

2015 ISAF TEAM RACING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP 20 – 24 July 2015

NOTICE OF RACE

1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The Organizing Authority is Rutland Sailing Club in conjunction with the International Sailing Federation (ISAF).

2. VENUE

The venue will be Rutland Water, Great Britain.

3. RULES

3.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (including RRS Appendix D).

3.2 No national authority prescriptions will apply.

3.3 Rule 40 will be changed so that it applies at all times when afloat.

3.4 An International Jury will be appointed in accordance with RRS Appendix N.

3.5 The single flag protest procedure will apply. Rule D2.2(a) will be changed to read:

“When a boat protests under a rule of Part 2 or under rule 31 or 42, she is not entitled to a hearing. Instead, a boat involved in the incident may promptly acknowledge breaking a rule and take the appropriate penalty. If the protested boat fails to take a penalty, an umpire shall decide whether to penalize any boat and shall signal the decision in compliance with rule D2.2(b).”

3.6 Competitors shall comply with the ISAF Betting and Anti-Corruption Code (Appendix 5 of the ISAF Regulations). An alleged or actual breach of this rule shall be dealt with under the Code. It shall not be grounds for a protest and rule 63.1 does not apply. This changes rule 60.

4. PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

4.1 The intended program for the event is as follows:

Date	Time	Open Division	Youth Division
13 – 17 July	All day	Training for invited nations	Training for invited nations
19 July	0900 – 1700hrs	Registration	Registration
	All day	Team Racing Clinic	Team Racing Clinic

	18.00hrs	Main Briefing	Main Briefing
	Evening	Opening Ceremony	Opening Ceremony
20 July	09.30hrs	Stage 1 Racing	Stage 1 Racing
21 July	09.30hrs	Stage 1 Racing	Stage 1 Racing
22 July	09.30hrs	Stage 1 Racing	Stage 1 Racing & Knockout Rounds
23 July	09.30hrs	Knockout Rounds	Knockout Rounds & Finals
24 July	09.30hrs	Knockout Rounds & Finals	Reserve Day

4.2 Unless excused by the Organizing Authority, attendance at the following is mandatory:

- (a) Initial briefing for teams.
- (b) Daily press conferences
- (c) Prize giving for the top eight teams in each Division.

4.3 The last time for a warning signal on Friday 24 July is 18.30hrs.

4.4 Practice sessions may be available on 18 & 19 July in time slots allocated by the Organizing Authority.

4.5 Daily briefings may take place prior to commencement of racing at the discretion of the Race Committee. The time of the briefing will be published on the official notice board.

4.6 Daily debriefing sessions may be held following racing at the discretion of the Chief Umpire.

5. ELIGIBILITY

5.1 The Championship will be held in two divisions – the Open Division and the Youth Division. Each Division will award an ISAF World Championship.

5.2 The event is open only to Member National Authorities (MNAs) in good standing with ISAF and competitors from such MNAs.

5.3 ISAF Eligibility as required by ISAF Regulation 19 is required of all competitors.

5.4 All competitors shall obtain an ISAF Sailor ID by registering online at www.sailing.org/isafsailor.

5.5 The minimum age requirement is that all competitors shall be at least 14 years old on 31 December 2015. All competitors entering the Youth Division shall be under 19 years of age on 31 December 2015 (i.e. born after 31 December 1996). Evidence of age shall be submitted to the Organizing Authority no later than the close of registration (the ISAF Technical Delegate may extend this deadline).

5.6 Each team shall consist of three crews of two competitors each (six in total). Each team shall include at least one female and one male competitor.

- 5.7 A competitor must be a national of the country of the MNA that is entering him or which he is entitled to represent under the ISAF Regulations. However this does not apply to:
- (a) any team composed under NOR 5.8; or
 - (b) any substitutes approved by the ISAF Technical Delegate.
- 5.8 To encourage the growth and development of team racing, MNAs (or one or more MNAs on a joint basis) may enter a team which includes competitors from another MNA in accordance with the following conditions:
- (a) ISAF has approved the entry for the MNA or MNAs in question; and
 - (b) the composition of the team has been approved by the ISAF Technical Delegate and by the MNA or MNAs entering the team.

6. ALLOCATION OF ENTRIES

- 6.1 The maximum number of teams in the Championship is thirty six and entries will be offered at the discretion of ISAF based on the following criteria:
- (a) one place in the Youth Division will be offered to the MNA of the winners of the 2014 Optimist World Team Racing Championship to enter that team provided that at least two of the skippers of the winning team are entered to sail as helms;
 - (b) subject to NOR 6.1(a), in each Division each MNA applying for an entry before the MNA Priority Deadline will receive an entry for one team before any MNA receives an entry for a second or subsequent team;
 - (c) if after the MNA Priority Deadline there are places remaining in a Division, entries may be granted to MNAs who applied for a second or subsequent entry before the MNA Priority Deadline; and
 - (d) any remaining places after consideration of all entries received before the MNA Priority Deadline may be awarded to MNAs who entered after that date.
- 6.2 After the MNA Priority Deadline, ISAF may accept an entry from a team to race on behalf of a country if the MNA for that country has not applied for a place.
- 6.3 The MNA Priority Deadline is 30 November 2014. The final date for all entries is 1 May 2015 (late entries may be considered at the discretion of ISAF).
- 6.4 MNAs may enter a team and confirm the names of the competitors at a later date provided ISAF receives the final confirmation no later than 31 May 2015.
- 6.5 After 31 May 2015, team changes may only be made with the approval of the ISAF Technical Delegate.

7. ENTRY PROCEDURE

- 7.1 Entry forms shall be completed and sent by the relevant MNA to the email address at the end of this NOR. The entry shall be accompanied by a deposit of £500 paid to the organizing authority. The deposit will only be refunded if the entry is not accepted.
- 7.2 By 1 May 2015, each entered team shall pay the full entry fee of £1,200 (less any deposit already paid).

- 7.3 Any competitor who is under 18 years of age on 20 July 2015 shall deliver to the Race Committee at registration a parental consent form signed by his parents or legal guardian (forms will be available on the event website).
- 7.4 The Organizing Authority may require individual information on competitors by published dates. Teams shall comply with such requests by any relevant deadline. Medical forms will be required to be completed by all competitors and handed to Race Committee at registration (forms will be available on the event website).
- 7.5 An initial damage deposit of £500 per team shall be paid at registration, unless extended by the Organizing Authority. This deposit is the maximum payable by the team as a result of any one incident.
- 7.6 If a deduction from the damage deposit is decided by the Organizing Authority, it may require that the deposit be restored to its original amount before the team will be permitted to continue in the event.
- 7.7 Damage attributed to competitors generally or to an unidentified team will be attributed equally between all teams. A team may apply to the International Jury to determine its responsibility for any damage.
- 7.8 Any remaining deposit after the event will be refunded within ten (10) days after the event.
- 7.9 A team will only be regarded as validly entered on completion of registration, the delivery of all required forms and the payment of deposits. All payments shall be made by credit card or local currency.

8. INTENDED FORMAT

- 8.1 The intention is that both Divisions will consist of the following stages:
- (a) Stage 1: One or more Round Robin series
 - (b) Stage 2: Quarter-Finals and Semi-Finals (knockout series)
 - (c) Stage 3: Finals (knockout series)
- 8.2 The detailed event format (including qualifying stages) will be published in the Sailing Instructions and may change from this intended format.
- 8.3 The ISAF Technical Delegate may change the format, terminate or eliminate any round or stage, when conditions or the remaining time scheduled do not permit the completion of the event format.
- 8.4 The event format may permit teams in the Youth Division to qualify for the Open Division and compete for that Division as well.
- 8.5 The event format may restrict progression from the qualifying stages to the knockout series to one team per MNA.

9. EQUIPMENT

- 9.1 The event will be sailed in three boat teams. The boats will be Firefly type dinghies and will be supplied by the Organizing Authority.
- 9.2 There will be no weight limit.
- 9.3 Teams will be assigned boats for use in each race by the Race Committee.

10. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 10.1 The draft Sailing Instructions will be made available to download from the event website by 1 June 2015.
- 10.2 Questions received by email will be posted on the event website with an answer until 17 July 2015. After this time, questions and answers will be published on the official notice board.

11. COURSES

The course will be either a starboard-hand rounding “S” course or another course configuration approved by ISAF. ISAF will notify teams of the approved intended course configurations by 1 April 2015.

12. ADVERTISING

- 12.1 As boats and equipment will be supplied by the Organizing Authority, ISAF Regulation 20.4.2 applies. Each boat will be required to display advertising as supplied by the Organizing Authority.
- 12.2 While racing, competitors may be required to wear bibs supplied by the Organizing Authority.
- 12.3 Boats shall not be permitted the right to protest for breaches of any rules regarding advertising (this amends RRS 60.1).

13. COACHES

Coach boats will not be allowed. Coaches, team managers and any other team officials or persons accompanying teams will not be allowed on the race course, pontoons or floating jetties except with the prior permission of the Race Committee or the ISAF Technical Delegate.

14. PRIZES

- 14.1 The first placed team in the Open Division will be presented with the ISAF Team Racing World Championship Trophy. A trophy will also be presented to the first place team in the Youth Division.
- 14.2 ISAF Gold, Silver and Bronze medals will be presented to the top 3 teams in each Division.
- 14.3 Other prizes may be presented.
- 14.4 The International Jury may reduce a prize in the case of misconduct or refusal to comply with any reasonable request, including attendance at official functions.

15. MEDIA RIGHTS

- 15.1 By participating in the event, competitors automatically grant to the Organizing Authority, their sponsors and ISAF 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 the athlete during the period of the competition without compensation.
- 15.2 Competitors may be required for interviews at the event.

16. DOPING CONTROL

Doping control will be conducted in accordance with the World Anti-Doping Code. In-competition testing may be carried out at the event.

17. RISK STATEMENT

Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk and they are reminded of the provisions of RRS 4, Decision to Race. Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor and team 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, their crew and the boat supplied to them to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- (b) they are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their supplied 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) by participating in any race, they are satisfied that their supplied 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; and
- (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;

18. FURTHER INFORMATION

Further information about the event, the host club and the venue may be found on the event's website:

Website: www.rutlandteamracing.org.uk

Email: rutlandteamracing@gmail.com