



# The 19<sup>th</sup> Asian Games Hangzhou 2022

## Support Team Regulations

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## 1. General

- 1.1 These Support Team Regulations (STR) shall apply at all times while support persons are at the venue, ashore or on the field of play.
- 1.2 The STR shall apply from 00:01 on 18 September to 23:59 on 27 September 2023.
- 1.3 In these STR and the rules governing the regatta, the following definitions apply:
  - 1.3.1 “Support person” has the meaning given in the RRS. A support person includes a holder of a valid Accreditation.
  - 1.3.2 “Support team” means all the support persons associated with a National Authority and its competitors.
  - 1.3.3 “Support vessel” means any vessel that is under the control or direction of a support team member.
- 1.4 The penalties available under RRS 64.5(a)(3) include instructing the Organizing Authority (OA) to withdraw accreditation and access rights for specific periods.
- 1.5 The OA may inspect support vessels at any time to ensure that they comply with these regulations, and the person responsible for the support vessel shall facilitate such inspection.
- 1.6 The OA may change these regulations at any time. Any changes will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 1.7 The OA may, at its discretion, refuse to register support vessels not deemed to be suitable. Generally, open vessels more than 4.0m and less than 7.5m in length and having minimal or no superstructure (cabin, coach house, bridge, etc.) are considered suitable.
- 1.8 Support persons shall be registered at Sport Information either before leaving the sailing venue in a support vessel for the first time; or by 10:00 on the day before the first race of each event that they are supporting, whichever is earlier.
- 1.9 Support vessels and designated drivers shall be registered at Sport Information either before entering the Field of Play for the first time or by 18:00 on the day before the first race of the Event that it is supporting, whichever is earlier.
  - 1.9.1 Each vessel shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance of at least USD 250,000 per incident.
  - 1.9.2 Only accredited support team members may be designated drivers.
  - 1.9.3 Support vessels are permitted to carry one or more support persons from other competing NOCs that do not have a registered support vessel for that Event.
- 1.10 The person registering the support vessel shall confirm that a valid insurance certificate showing proof of third-party liability coverage as required by 1.9.1 has been obtained.
- 1.11 Support vessels shall be marked with the applicable NOC codes clearly displayed on both sides of the vessel in strongly contrasting colour at all times while afloat. The minimum height for the letters shall be 200mm. The letters will not be provided by the OA.
- 1.12 All Team Leaders and support team members will be required to sign a declaration that they will comply at all times with the STR.
- 1.13 Support team members shall not provide any outside help unless permitted by RRS 41

## 2. Sailing Venue

- 2.1 Support vessels shall use the designated slipway/area for launching. Once launched, trailers shall be moved immediately to their assigned trailer parking place, removed from the venue or placed in a container.
- 2.2 Only registered support vessels will be allowed into the sailing venue.
- 2.3 When not in use, support vessels shall be appropriately berthed at the sailing venue in its allocated berth in the designed area for support vessels, or as directed by the OA for safety reasons, for the entire time that these STR apply.
- 2.4 Support vessels shall not use the dinghy launching slipways, jetties or other pontoons outside the Support Vessel Area for any purpose whatsoever, including mooring, launching and retrieval, and loading and unloading of equipment except as permitted by the STR.
- 2.5 Following the completion of the Opening Series or the medal race for which a support vessel is registered, the support vessel may be lifted out of the water under the direction of the OA. In addition, following the completion of the Opening Series or the medal race for which a support vessel is registered a support vessel may permanently leave the harbour by sea with written approval from the OA. The OA may restrict the use of the crane or slipways during Victory Ceremonies or whilst other media activities are happening nearby.

## 3. Safety

- 3.1 Support vessels shall carry on board:
  - 3.1.1 life jackets / buoyancy aid for all passengers and the driver;
  - 3.1.2 first-aid kit;
  - 3.1.3 VHF radio;
  - 3.1.4 device for making a sound signal;
  - 3.1.5 compass;
  - 3.1.6 adequate anchor and tackle for conditions and depth;
  - 3.1.7 tow rope (minimum 15m long and 10mm diameter);
  - 3.1.8 engine safety cut out switch and tether (kill chord), also known as a safety lanyard or automatic engine immobilizer;
  - 3.1.9 hand pump or bailer;
  - 3.1.10 knife; and
  - 3.1.11 any additional safety equipment required by local maritime law.
- 3.2 Support vessels or support team personnel may carry on board and use:
  - 3.2.1 electronic watch, provided it complies with STR 8.1
  - 3.2.2 optimized binoculars
  - 3.2.3 GPS
  - 3.2.4 cameras or video cameras (which only have that function and are not otherwise a

prohibited electronic device)

- 3.3 It is mandatory under Chinese law that PFDs shall be worn at all times when afloat.
- 3.4 The engine safety cut out switch and tether (kill chord) shall be securely attached to the driver at all times when the engine is running and in gear. It is strongly recommended that the kill cord is not used only when the engine is off.
- 3.5 The maximum plated / certified passenger limits for the vessel shall not be exceeded.
- 3.6 Team leaders are responsible for overseeing the safe operation of their support vessels on the water, including knowledge of who is afloat and ensuring (recording) their safe return to the sailing venue.
- 3.7 At all times, support persons including the registered driver(s) of a support vessel shall comply with directions given by or under the authority of a race official. This includes assisting in rescue operations when requested to do so.
- 3.8 Support vessels shall comply with Competition Area Regulations (CAR) including the local harbour and marina regulations including speed limits.
- 3.9 Support vessels shall check out before going afloat for each journey and shall indicate the number of persons on board. Increasing or decreasing the number of persons on board shall constitute a new journey.
- 3.10 The OA may issue a tracking device to each support vessel when they check out. The device shall be carried on the support vessel for the duration of the journey.
- 3.11 Support vessels shall check in and return their tracking device within 30 minutes upon their return to the marina after each journey.

#### **4. General Restrictions**

- 4.1 The driver(s) of a support vessel will be responsible for the control of the vessel at all times and will be held responsible for any inappropriate behavior, dangerous actions or improper practices, or actions affecting the fairness or safety of competition.
- 4.2 Support team members shall not leave any device, piece of equipment, buoy, marker, or similar item permanently in the water.
- 4.3 Temporary use of floating objects is allowed for current measurement. These objects shall be removed as soon as the measurement has been taken.
- 4.4 Support vessels shall take particular care to minimize their wash when transiting the Race Areas.
- 4.5 Support vessels shall not enter the marina from the time flag D is first displayed ashore until all boats have returned to shore at the end of racing each day.

## 5. Drones

The use of drones is prohibited.

## 6. Support Vessel Restricted Areas

- 6.1 The Support Vessel Zone applies when Support Vessel Zone marks are laid. However, the race committee may inform support vessels on the VHF channel for the Race Area that the Support Vessel Zone does not apply for an upcoming race (even if the marks are still laid).
- 6.2 If the Support Vessel Zone applies, then STR 6.3 to 6.5 apply.
- 6.3 Support vessels shall always remain on the non-course side of the Support Vessel Zone marks.
- 6.4 After the first warning signal of the day, support vessels shall move to the Support Vessel Zone until all racing has been completed, postponed or abandoned for that Race Area, unless instructed to do otherwise by the Race Committee.
- 6.5 Between sequences of races, or when all racing for that Race Area has been postponed or abandoned, support vessels may enter the Race Area to service their athletes but shall restrict their speed to five knots. If further racing is to take place, support vessels shall immediately move to the Support Vessel Zone at the warning signal for the first race of the next sequence of races.

## 7. Special Safety Rules

- 7.1 When the race committee displays flag V with repetitive sounds, all official and support vessels shall monitor the race committee channel for that Race Area for search and rescue instructions. The race committee will announce “Flag Victor” using the designated VHF channel.
- 7.2 When Support Vessel Zone marks are not laid, STR 7.3 to 7.6 applies.
- 7.3 From the time of the preparatory signal for the first fleet to start until all boats have finished or retired or the Race Committee signals a postponement or abandonment, support vessels shall stay outside areas where boats are racing. Such areas are defined as:
  - not closer than 100m to any boat racing (except a boat in distress or requiring assistance);
  - within 100m of the starting line and marks from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have left the starting area or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment;
  - between any boat racing and the next mark of the course;
  - between the inner and outer trapezoid courses when boats are racing on both courses;
  - within 100m of any mark of the course while boats are in the vicinity of that mark; and
  - within 100m of the finishing line and marks while boats are finishing.

- 7.4 The VHF radio permitted in STR 3.1.3 shall be switched on and used for safety communication on VHF radio channel 71 or on the VHF radio channels shown in STR 8.3.
- 7.5 Support vessels shall proceed around the Race Area in such a way to minimize the effect their wash on boats racing and official vessels. Support vessels that are motoring above five knots shall remain at least 150m from any boat racing.
- 7.6 Between sequences of races, following a general recall or when all racing for that Race Area has been postponed or abandoned, support vessels may enter the Race Area to service their athletes but shall restrict their speed to five knots. If further racing is to take place, support vessels shall immediately move outside the Race Area and into the Support Vessel Zone at the warning signal for the first race of the next racing session and remain in the Support Vessel Zone until after the starting sequence has been completed for one or more starts in a session.

## 8. Use of Electronics

*The purpose of the electronics rules is to ensure a level playing field between all teams at an appropriate level for international competition. The Organizing Authority will not pre-approve devices nor comment on individual devices. Support teams must be prepared to explain how a device complies with the rules and demonstrate this if required.*

*In case of doubt, do not take the device afloat.*

- 8.1 **Use of Electronics and other Measurement Devices, Not Permitted Actions on the Field of Play:**
- 8.1.1 Smartphones and tablets must be in flight mode, or mobile data off or have their SIM / eSim cards removed while in a racing area from when an orange flag is displayed until the last boat finishes the last race of the day.  
However,  
(a) the use of verbal communication is only permitted in the event of an emergency; and  
(b) the use of text communication is only permitted in the event of an emergency
- 8.1.2 **Any device that gathers wind data from beyond the physical extensions of the support vessel or a radius of 1.5m or whichever is smaller;**
- 8.1.3 **The weather instruments that log or store data.**
- 8.1.4 STR 8.2 contains exceptions to STR 8.1.
- 8.2 The following devices, or use of devices, are permitted:
- 8.2.1 Any device when it is used ashore (but see STR 8.2.5 on VHF radios)
- 8.2.2 The items permitted by STR 3.2
- 8.2.3 Electronic positioning equipment supplied by the OA
- 8.2.4 Devices which only access information which is available to all support teams simultaneously on an equal basis
- 8.2.5 VHF radios as required by STR 3.1.3, which shall only be configured to use open and public international maritime frequencies. If a radio is configured to be able to use a code or encrypted frequency it ceases to be legal.
- 8.2.6 **Wind measurement equipment that is limited to measurements of wind speed and direction but not extending horizontally beyond the edge perimeter of the support vessel and 2.5m above the water. This device and its component parts must be**

easily removable for inspection;

- 8.3 The Race Committee may communicate race and safety information to support vessels in English according to the radio channels in Sailing Instruction Addendum D.
- 8.4 The Technical Delegate, or any race official acting under their authority, may require any phone, tablet, radio or electronic devices in possession of a support team member to be inspected for compliance with the STR at any time.
- 8.5 A support team member shall comply with any inspection request and shall co-operate with any inspection.
- 8.6 Any electronic device which is considered by a Technical Delegate to be in breach of the STR may be impounded and retained by the Organizing Authority until the end of the regatta.

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