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***Fireball***  
***European***  
***Championship 2023***  
***Portorož, Slovenia***

## OPEN EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP

16 – 22 September 2023

Portorož – Slovenija

### SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



The notation [NP] in a rule in the SI means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1 (a).

## 1. RULES

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- 1.1. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. Penalty for violation of the Class Rules may be less than disqualification. This changes RRS 64.2 and 64.4.
- 1.3. Appendix T of RRS will apply (Arbitration procedures).

## 2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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- 2.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted not later than 90 minutes before on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 on the day before it will take effect.

## 3. CODE OF CONDUCT AND ADVERTISING

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- 3.1. [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.
- 3.2. [DP] From the second racing day, competitors ranking first, second and third in the series at the beginning of each day shall wear yellow, blue and red bibs respectively on top of any clothing or PFD, visible while racing that day. The bibs will be provided by the OA each morning in a ceremony, the attendance of which is mandatory for all crews receiving bibs.

## 4. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

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- 4.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at: <https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/events/7117>
- 4.2. Notices will be also repeated on the notice board located in front of the Race Office and on the event website.
- 4.3. Failure to repeat notice on the notice board located in front of the race office and/or on the event website shall not be considered a valid reason for request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

## 5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

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- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag pole located on the venue.
- 5.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in the race signal AP

## 6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

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- 6.1. Ten (10) races are scheduled.

6.2. Date	Time	Description	No. of races
Sunday, 17 September 2023	11:30	Skippers meeting	
	13:00	Racing	2
Monday, 18 September 2023	12:00	Racing	2
Tuesday, 19 September 2023	12:00	Racing	2
Wednesday, 20 September 2023		Lay day	
Thursday, 21 September 2023	12:00	Racing	2
Friday, 22 September 2023	12:00	Racing	2

- 6.3. [NP] One extra race per day may be sailed, provided that class becomes no more than one race ahead of schedule.
- 6.4. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is at 12:00, except on Sunday, 17 September 2023 when the scheduled time of the warning signal is at 13:00.
- 6.5. To alert boats that a race will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is displayed.
- 6.6. On the last scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 15:00

## 7. CLASS FLAG

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- 7.1 Class flag will be Fireball insignia on white background or flag F.

## 8. RACING AREAS

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- 8.1. Addendum A shows the location of the club and the racing areas.

## 9. COURSES

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- 9.1. The diagrams in Addendum B show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 9.2. [NP] No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

## 10. MARKS

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- 10.1. Marks 1, 2 and 3 will be yellow cylindrical buoys.
- 10.2. New mark, as provided in instruction 12.1, will be orange cylindrical buoy.
- 10.3. The starting marks will be the race committee signal vessel on the starboard end and a race committee vessel or orange cylindrical buoy at the port end.
- 10.4. The finishing marks will be the race committee signal vessel at the port end and a white spar buoy or the race committee vessel at the starboard end.
- 10.5. A race committee vessel signalling a change of a leg of the course is a mark as provided in instruction 12.2.

## 11. THE START

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- 11.1. The starting line will be between staffs displaying orange flags on the starting marks. If port end vessel is not on position, it will be replaced with the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 11.2. A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

## 12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

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- 12.1. 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.
- 12.2. Boats shall pass between the race committee vessel signalling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee vessel to starboard.

## 13. THE FINISH

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- 13.1. The finishing line will be between staffs displaying blue flags on the finishing marks.

## 14. PENALTY SYSTEM

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- 14.1. RRS Appendix P applies as changed by SI 14.2.
- 14.2. RRS P2.3 will not apply and RRS P2.2 is changed so that it will apply to any penalty after the first one.
- 14.3. A list of boats that have been penalized for breaking RRS 42 under Appendix P will be posted.

## 15. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

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- 15.1. Time limits and target times are as follows:

<i>Race time limit</i>	<i>Mark 1 time limit</i>	<i>Target time</i>
90 minutes	20 minutes	50 minutes

- 15.2. If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 time limit, the race will be abandoned.
- 15.3. Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sailed the course and finishes, will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1 and A5.2.
- 15.4. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

## 16. HEARING REQUESTS

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- 16.1. A boat, that intends to lodge a hearing request, shall report this to the race committee on the finishing line, after finishing.  
This is added to RRS 61.1.
- 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. Hearing request forms are available in the race office. Hearing requests may be lodged also through on-line system available at [www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/7117](http://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/7117).
- 16.4. 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 jury room located in the first floor, beginning at the time posted on the notice board and can start before the end of the protest time limit.
- 16.5. Decisions of the International Jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

## 17. SCORING

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- 17.1. Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.2. (a) When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.  
(b) When from five (5) to eight (8) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.  
(c) When nine (9) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

## 18. SAFETY REGULATION

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- 18.1. [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

## 19. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

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- 19.1. [DP] Substitution of crew will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.
- 19.2. [DP] 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, which may be after the race.

## 20. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

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- 20.1. [DP] 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 measurer or race committee equipment inspector to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

## 21. OFFICIAL VESSELS

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- 21.1. Official vessels will be marked as follows:  
Mark Layers                      Yellow RC flag  
International Jury                Red JURY flag  
Journalists and photo          Blue PRESS flag

## 22. SUPPORT VESSELS

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- 22.1. [DP] [NP] Support boats shall be marked with a numbered flag.
- 22.2. [DP] [NP] Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing or will be racing from the time of the warning signal until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 22.3. [DP] [NP] To observe a race, support boats may move from leeward to windward, keeping well clear of the exclusion boundary, approximately 100 m from the course area.

## 23. PRIZES

23.1. As described in the Notice of Race.

## 24. RISK STATEMENT

24.1. RRS 3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone." By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, board handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

### Addendum: A

#### Racing areas



### Addendum: B

The course: Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – Finish

