



# SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Fireball European Championships 2019  
25. 5. 2019 – 31. 5. 2019

Český Fireball, JK Černá v Pošumaví, České republika

## 0 NOTATIONS

- 0.1 The notation '[DP]' in an instruction means that the penalty for a breach of the rule or the instruction may, at the discretion of the international jury, be less than disqualification.
- 0.2 The notation '[NP]' in an instruction means that a rule or an instruction shall not be grounds for protest nor for request for redress by a boat.

## 1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 Appendix P will apply.
- 1.3 Appendix T will apply.
- 1.4 Fireball Class rules will apply including class rules 23 and 25.
- 1.5 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text or announcement will prevail.
- 1.6 No national prescription will apply.

## 2 IDENTIFICATION AND ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Boats may be required to display identification numbers and event sponsor advertising.  
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## 3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located next to the entry to Race Office.
- 3.2 All notices, results and race committee and jury documents will be posted on the event website [NP] [www.fireballeuropeans.eu](http://www.fireballeuropeans.eu). During the racing days notices on the website may be displayed with delay or may not be accurate.

## 4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

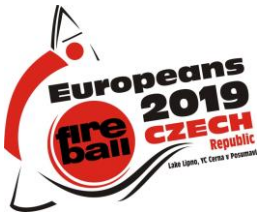
- 4.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted 45 minutes before the warning signal of the race in which this change will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted before the end of the last protest time or 20:00, whichever is later, on the day before it will take effect.

## 5 REGISTRATION AND EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 5.1 Competitors shall register at the race office and complete all required registration and equipment inspection formalities before racing.
- 5.2 Information on equipment inspection will be posted on the event website 7 days before registration start and on the official notice board. Boats shall be presented with all equipment that shall be used in the regatta ready for inspection.

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## **6 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 6.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole located in front of the race office.
- 6.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in the race signal AP.
- 6.3 Flag AP over H displayed ashore means 'Boats shall not leave the harbour. Wait for further instructions.' This changes RRS Race Signals.
- [DP]

## **7 FORMAT OF RACING**

- 7.1 The European Championships will consist of a single series.

## **8 SCHEDULE**

- 8.1 Regatta schedule is governed by Notice of Race.
- 8.2 The number of scheduled races is 10.
- 8.3 No more than 2 races per day will be sailed. If there is a delay in schedule or risk that the forecast will not allow to sail full program in following days one extra race may be sailed. The race committee will display flag "E" (ICS Echo) if there is an intention to sail extra race. The decision is solely on consideration of the race committee.
- [NP]
- 8.4 It is on discretion of the Race management to use the lay day. The lay day will not be used if the schedule is late or the forecasts indicate a significant risk.
- 8.5 On the last scheduled racing day, no warning signal will be made after 16:00.

## **9 CLASS FLAG**

- 9.1 Class flag will be square flag with a red disc on a blue background.

## **10 RACING AREA**

- 10.1 The racing area will be on Lake Lipno shown in SIs Appendix A.
- 10.2 The race committee will be primary setting a course in Racing area "A". If the race committee decide to use Racing area "B", the race committee signal vessel will display flag "L" (ICS Lima) over white flag with letter "B" when moving in to the Racing area "B".

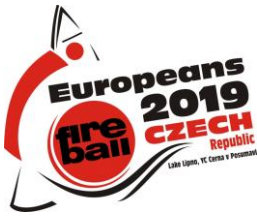
## **11 THE COURSES AND MARKS**

- 11.1 Courses and marks are described in SIs Appendix B.
- 11.2 No later than with the warning signal, the race committee will display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.
- [NP]
- 11.3 The course may be shortened, according to RRS 32.2, provided 2 or more upwind legs have been sailed.
- [NP]

## **12 THE START**

- 12.1 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound signal at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 12.2 Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 12.3 The starting line will be:
- between staffs displaying orange flags on the starting marks (if the pin end boat is used as port end starting mark) or
  - between staff displaying orange flag at the starboard end starting mark (on the race committee





signal vessel) and the course side of the port end starting mark (if the buoy is used as the port end starting mark)

- 12.4 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored "Did Not Start" (DNS). This changes RRS A4 and A5.

### **13 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

13.1 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 there is a subsequent change a new mark is replaced by an original mark.

13.2 In case that the race committee will be changing a position of mark 2, there will be no signalization. This changes RRS 33.

### **14 THE FINISH**

14.1 The finishing line will be between the mast displaying an orange flag at the starboard end finishing mark and the course side of the finish mark at the port end.

### **15 TIME LIMITS**

15.1 The target time for each race will be 50 minutes.

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15.2 The "Mark 1" time limit will be 30 minutes. If no boat has passed "Mark 1" within the Mark 1 time limit the race will be abandoned.

15.3 The time limit for a first boat that sails the course and finishes the race will be 120 minutes.

15.4 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

### **16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

16.1 Protest forms will be available from the Race Office and on the event website. The protest may be lodged either in the Race Office or electronically through the website. They shall be delivered there within the protest time limit. It's solely responsibility of person lodging protest or request that this is lodged on time and received by the Race Office at all if he/she is lodging it electronically.

16.2 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.

16.3 The protest time limit will be posted on Official Notice Board and on the event website.

16.4 Protest notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit. Protests will be heard at the jury hearing room.

16.5 Notices of protests by the Race Committee, Technical Committee and the International Jury will be posted before the end of the protest time limit to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b)

16.6 Decisions of the International Jury will be final as provided in rule 70.5

16.7 To request correction of an alleged error in posted race or series results, a boat shall complete a scoring enquiry form available at the race office.

### **17 SCORING**

17.1 The Low Point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply.

17.2 1 race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

17.3 (a) When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

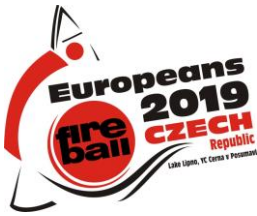
(b) When from 5 to 8 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

(c) When 9 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race

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scores excluding her two worst scores.

## 18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1 Competitors who require assistance should wave one arm with hand open. If no assistance is required, the arm should be waved with fist closed.
- 18.2 If considered necessary, a competitor may be ordered by a race organization boat to abandon his or her boat and board a rescue boat.  
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- 18.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify a race committee, safety/patrol or jury boat as soon as possible and the race office immediately after returning to the shore.  
[DP]

## 19 REPLACEMENT OF COMPETITORS OR EQUIPMENT

- 19.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of Race Committee.  
[DP]
- 19.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the Technical Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the Technical Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.  
[DP]

## 20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 20.1 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 the technical committee to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.
- 20.2 For the purpose of RRS 64.3(b) the “authority responsible” must be the Technical Committee appointed by The Organizing authority.

## 21 OFFICIAL BOATS

Official boats will be marked as follows:

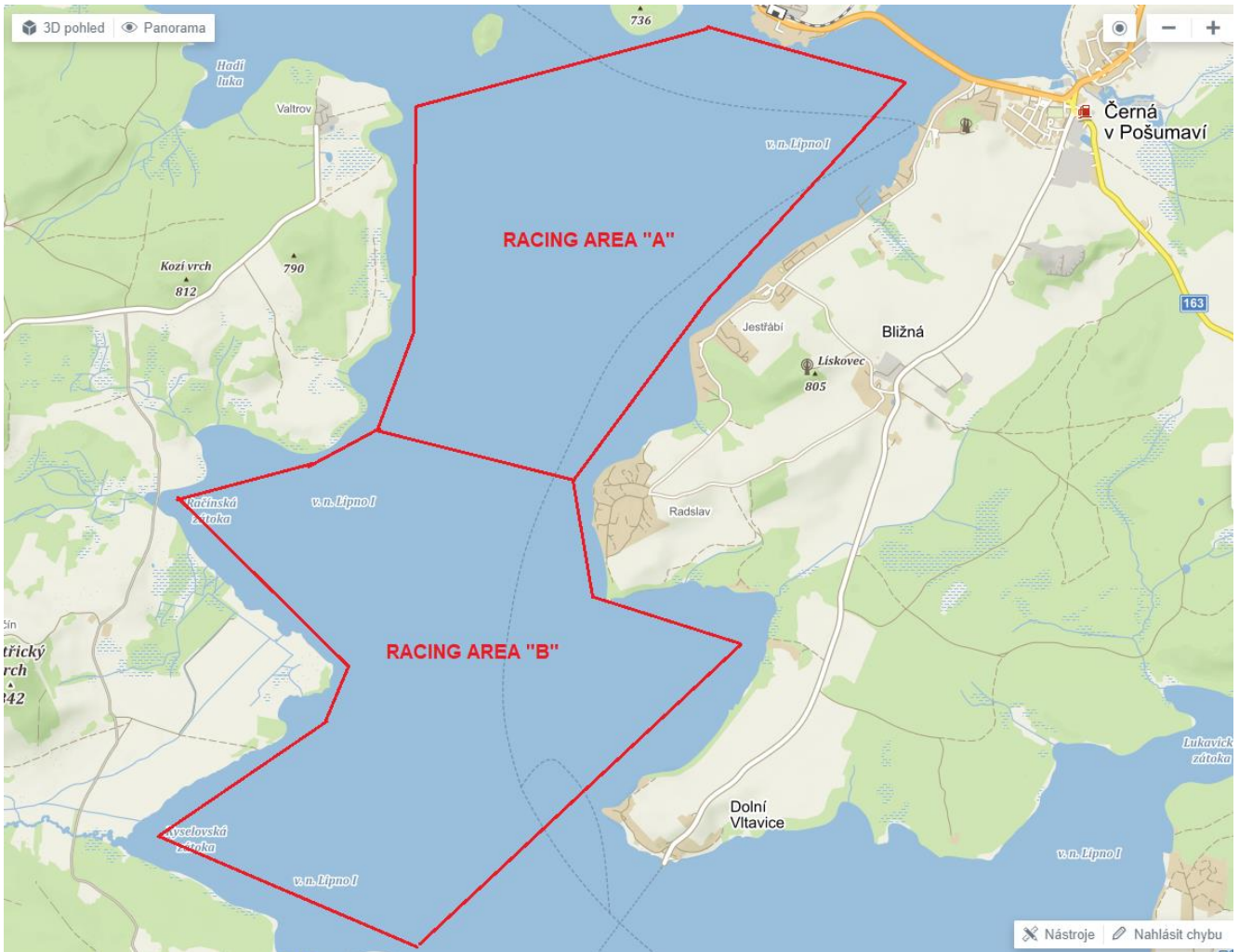
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| Race committee      | White flag with letters “RC”                  |
| International jury  | White flag with letters “JURY”                |
| Safety boats        | Blue flag with a circular sign and sail on it |
| Technical committee | Pink flag                                     |
| Press, media        | White flag with letters “MEDIA”               |

## 22 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- [DP] Except in an emergency involving immediate peril to the crew or serious damage to a boat, a boat that is racing shall not make any voice, data, radio or other electronic transmissions and shall not receive any voice, data, radio or other electronic transmissions that are not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones and other communications devices.

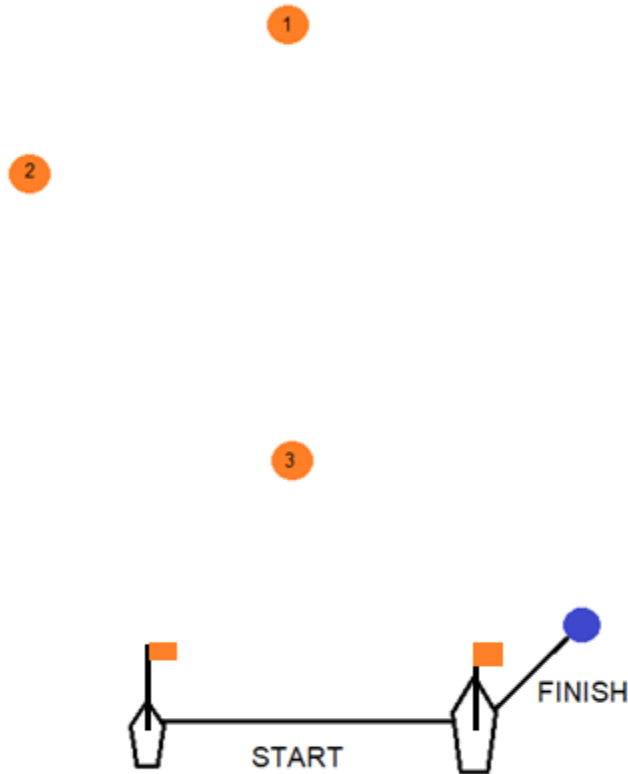


## APPENDIX A



**APPENDIX B**

B1 The course diagram:



B2 The course to be sailed will be signalled (see instruction A3) on the courseboard/blackboard on the port side of the race committee signal boat no later than with the warning signal.

| Signal | The course                                     |
|--------|--|
| TST    | start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – 1 – 2 – 3 - finish |
| STS    | start – 1 – 3 – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 - finish     |
| TTS    | start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 - finish |

B4 All rounding marks shall be left to port.

B5 Starting marks will be race committee vessel at the starboard end of the starting line and pin end boat at the port end of the starting line. Pin end boat may be replaced with a red inflatable buoy.

Marks 1; 2; 3 will be orange inflatable buoys.

New mark (see instruction 13) will be a yellow inflatable buoy.

Finishing marks will be race committee vessel and a blue ball.