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Standard Sailing Instructions

GENERAL INFORMATION

- These Standard Sailing Instructions (SSIs) can be used in place of the printed sailing instructions to be given to each boat.
- All documents related to the races will be announced on the Online Official Notice Board (ONB) at www.racingrulesofsailing.org.
- These SSIs shall apply to the races to be organized by J/70 TCA between 01/01/2022 and 31/12/2022.
- The Organizing Committee may change the program or make another application due to the Global pandemic or any other force majeure reason. In the face of such a situation, OA will separately announce the most fair application to the parties.
- For violation of rules marked with [DP], the Protest Committee may impose a penalty of less than DSQ on a boat. (RRS 60.1 change)
- Boats cannot protest or request redress for violation of the rules marked with [NP]. (RRS 60.1 change)
- For violation of rules marked with [SP], the Race Committee can apply a penalty without a hearing. (RRS 63.1 replaces A4 and A5).

1. APPLICABLE RULES

- 1.1. The "Rules" as defined in the World Sailing Rules of Sailing, RRS 2021-2024.
- 1.2. J/70 International Class Association Rules (USBK) 2022.
- 1.3. General Notice of Race of Tour of Turkiye, J/70 Turkish Class Association 2022 General Sailing Instructions and their Supplements.
- 1.4. In case of conflict between the above written instructions, the Notice of Race, the Standard Sailing Instructions, the Supplement and their amendments will be valid according to their date. This changes RRS 63.7.
- 1.5. The sunset time on race days will be stated in the **Supplement**.
- 1.6. For Turkish citizens only: TYF Athlete License, Registration, Visa and Transfer Instruction, Disciplinary Offenses and Penalties Instruction These regulations will not be applied to foreign athletes.
- 1.7. All competitors must comply with the Covid-19 precautions instructions of the TSF and the Ministry of Health.
- 1.8. All times is local time. (GMT+3/Istanbul).
- 1.9. If there is a conflict between the languages, the Turkish texts will prevail.

2. [NP] NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Online Notice Board (ONB) will be set up at www.racingrulesofsailing.org during these races. Official Announcement will make to all competitors via ONB. Failure to receive these announcements cannot be grounds for a request of redress.
- 2.2. Announcements concerning the competitors will be made on ONB and/or by general broadcasting on VHF (Ch) 74 when necessary. A Whatsapp group may also be established to draw attention to the ONB announcements.
- 2.3. All these notices shall be an official announcement to competitors. It is the competitors' own responsibility to check the Official Notice Board regularly. Failure of displaying the flag "L" shall not be grounds for a request for redress.
- 2.4. Competing boats shall follow the announcements to be made on VHF 74 channel announced with additional instructions;
- 2.5. The place of the Race Office will be stated in the Supplement.

3. [NP] CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Changes to the Sailing Instructions, Additional Sailing Instructions and announcements will be posted on the official notice board following the skipper briefing if the briefing is scheduled at the latest, and at least two hours before the scheduled first warning signal time and will not be given to each boat (RRS 25.1 changes).
- 3.2. Any change to the schedule of races will be posted not later than 2100, on the day before it will effect.
- 3.3. The Race Committee can make oral changes on the water via VHF Channel 74 or in writing from the Whatsapp group to be established between RC and the helmsmans/boat owners in the following cases:
 - 3.3.1 starting procedures,
 - 3.3.2 changes to the starting or finishing line,
 - 3.3.3 the course to be applied, and the number of laps on the downwind leg.
- 3.4. In such cases it will not be obligatory to distribute a separate written instruction to each boat. (RRS 90.2(c)).

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE



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- 4.1. While inside the marina, signals will be given from the Race Committee boat, other than that, no signals will be given from the shore.
- 4.2. When flag AP displayed ashore “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 30 minutes” in the race signal AP. (RRS Race Signals change)
- 5. THE FORMAT OF THE RACES AND THE RACE SCHEDULE**
 - 5.1. The format will be as stated in the Notice of Race.
 - 5.2. The schedule of races will be as stated in the Supplement.
 - 5.3. In series races, the total number of target races will be EIGHT (8).
 - 5.4. The target number of races in the Turkish Championship will be eleven (11).
 - 5.5. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day will be stated in the Supplement.
 - 5.6. One (1) race shall be completed to constitute a series
- 6. CLASS FLAGS / WARNING SIGNALS**
 - 6.1. J/70 Turkey Class flag (Red J/70 logo on a white background and Crescent&Star will be used as a warning signal)
 - 6.2. Bow number stickers must be affixed in a visible place on both sides of the hull as specified in J/70 class rules.
 - 6.3. Sponsor flags must be displayed on the shrouds or under the spreaders. Sponsor flags may be displayed during the race, but must be removed before and after the race.
 - 6.4. (DP) The Protest Committee may penalize boats that do not display their numbers, pennants, number stickers and sponsor pennants.
 - 6.5. Except for the protest (when necessary) and the class flags, no other flag (including the national flag) shall be displayed on the backstay during the races.
 - 6.6. However, if a boat has finished the races for that day, or if she has retired the race, the Turkish Flag must be displayed according to instruction of the Turkish Coast Guard Command. Otherwise, Turkish CG may impose a penalty or fine.
 - 6.7. There is no obligation to have letter/numbers on the sails (RRS 77 amendment).
- 7. RACING AREAS**
 - 7.1. As stated in the supplement.
- 8. [NP]THE COURSES**
 - 8.1. The courses, the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left, are as shown on the course charts in the SUPPLEMENT.
 - 8.2. The Race Committee on VHF Ch 74 will announce the approximate compass degree and distance of the first mark before the warning signal.
 - 8.3. When there are gate marks on the course, boats shall pass through the gate. However, if one of the gate mark is not in place for any reason, the only mark in existence shall be left on the port-side.
- 9. [NP] MARKS**
 - 9.1. Yellow and/or orange colored inflatable conical and/or cylindrical buoys will be used in the races.
 - 9.2. The absence of a suitable number or color on the buoy as in the course definition, or the absence of any number, cannot be grounds for a request for redress.
- 10. [NP] START**
 - 10.1. Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26, unless otherwise stated in the supplement. (5min-4min-1min-Start)
 - 10.2. (DP) Before the start, all boats shall approach the RC vessel and identify themselves.
 - 10.3. The starting line will be between a pole displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Vessel and a RIB or a buoy.
 - 10.4. If the Race Committee deems it necessary due to the current wind and other conditions, it may move the starting line to a more suitable place for the starting procedures by making an announcement via VHF ch 74 and displaying the “L” code flag.
 - 10.5. (SP) A boat that does not start within five (5) minutes after her starting signal will be scored “Did Not Start (DNS)” without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5. This is also applied for boats after premature starting (OCS).
- 11. RECALL**
 - 11.1. (NP) Individual Recall: The Race committee will attempt to broadcast the division number/hull (sticker) number of OCS boats on VHF Ch.74. Failure to make a broadcast or to time it accurately will not be grounds for a request for redress (This changes RRS 62.1(a)) The Race Committee’s announcements shall not be considered as outside help.
- 12. [NP] CHANGE THE NEXT LEG OF COURSE**



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- 12.1. To change the next leg of the course the RC will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position in accordance with RRS 33. This changes will also be announced via Vhf ch 74.

13. THE FINISH

- 13.1. The finishing line will be between staff displaying blue flag on the RC vessel and the course side of the finishing mark.
- 13.2. (DP) Finishing boats shall keep clear of the finishing line and in such a way as not to interfere with the boats finishing after them and the finishing committee. Boats not complying with this may be protested by the Race Committee.
- 13.3. When the International Tango "T" flag is displayed on the finishing line; It will mean "there is one more race, go to the start line for a new start".

14. PENALTY SYSTEMS

- 14.1. A boat may take a Two-Turns penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 in an incident whilst racing. She may take a One-Turn penalty when she may have broken rule 31. (RRS 44.1 and 44.2)

15. DECLARATION

- 15.1. Boats that took a One-Turn or Two-Turns Penalty, or retired from the race, shall sign declaration forms at the race office or declare this on-line within the protest time limit. Failure to declare this will mean that the boat did not take a penalty.
- 15.2. [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee by VHF Ch. 74 as soon as possible stating her division colour and number and sign a declaration form at the Race Office or declare this on-line within the protest time limit. Failure to comply with this requirement may lead to imposition of a penalty for the race nearest in time.
- 15.3. [DP] Any outside help or use of engine for rescuing people, giving help or any other reasons shall be reported to the Race Committee in writing within the protest time limit, stating the reasons for such actions and the times of starting and stopping the engine (if used).
- 15.4. In special cases, the Race Committee may consider the VHF notification is sufficient.

16. (NP) TIME LIMITS and TARGET TIMES

- 16.1. The target time for each race will be sixty (60) minutes. However, failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for a request for redress. (This changes RRS 62.1.(a))
- 16.2. Total time limit for the lead boat will be ninety (90) minutes.
- 16.3. If no boat is able to turn mark number 1 on the first leg within thirty (30) minutes, the Race Committee may abandon the race.
- 16.4. (SP) Finishing Window. The time limit for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes is 15 minutes. Boats that are still racing but do not finish within the finishing window, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE). The TLE score will be equal to the DNF points. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.
- 16.5. Unless another time limit stated on the supplement, the races will not be continued after sunset according to the local time. However, if the first boat finishes as late as the sunset, the finishing window time will be observed. For this purpose, the Race Committee will state the sunset time in the [Supplement](#).

17. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 17.1. A boat intending to protest shall inform the other boat/s at the first reasonable opportunity (as soon as possible) as follows:
- 17.1.(a). When the protest concerns an incident in the racing area that she is involved in or sees, she shall:
- 17.1.a.i. Hail "PROTEST";
- 17.1.a.ii. Inform the protested boat/s by VHF Ch.74 (This changes RRS 61.1(a)),
- 17.1.a.iii. Display conspicuously a protest (red) flag on the backstay. If the boat has no backstay, protest flag shall be displayed on the best visible place at or near the boat stern. The flag shall be displayed until she is no longer racing.
- 17.1.a.iv. Inform the Race Committee at the finishing line by VHF Ch.74 about the identity of the boat to be protested and keep the protest flag displayed until the Race Committee confirms it. (This changes RRS 61.1(a)). It is not necessary to inform the Race Committee at the time of the incident.
- 17.1.(b). When protesting for any other reason, she shall inform the other boat/s immediately after coming ashore.
- 17.2. A boat that intends to protest but could not continue and finish the race, or retires, shall inform the Race Committee finishing vessel by VHF Ch.74 as soon as possible (This changes RRS 61.1(a)).
- 17.3. If any of the above-mentioned requirements are not met, the Protest Committee will consider this protest invalid.



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- 17.4. Request for hearing forms are available at the Race Office. Protests and Requests for Redress shall be delivered there within the protest time limit. This can be done on-line as well.
- 17.5. The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the Committee Vessel docks at the Marina (This changes RRS 61.3 and RRS 62.2). The Protest Committee, if necessary, may extend this time limit.
- 17.6. Notices will be posted within 15 minutes after the end of the protest time to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Notices of protests by the Race Committee, Technical or Protest Committee will be posted within the protest time limit to inform boats.
- 17.7. Protest hearings will be held in the Race Office.
- 17.8. A party to the hearing may ask for a reopening not later than the protest time limit, if it is informed of the decision on the previous day. On the last day of racing, the reopening time limit is 15 minutes after being informed of the decision (This changes RRS 66).
- 17.9. The fee for a protest/request for redress by a boat will be as stated in the **SUPPLEMENT**. This requirement does not apply to protests by the Race, Technical and Protest Committee.
- 17.10. The fee will be refunded if the protest is upheld, or redress is granted or the protest/request for redress is withdrawn after permission of the Protest Committee.
- 17.11. Class rules (Measurement) Protests:
 - 17.11.(a). Both parties shall deposit in advance at the Race Office all expenses, related to the measurement to be carried out, such as measurer fees and/or weighing facilities fees etc. The successful party will be reimbursed.
 - 17.11.(b). The protesting boat shall pay the protest fee separately.
 - 17.11.(c). At the end of the weighing and measuring process, the party who lost the measure protest shall pay the all measure/measurement fees, and the advance amount deposited by the winning party will be refunded.
- 17.12. All protests and requests for redress shall be written in the official language, stated in the SUPPLEMENT.
- 17.13. Parties shall bring their own interpreters to the hearing. The responsibility for the correctness of the translation is their own.

18. SCORING

- 18.1. RRS A4, Low Points System will be used.
- 18.2. Discards
 - 18.2.1 When one (1) to four (4) races have been completed a boats series score shall be the total of all their scores.
 - 18.2.2. When five (5) or more races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 18.3. For J/70 TCA 2022 Tour of Türkiye Overall Scoring and Awards, see SSIs-App #1.

19. PRIZES

- 19.1. The event prize giving will be held as soon as possible after the final day's racing and after any protest(s).
- 19.2. Prizes will be awarded for the first, second and third boats in the series for both open and Corinthian divisions.

20. [DP] [NP] SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 20.1. A boat retiring for any reason in any race shall report to the Race Committee as soon as possible.
- 20.2. In wind conditions of more than twenty-five (25) knots or a risk to life and safety of property, the Race Committee may not start the race or may shorten or abandon the race. This shall not be ground for a request for redress.
- 20.3. As required by the J/70 Class Rules, all safety equipment must be on board. Otherwise, the boat may be penalized by the Protest Committee.

21. [DP] REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 21.1. Substitution of competitors is not allowed without the prior written permission of the Race Committee.
- 21.2. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorised in writing by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race.

22. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 22.1. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Class Rules and Sailing Instructions.

23. (NP) RACE COMMITTEE VESSELS

- 23.1. The Race Committee Vessels will display "RC" flags. The absence of an RC flag shall not be grounds for a request for redress.
- 23.2. Vessels used by press, photographers, film crews, VIPs etc. are not under the jurisdiction of the RC. Any action by these boats shall not be grounds for a request for redress by boats. This changes RRS 60.1(b).



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23.3. The Race Committee Vessels may use engine to keep their position at the starting and finishing lines due to weather conditions and/or technical reasons. This shall not be ground for a request for redress.

24. [DP] SUPPORT TEAMS

24.1. All support boats shall carry a marine VHF radio and stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for each race until all boats have finished or retired from that race or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

24.2. All support boats shall comply with RRS 37 'Search and rescue Instructions'.

25. TRASH DISPOSAL

25.1. [DP] Competitors shall not intentionally put trash in the water. This rule applies at all times while afloat (RRS 47).

26. (NP)(DP)RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

26.1. It is mandatory to have a VHF marine radio and to keep it tuned to Ch. 74 during the races. Not receiving of Race Committee announcements shall not be grounds for a request for redress.

26.2. Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make any private transmissions via VHF.

27. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

27.1. The Sailing races can be dangerous. Competitors participate in the Race entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3 Decision to Race: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

27.2. The Organizer of these races, its representatives, sponsors, the Race, Technical and Protest Committees are not responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, taking place directly or indirectly as a result of the races.

27.3. In particular, the owner of the boat and his/her crew shall accept responsibility for their crew (insurance included), for the seaworthiness of the boats, for safe navigation, decision to start and/or to continue to race.

27.4. By participating in the race, each competitor, boat owner and support person agrees to be governed by the rules of SI 1, to accept the penalties imposed and other actions, taken under these rules, subject to the appeal and review procedures provided in them, as the final determination of any matter arising under the rules and with respect to such a determination, not to resort to any court or other tribunal not provided by the rules.

27.5. Before the start of the race, owners or skippers shall brief their crews. Their signatures on the entry form denote acceptance of all these responsibilities.

28. COVID STATEMENT

28.1. By taking part in any of the events covered by these Sailing Instructions each competitor agrees and acknowledges that they are responsible for complying with any regulations in force at the time in respect of COVID-19 and for complying with the TSF Covid-19 safety procedures.

29. DATA PROTECTION

29.1. The OA, in compliance with the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR), will use information provided by competitors for the purposes of event management only. This data will be held in compliance with the GDPR and will not be shared with any third parties or used for marketing purposes other than contacting competitors by email, post, SMS and telephone with information regarding this event or future events. Competitors will be required to provide their specific consent to this on their entry form.

29.2. Competitors automatically grant to the Organizing Authority, without payment, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television of or relating to the event provided that they do not infringe the privacy rights of participants.

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DATE : March, xxth 2022

TIME : 1200hrs(local)