be made in writing to the race office or via the Online Notice Board.
If the substitution of the damaged or lost equipment was made while afloat or after AP flag is removed ashore, verbal permission for the substitution may be given by the race or technical committee. In this case, the request shall be lodged to the race office or online as soon as the boat returns ashore.

10. Courses

- 10.1 The diagrams in Appendix A show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
10.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.
10.3 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will:
10.3.1 set a new mark or
10.3.2 move the finishing line or
10.3.3 move any mark of the course
If a new mark is set then the RC will 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.

11. Penalty System, Protests and Request for Redress

- 11.1 RRS Appendix P, Special Procedures for Rule 42, will apply.
11.2 To inform the Race Committee of the boat(s) being protested, a boat intending to protest shall approach the race committee boat at the finishing line immediately after finishing and shall hail the protested boat's sail number(s). This changes RRS 61.1.
11.3 Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or the protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
11.4 For breaches of NoR or SI marked [SP], the race committee or the technical committee may apply a standard penalty without a hearing. However, the race committee or the 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 Appendix A5.

- 11.5 Penalties for breaches of class rules, rules in the NOR and SIs marked [SP] should the case go to a hearing, may, at the discretion of the protest committee be less than disqualification.

12. Scoring

- 12.1 Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 12.2 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 but less than nine (9), a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- When nine (9) races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two (2) worst scores.
- 12.3 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 or online.

13. Media Rights

- 13.1 By participating in the event competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, the name, any motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of the athlete during the period of the competition without compensation.

14. Disclaimer of liability

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

- 14.1 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;
- 14.2 They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- 14.3 They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omission;
- 14.4 Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- 14.5 The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- 14.6 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 event and to attend any competitor briefing held for this event.

15. Insurance

- 15.1 Every participating or support boat must be insured with a valid third-party liability insurance, that is suitable for the racing area, with a minimum coverage of

540,000 euro per incident, or the equivalent. A copy of the insurance coverage must be delivered with the registration.

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

16. COVID-19 Protocols

- 16.1 [SP][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/>
- 16.2 [NP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Failure to comply may be regarded as misconduct.
- 16.3 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.

17. [DP] Code of Behavior

- 17.1 Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official.
- 17.2 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.
- 17.3 Boats not racing shall avoid the area where boats are racing and any official boats.