



OPTIMIST GOLD FLEET QUALIFIER 2021

23 & 24 January 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.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1. Advertising will be restricted to ISAF Regulation 20.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. The event is open to optimist sailors who receive invitation to the event by the organiser.
- 3.2. All competitors are required to have at least an SOF Opti-Racer certification or a Dinghy Proficiency Level 1 for single-handed dinghy sailors.
- 3.1. Eligible boats may enter by completing the form in the link below by 6pm on 16 January 2021:
<https://singaporesailing.eventsmart.com/events/gold-fleet-qualifier-2021-1/>
- 3.2.
- 3.3. The required entry fees are as follows:

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

4. 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 4, 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. 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. Information from such equipment shall not be used by a boat as evidence in a hearing. This changes RRS 63.6.

7. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 7.1. Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official.
- 7.2. Boats not racing shall avoid the area where boats are racing and any race official vessels.
- 7.3. 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.
- 8.3. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible before leaving the Course Area.
- 8.4. When flags AP over H or N over H are displayed from a Race Committee vessel in their respective Course Area, all boats in that Course Area shall immediately return ashore and wait there for further information. This changes race signals AP over H and N over H.

9. BERTHING

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

10. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 10.1. 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.

11. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 11.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag staff located within the boat park of National Sailing Centre.
- 11.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.
- 11.3. [NP][DP] Flag D with one sound means 'The warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after flag D is displayed. Boats shall not leave the harbour until this signal is made.'

12. FORMAT OF RACING

- 12.1. The regatta will consist of a single series

13. SCHEDULE

13.1. Dates of racing:

<i>Start Date:</i>	23 January 2021
<i>End Date:</i>	24 January 2021

13.2. Number of races:

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

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

13.4. The Schedule of activities will be as follows:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Venue</i>
23 Jan	0930-1000hrs	Coach/Team Leaders & Skippers briefing	Google Hangout: https://meet.google.com/vnw-cevr-avf?authuser=0
23 & 24 Jan	1100	First Warning Signal for Fleet Race	Racing Area B

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

14. CLASS FLAGS

The class flags will be:

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

15. RACING AREAS

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

15.2. Classes are assigned to racing areas as follows:

<i>Area B</i>
Optimist

16. THE COURSES

16.1. 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.

17. MARKS

17.1. 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

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

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

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

18. THE START

- 18.1. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee boat at the starboard end and a starting line mark at the port end.
- 18.2. 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.
- 18.3. A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.

19. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 19.1. 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.
- 19.2. 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.

20. 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 mark on the starboard end.

21. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 21.1. Appendix P will apply as changed by instruction(s) 15.2.
- 21.2. Rule P2.3 will not apply and rule P2.2 is changed so that it will apply to any penalty after the first one.
- 21.3. For the optimist class, the scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under instruction 23 will be DPI as described in attachment 3.

22. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 22.1. 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

- 22.2. If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.
- 22.3. 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, A4 and A5.

23. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 23.1. 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."
- 23.2. 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.
- 23.3. 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.
- 23.4. 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 second story of the National Sailing Centre, beginning at the time posted.
- 23.5. Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 23.6. A list of boats that have been penalized under Appendix P for breaking rule 42 will be posted.
- 23.7. Breaches of instructions 2, 19, 23, 24, 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.

- 23.8. 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.

24. SCORING

- 24.1. Three races are required to be completed to constitute an event.
- 24.2. (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.
- 24.3. 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 has been posted.

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

- 25.1. Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.
- 25.2. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

26. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 26.1. 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.

27. 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

28. [DP][NP] SUPPORT BOATS

- 28.1. Support Boat Regulation shall apply. A copy of the Regulation will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 28.2. Support boat safety briefing will be conducted after the Skippers briefing daily.

29. TRASH DISPOSAL

Competitors and support persons shall not intentionally put trash in the water. In addition to RRS 55, 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

30. [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.

31. FURTHER INFORMATION

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

Tel: 6444 4555

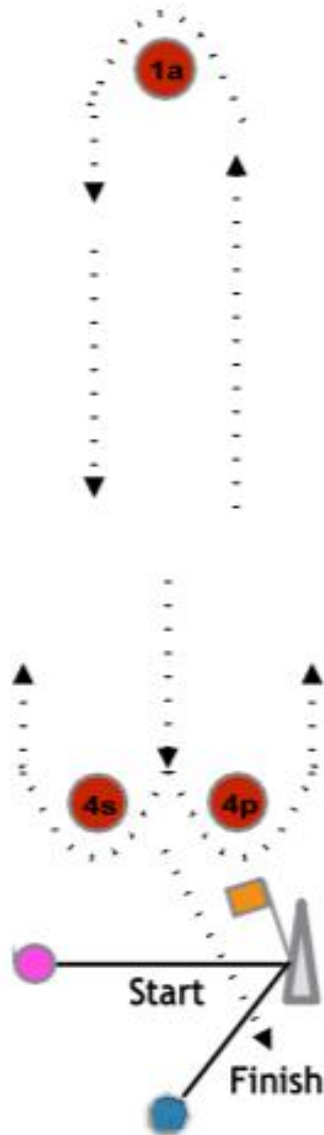
Email: info@singaporesailing.org.sg

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)
- Not displaying the coloured ribbon (SI 19.2)
- Breaches of SI 25 Berthing

Intermediate penalties

Penalty equivalent to 10% of fleet

- Baler 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 24 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 SI 23 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 – Covid19 Temporary Zone Areas Assigned For Competitors [NP] [DP]

1. GENERAL

1.1. This COVID19 Temporary Zone Areas shall apply at all times during the event at the venue and applicable to all competitors and support person.

1.2. Competitors and support person shall abide by the following document during the event

a) Safe Return to Sport Plan

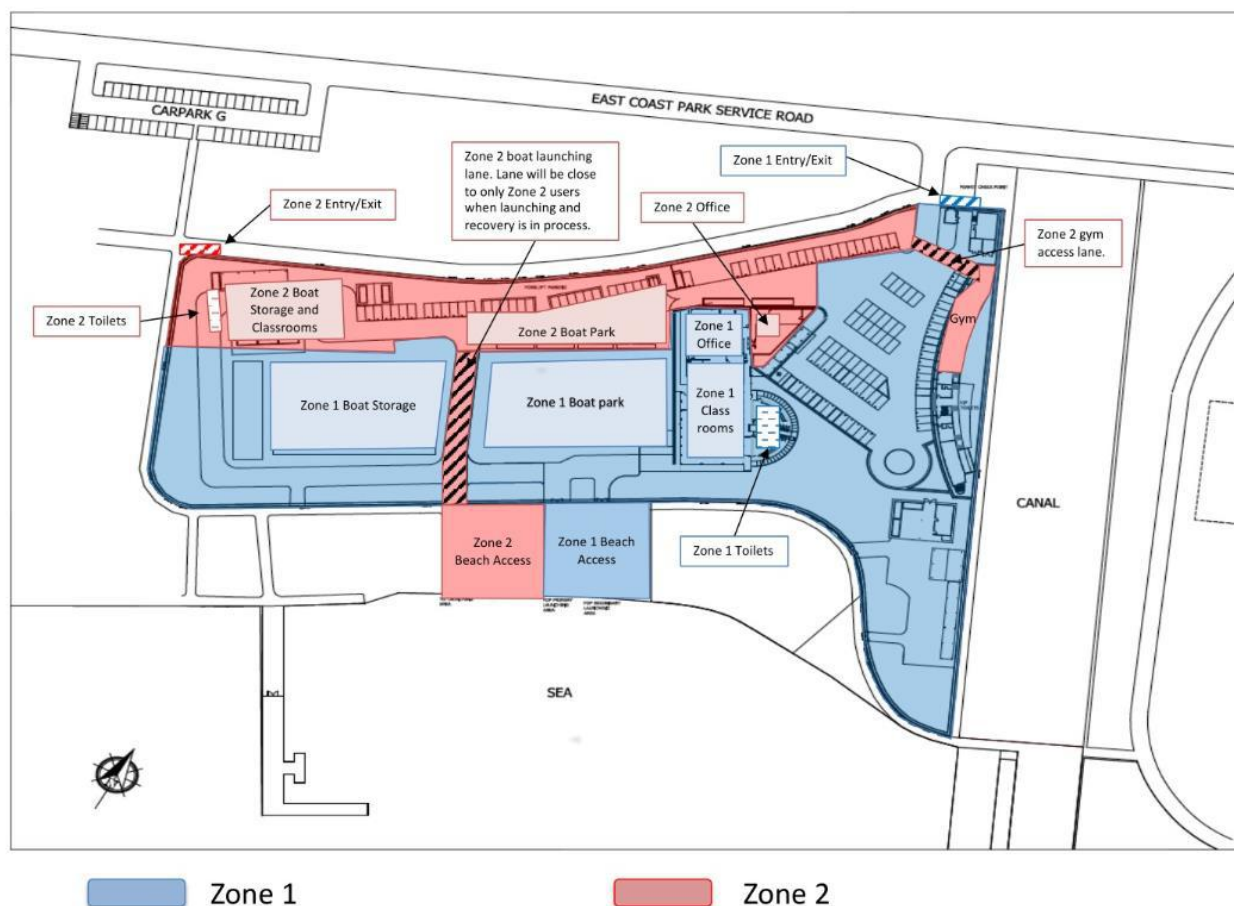
<https://sailing.org.sg/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Safe-Return-to-Sport-Plan-Singapore-Sailing-Federation-Version-1.1-min.pdf>

b) Advice for Sailors and Parents visiting National Sailing Centre

<https://sailing.org.sg/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Annex-1-Advice-for-Sailors-Parents-visiting-NSC-min.pdf>

1.3. The OA may refuse entry to the event venue if competitor(s) and/or support person(s) not abiding by the Safe Management Measures in placed and/or breaching of zone areas assigned.

2. Zone Areas



2.1. National Sailing Center (NSC) will be split into 2 zones and entry to the zone area will be restricted for **competitors and coaches only**.

- 2.2. Parents or guardian will not be allowed in the venue during the entire event except for drop off on the respective zone only.
- Zone 1:
Parents are not allowed to leave their vehicle upon entering Zone 1 for drop off (NSC Carpark).
 - Zone 2:
Carpark G will be the drop off point for competitors going into Zone 2.
 - Competitors and coaches are required to remain in their respective zones.

2.3. **Zones for Optimist Gold Fleet Race: 23 – 24 January 2021**

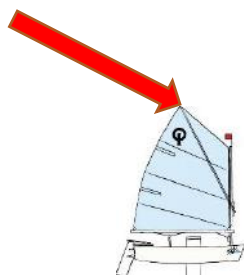
- Zone 1 (for competitors & coaches only):**
 - NSC weekend training squads / NSC schools training squad
- Zone 2 (for competitors & coaches only):**
 - National Training Squad
 - Changi Sailing Club
 - SAF Yacht Club

2.4. Boats will be issued colored ribbon corresponding to the Zone Area assigned to them. Boats shall display the ribbon prominently on their boat at all time during the entire event.

2.5. Colored ribbons will be made available and issued from the Race office/counter during Check-out as per NoR/SI 8.2.1.

Zone 1 area	Zone 2 area
Blue colored ribbon	Red colored ribbon

Location of colored ribbon to be displayed



3. Boat Transfer for the event

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