

NOTICE of RACE



J24 Class Australian Championships 2023
4 to January 2023
Organising Authority:
Cronulla Sailing Club (CSC) 48-50 Waratah Street, Cronulla
in conjunction with
J24 Southern Sydney Fleet Association inc. (SSF)



The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a). '[DP]' denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the protest committee.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), and the Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS) applicable to Category 7 races, including additional equipment as required for 'CSC - CAT 7+' which is available online on the CSC website at <http://www.cronullasc.com/sailing-documents>. Details of the CSC – CAT 7+ additional requirements are shown at NOR 10.1.
- 1.2 The rules of the International J24 Class 2022 (Class Rules) are changed as follows:
- (a) Where a boat deviates from the rules of measurement on hull and rigging, such deviation may be considered legal when a class measurer is satisfied that the item in question is "as supplied by the licensed builder at the time of manufacture". The measurement certificate shall be endorsed appropriately by the class measurer.
 - (b) Class Rule C.2.1(b) is changed as follows in accordance with Class Rule J4: A crew nominated or listed for this event may be different for different days only if scheduled in advance at registration. Emergency changes may be made only with written permission of the race committee.
 - (c) Class Rule C.10.2(a) is changed as follows: A boat may carry one Mainsail, one Genoa, one Jib and 2 Spinnakers on-board while racing. The use of Spinnakers is subject to Class Rule J.2.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Sailing Instructions will be available online on the Official Notice Board at <https://app.sailsys.com.au/club/18/results/series/2140/noticeboard> after 17:00 on Friday 30 December 2022 and may be on the National J24 website prior to the event.

3 COMMUNICATIONS

- 3.1 The race office is the Regatta Desk located on the ground floor level of the CSC Clubhouse email: j24ssf@gmail.com, telephone: 0417 264 827.
- 3.2 The official notice board is located at <https://app.sailsys.com.au/club/18/results/series/2140/noticeboard>.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to boats of the International J24 Class that comply with the Class Rules.
- 4.2 Eligible boats may enter the event by completing the entry form, attaching required documents and paying the entry fee online on the CSC website at <https://app.sailsys.com.au/club/18/entry/series/2140/pricing> by 17:00 Wednesday 28 December.
- 4.3 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority, subject to payment of the late entry fee.
- 4.4 The following documents shall be submitted online with the boat's entry:
- (a) a valid J24 Measurement Certificate including Part C: Inventory of Required and Optional Equipment.
 - (b) a current completed AS Category 7 or better, or 'CSC - CAT 7+' Equipment Audit Form.
 - (c) a certificate of insurance demonstrating the required insurance.

5 ENTRY FEES

- 5.1 Normal Entry fee: \$500.00 (excludes social activities)
- 5.2 Late Entry fee: \$100.00 additional fee

6 CREW LIMITATIONS

- 6.1 All competitors shall be members of an Australian J24 State or Fleet Association.

7 REGISTRATION AND WEIGH IN

- 7.1 Registration and crew weigh in will be conducted at the Regatta Desk on Wednesday 4 January 2023 and Thursday 5 January 2023
- 7.2 All crew must be weighed prior to 09:30 Thursday 5 January 2023 unless otherwise approved by the race committee.
- 7.3 Boats shall submit a complete crew list, including any intended changes for different days of the event, to the registration desk no later than when their crew present for weigh in.
- 7.4 Crew shall present evidence of appropriate J24 Class Association membership at registration if requested.
- 7.5 Boats that did not submit a 'CSC - CAT 7+' Equipment Audit Form with their on-line entry, shall submit one not later than the end of Registration.
- 7.6 In addition to NOR 7.3, before the first warning signal, each boat shall register the names, AS numbers and Next of Kin details of each person on board on the CSC On-Board Crew Declaration system at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfXyzvhiStxXblHyStK3VKA6ELMVjYR-5FXOICHg4RsphZ3cA/viewform>. If there is any change in a boat's crew, she shall complete a further On Board Crew Declaration before the first warning signal for races with the changed crew. Boats that do not comply on any day may be scored DNS for all races that day without a hearing. This changes RRS A4.

8 ADVERTISING

- 8.1 Boats may be required to display the Regatta sponsor's name / logo. The J24 Class Association may supply these items and they shall be affixed and / or worn as prescribed in the Sailing Instructions.

9 EVENT FORMAT AND SCHEDULE

- 9.1 Twelve races are scheduled over 4 days.
- 9.2 The Australian Championship trophy will be awarded to the boat with the best overall One Design (scratch) results. Performance Handicap System (PHS) results will be awarded by application of the Time Correction Factor (TCF) as described in NOR 14 Scoring below
- 9.3 The schedule is as follows.

Day	Date	Time	Event
Wednesday	28 Dec 2022	17:00	Closing for normal entries
Wednesday	4 Jan 2023	10:00 12:00 – 19:00 19:00	Close of Late Entries, subject to additional fee Registration, Measurement, Weigh In CSC crane launching facility close
Thursday	5 Jan 2023	08:30 – 09:30 09:30 11:55	Registration, Weigh In Competitor Briefing including Mandatory Safety Briefing First warning signal Social Function at CSC after racing
Friday	6 Jan 2023	11:55	First warning signal
Saturday	7 Jan 2023	09:00 11:55	J24 Australia AGM First warning signal
Sunday	8 Jan 2023	11:55	First warning signal
		(tba)	Prize Giving Function after Sunday's racing

- 9.4 On the first day of racing, Thursday 5 January 2023, all boats shall motor past the start boat before the first warning signal having attached their outboard engine. Failure to do so may result in 20% scoring penalty for race one and for subsequent races until the boat complies with this Clause
- 9.5 No warning signal will be made after 15:30 on Sunday 8 January 2023.

10 EQUIPMENT INSPECTIONS AND MEASUREMENT

- 10.1 Boats that do not hold a CSC CAT7+' Equipment Audit Form shall, at Registration, arrange for inspection of the Additional Equipment Required shown below by a CSC Equipment Auditor, who will issue an updated CSC CAT7+ Audit Form on successful completion of the inspection, and the completed Audit Form shall be submitted to the Race Office no later than the end of Registration.



ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT REQUIRED	
AS Special Reg	Equipment Item
3.21.1	Compass
4.10.1	Chart of the Area (electronic chart is acceptable)
4.21.1	Life Buoy (without light)
4.22	Red Hand Flares (2)
4.22	Orange Smoke Signals (2)
4.27.1	Distress Sheet
4.23.1	Heaving Line (min 15m-25m attached to lifebuoy)
4.23.1	Fresh Water (2 Litres per crew)
3.25.2	VHF transceiver (Minimum waterproof handheld)

10.2 Boats may be inspected at any time. Competitors and Support Persons shall comply with reasonable directions of Race Officials or the Organising Authority.

10.3 Other measurement may be arranged at the discretion of the Class Association by contacting the Measurers Jared Macquart (0479 152 235) or John Crawford (0408 454 663) prior to the event.

11 10. RACING AREA

11.1 Races will be conducted in the Bate Bay/Port Hacking Estuary area

12 COURSES

12.1 Courses will be windward-leeward courses.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

13.1 A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident while *racing*. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 while in the *zone* around a *mark* other than a starting *mark*, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty. This changes RRS 44.1.

13.2 In addition to penalties at the time of the incident in accordance with RRS 44.1 and 44.2, boats may also take a 30% Post Race Penalty in accordance with RRS Appendix T by notifying the race office.

14 SCORING

14.1 The Low Point scoring system, Appendix A of the RRS will apply.

14.2 Twelve races are scheduled of which four completed races are required to constitute the regatta.

14.3 If fewer than six races are completed, each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

14.4 If six to ten races are competed, each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

14.5 If 11 or more races are competed, each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

14.6 Performance Handicap System (PHS) results will be decided by application of the Time Correction Factor (TCF) to the elapsed times. The PHS TCF will be allocated by the Race Committee, may be recalculated between races and will not be subject to redress. This changes RRS 62.1 (a).

14.7 TCF will be advised on list of entries available online on the CSC website at <https://www.cronullasc.com/racing/j24-national-championships-2023/>

15 BERTHING AND CRANAGE

15.1 Berthing will be available at CSC Marina for all entrants at no cost, from Wednesday 4 to Monday 9 January 2023. Wet or dry berthing at other times is restricted and strictly by prior arrangement with CSC.

15.2 The CSC Crane will be available for launching boats from 12:00 till 19:00 on Wednesday 4 January 2023, and for haul out after completion of racing on Sunday 8, and the morning of Monday 9 January 2023. Please book your crane launching and haul out times with the CSC office or Regatta Desk.

15.3 Trailer storage may be made available for the duration of the event. Please book your trailer storage requirement with the CSC Office or Regatta Desk.



HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 15.4 **[DP]** Boats shall be afloat by 1900 hrs on Wednesday 4 January 2023.
- 15.5 **[DP]** Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

16 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

- 16.1 **[DP]** Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used between the time the boat is to be afloat and the end of the regatta.

17 PRIZES

- 17.1 Results and prizes will be announced after the final race on Sunday 8 January 2023.
- 17.2 Prizes will be awarded for boats placed first to third overall and first to third on PHS handicap.

18 SAFETY

- 18.1 All persons in charge of boats shall attend the Competitors Briefing including the Mandatory Safety Briefing.

19 RISK WARNING

- 19.1 Participants are warned that, regardless of the precautions, which might be taken by reasonable and experienced persons, sailing can be a dangerous pursuit and participants are exposed to significant risk of property damage, physical harm and possibly death.
- 19.2 As an indication, these risks may include, but are not limited to:
- (a) The extremes of weather and sea conditions.
 - (b) The potential that the control of a vessel may be lost, resulting in collision with objects and other vessels.
 - (c) The sudden movement of the vessel at any time and the possibility that participants may fall or be thrown overboard, resulting in drowning or exposure injury.
 - (d) The possibility that participants may be injured by equipment on the vessel.
 - (e) The absence of immediate medical care and the possibility that significant delays may occur before medical care is available.
 - (f) Exposure to the elements for extended periods.
- 19.3 CSC also warns participants that regardless of its best intentions, it may be unable to render assistance to participants who are in distress. Participants are warned to consider the above risks and all other risks before deciding to participate in any sailing event.
- 19.4 CSC further warns that:
- (a) Walking surfaces on marinas, walkways, ramps and slips may be wet and slippery;
 - (b) Floating marinas and associated ramps and walkways may be subject to sudden movement, which may cause people to fall, including into the water;
 - (c) There is a possibility that people may be injured by shoreside equipment at CSC including movement of dinghies, yachts, slipways, winches, tools and cranes.
- 19.5 Owners and persons in charge of boats shall ensure that all participants on their boats are aware of this risk warning.

20 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 20.1 All those taking part in races conducted by CSC do so at their own risk and responsibility. CSC, J24 Class Association(s) their staff, officers and volunteers accept no responsibility whatsoever for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment.
- 20.2 CSC, J24 Class Association(s), their staff, officers and volunteers accept no responsibility whatsoever for any damage, injury or death, either ashore or at sea to persons or boats, which might result from participating in races conducted by CSC

21 INSURANCE

- 21.1 All boats shall be covered by current third-party property liability and third-party personal liability insurance with racing endorsement for not less than \$10,000,000 for each separate incident.
- 21.2 Participants are also advised that although CSC is covered by third party liability insurance, this cover does not extend to liability of competitors. Any competitor who considers they have a need for insurance must make their own private arrangements with an insurer.



22 WORLD CHAMPIOSHIP QUALIFICATION

22.1 The Regatta is a Qualification Event for the 2023 J24 World Championship. The awarding of qualification places is described in the Attachment.

23 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

23.1 For further information contact J24 SSF email j24ssf@gmail.com, telephone: 0417 264 827.

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Attachment to the Notice of Race



AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL J24 CLASS ASSOCIATION

2023 World Championship Qualification

It is understood there is considerable interest from J24 members to participate in the 2023 World Championships in Thessaloniki, Greece. In accordance with the IJCA rules and requirements, the J24 National Committee (NJCA), wishes to clarify the process for allowing nominations for selection to this event.

The J24 National Committee will use the 2023 Australian Championships to determine the eligibility for selection to the 2023 World J24 Championships. The J24 National Committee has gained approval from the IJCA Executive Committee to hold this qualifying event in the same calendar year as the World Championships.

The National Committee has determined Australia is entitled to 8 places at the World Championships in accordance with IJCA Regatta Regulations for World Championships. Helmspersons must be nominated by their NJCA and be registered members of the NJCA of the country they represent.

Under rule 18.6d, an invitation to participate in the World Championships will also be provided to the current National Champion Steve Wright as an automatic qualifier. This invitation cannot be passed to another helmsperson and is not counted in the 8 above.

Additional spaces are also available for one all-female crew and one for an under 25 years crew. (All youth crew members shall be under 25 years of age on the first day of World Championship racing.) The National Committee will use its discretion for entry, should an all-female and/or under 25-years crew wish to be nominated for selection and not finish in the top 12.

The qualifying helmsperson is the person who starts, finishes, and steers in all races in the qualifying event. Invitations to participate in the World Championships, will be provided to the helmspersons of the first 8 scratch placings in the 2023 Australian Championships. If the nominated helmsperson is unable to attend the World Championships, the qualification place will be passed to the next helmsperson until all 8 nominations are filled. These nominations will be available down to the 12th placing in the qualifying event unless special circumstances prevail.

To be fair to all members, all nominated helmspersons are required to provide a deposit of \$1000 to be placed in trust within 6 weeks of the completion of the Australian Championships. This deposit is be refunded to the helmsperson only on their entry to the 2023 World Championships. In the event that the helmsperson decides they will be unable to attend the World Championship by 30 March 2023, a formal written notification is to be provided to the J24 National Committee. It will be at the discretion of that Committee to determine if the deposit is to be refunded.

In the event that the nominated helmsperson decides not to go after the 31 March 2023, this deposit will be forfeited and go to the next available skipper wanting to go, (who will be starting with a time and financial disadvantage for accommodation, boat charter etc.) Should there not be another helmsperson wanting to go by April 30, 2023, the deposit will be returned to the original helmsperson. Unallocated returned deposits will be shared between nominated helmspersons deciding not to go.

