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IMCA/ITCA Notice of Race Guide

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This guide provides wording for a NoR designed primarily for major championships. It has been written presuming that an International Jury is to be appointed and that racing will be umpired under IRSA Addendum Q.

RRS Appendix J outlines the contents of a NoR and this guide conforms to Appendix J1. World sailing has published guides, previously Appendix K, in a variety of languages, and the links are given in the RRS.

[Full Event name]

[Dates (full dates from opening of measurement to closing ceremony)]

[Venue (Town and Country)]

NOTICE OF RACE

Organizing Authority

The [Event name] is organized by [name of host club or organisation] in conjunction with [any other organisations such as the national radio sailing organisation, class association, IRSA, World Sailing (WS) Member National Authority etc], and the International Marblehead/Ten Rater Class Association (IMCA/ITCA).

1. Rules

1.1 The event will be governed by the *Racing Rules of Sailing*. RRS Appendix E will apply.

1.2 The following documents will also govern the event:

[Class name] Rules

IMCA/ITCA Championship Regulations

Equipment Rules of Sailing

IRSA Sailing Addendum Q (Umpiring)

Heat Management System (HMS)

1.3 The Jury may publish a document setting out an accelerated procedure for protests and requests for redress.

1.4

(a) RRS XX.x and XX.x may be changed in the Sailing Instructions.

(b) Chartered or loaned boats may carry the national letters denoting the national authority and/ or the sail number of the person or organisation providing the boat. This changes RRS G1.1(b) as modified by RRS E8.

(c) Other rule changes are stated in the following sections

1.5 No national prescriptions shall apply.

[Or]

1.5 The National Prescriptions that shall apply are set out in Addendum X

2. Eligibility

2.1 The competition is open to [class name] boats selected by an IRSA Delegated National Member in good standing with IRSA. The World Sailing Eligibility Code (Regulation 19) applies together with the additional requirements of the IMCA/ITCA Championship Regulations.

3. Entry

3.1 Entries and allocation of places shall be governed by IMCA/ITCA Championship Regulation 7, Entries (see Addendum 1)

- 3.2 The maximum number of entries shall be [insert number, eg 76]
- 3.3 Entry forms will be available on the event website at [Event URL].
- 3.4 Completed entry forms shall be sent to [e-mail address of organiser] before [insert date]. Entry fees for places allocated under Stage One (IMCA/ITCA Championship Regulation 7.2.1) shall be sent to the account indicated in NoR 6 before [insert date].
- 3.5 Places allocated under Stages 2-4 shall only be confirmed upon receipt of the full entry fee. The Organizing Authority may announce a closing date for payment of fees for places allocated under each stage.
- 3.6 In order that a disabled competitor may be able to compete on equal terms, the race committee will make as fair an arrangement as possible. Disabled competitors who require any form of help or special requirements should contact the [name of venue organiser] at [e-mail address of venue organiser] prior to entry to confirm that suitable arrangements can be made. It is the competitor's responsibility to determine that adequate facilities are available before entering the event.

4. Measurement and Registration

- 4.1 Boats together with their measurement certificates shall be presented for registration and equipment inspection on [insert dates] [insert times]. The Race Committee may extend the time for registration and inspection if there is a valid reason to do so.
- 4.2 No boat shall be eligible to race until it has been registered and has passed equipment inspection.

5. Fees

- 5.1 The fee for the event per boat is [insert number and required currency] net excluding bank charges (which amount includes the IMCA/ITCA fee of [enter appropriate fee or equivalent in local currency]).
- 5.2 Payment via bank transfer:
Account name: [insert details]
IBAN: [insert details]
BIC CODE: [insert details]
- 5.3. The fee includes [insert appropriate details:- for instance : a skipper lunch on [insert dates], the opening ceremony dinner on [insert date] and the closing ceremony buffet/dinner on [insert date].]

6. Schedule

- [insert date] Closing date for entries and receipt
- [insert date] Announcement of allocation of places
- [insert dates] Registration, Practice, Equipment Inspection
- [insert date] Opening ceremony
- [insert dates] Racing from [insert time] to [insert time]. The Race Committee may continue racing after [insert time].
- [insert date] is a reserve day. There may be racing if less than 3 races have been completed at the end of racing on [insert date].
- [insert date of last scheduled day of racing] Racing from [insert time] to [insert time]. The Closing Ceremony is scheduled at [insert time].

7. Sailing Instructions

7.1 The sailing instructions will be available at registration and may be available beforehand on the event website.

8. Umpires

8.1 WS International Umpires or International Judges shall be appointed as umpires. National Judges and National Umpires may be appointed to assist.

8.2 Competitors will be required to undertake Observer duties.

8.3 An International Jury conforming to RRS Appendix N shall be appointed and the right of appeal is denied under RRS 70.5.

8.4 When a hearing is reopened under rule 68 or N1.4(b) any decision to penalize or give redress made after the warning signal of any heat to which a party to the hearing may be promoted, shall not change the race schedule for that race. This changes rules 64.1 and 64.2.

9. Scoring and Racing System

9.1 The Championship shall be raced and scored under the Heat Management System (HMS). Five races shall be completed to constitute the championship.

10. Risk Statement

10.1 RRS 4 of the Racing RRSs of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a heat or to continue racing is hers alone."

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore involves an element of risk. By taking part in any of the events covered by this notice of race, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- a. They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- b. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- c. They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- d. Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- e. The provision of a race management team, patrol boats, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f. The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

11. Insurance

11.1 Each boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of €XXXXXXXX. For the purposes of NoR 4.4 the term 'boat' includes the designated competitor.

[Or]

[appropriate text based on local legislation]

[Or]

11.1 The purchase of third-party liability event insurance from [name of organisation] is mandatory. The purchase will be arranged through [name of organisation] at a cost of [€XX] per competitor, payable to the organisers upon arrival, before registration is completed. There is a [€XXX] deductible payable on any claim. Details of this insurance can be found at: [XXXXXXXX@XXXX.XXX].

12. Accommodation, Transport, etc

12.1 The event website contains a list of possible accommodation and costs, and a list of social, food, and transport packages and their costs.

13. Event and Venue Information

13.1 Event information updates will be posted on the Web site for the [Event name] Championship at the following Web site: [Event URL].

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