



Galway City Sailing Club

Western Schools Team Racing Championships

27th March 2022

NOTICE OF RACE and Pre-Entry

1. Rules

- a) Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 (RRS) including
 - a) Appendix D, Team Racing Rules.
 - b) All races will be umpired. The World Sailing Call Book for Team Racing will apply.
 - c) The right of appeal will be denied under RRS 70.5(a)
 - d) RRS 40.1 shall always apply when afloat or at the launch area.
 - e) Competitors and their support persons will be made temporary members of Galway City Sailing Club for the duration of the event and shall adhere to all rules and bylaws.
 - f) Each team and competitor agree to abide by Addendum A to this document, Damage Assessment.

2. Covid-19 Regulations

- a) It is the intention of the organising authority to run the championship as described herein, subject to compliance with the Covid-19 regulations of the government and Irish Sailing. Any non-standard rules or arrangements will be notified as early as possible.
- b) If the organising authority decides that the event cannot be safely sailed in compliance with the relevant Covid regulations, it will cancel the event. All entry fees that have been paid will be refunded in full less any costs incurred.
- c) No refunds to an individual team will be given except if a team is unable to participate due to local travel restrictions preventing them from getting to the event.

- i. If a team is no longer able to compete as a team member has been instructed to self-isolate AND the team has not been able to find a replacement member. Evidence may be required.

3. Sailing Instructions

- a) The Sailing Instructions will be published on the Official Noticeboard by 18th March 2022.

4. Communication

- a) Communication will be via the club website <https://galwaycitysailingclub.com>. Also a one-way WhatsApp will be setup when the entry list is finalized

5. Eligibility and Entry

- a. The event shall be raced by teams of six sailors in FireFlies sailed by two people and supplied by NUIG Sailing Club.
- b. This event is open to secondary school teams from the Western/Connacht region. N.B the event will accept teams comprised of students from different schools. These teams will be eligible for an overall event trophy but will not be eligible for the Connacht schools teams trophy.
- c. Competitors must ensure the Parental Consent Form has been completed prior to racing. Failure to comply with this may result in a team receiving discretionary penalties or disqualification, which will be decided by the Organising Authority. Entry is limited to a maximum of 10 teams. On a first come first served basis, for the first 10 teams that have entered. Other teams will be placed on a waiting list in sequence.
- d. Entries must be submitted by email to roemfbp@gmail.com or westernjuniorteamracing@gmail.com no later than 5pm Thursday the 24th of March. Please include names and date of birth of all competitors on the team plus the school that they attend. Also please attach completed Parental Consent form for each competitor, this is downloadable from the same location as this NOR.
- e. To be considered an entry in the event, a team shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

6. Entry Fees

- a. The entry fee is €60 per team payable at registration on the morning of the event.
- b. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the organising authority.

7. Advertising

- a. The organising authority may provide bibs that competitors are required to wear as permitted by the World Sailing Advertising Code.

8. Schedule

- a. Registration will be in the GCSC dinghy pen on Sunday 27th March, from 8:30am to 9:30am.
- b. Details of the briefing will be published in the Sailing Instructions.
- c. Racing will be a series of round robin races and followed, if possible, by a knockout stage.
- d. Racing will be scheduled to start, and finish as follows:
 - i. On Sunday 27th March racing will start at 11:00am
 - ii. ii) Racing will finish no later than 4:30pm on Sunday 27th March.
- e. Prize giving will be as soon as possible after the conclusion of racing.

9. Course

- a) The course to be sailed will be a “starboard digital N” course.
- b) The marks used will be described in the briefing.

10. Prizes

- a) The winning schools team will receive a trophy for the Connacht Schools Championship. There will also be an overall event trophy. In the event that a Schools team wins the event overall they will receive both the Schools Trophy and the Overall trophy. If a mixed team (comprised of competitors from different schools) wins the event overall they will receive the Overall trophy but not the Schools trophy. The schools trophy in this circumstance will go to the best placed schools team.
- b) Other prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the organising authority.

11. Media and images

- a) Competitors automatically grant to the organising authority without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped, or filmed television of, or relating to, the event.

12. Data Protection

- a) The personal information you provide to the organizing authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the event.
- b) If you have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the event (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is contract.
- c) If you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest.
- d) Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the organizing authority's privacy policy.
- e) When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with Irish Sailing, your national authority and/or World Sailing.
- f) The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

13. Risk Statement

- a) Rule 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race 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 the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:
 - I. They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accepts responsibility for the exposure of themselves and their crew to such inherent risk while taking part in the event.
 - II. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, and any property they may bring, whether afloat or ashore
 - III. They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions
 - IV. The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities

- V. The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances
- VI. It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for this event
- VII. It is their responsibility to ensure that they are familiar with the type of boat used, and the supplied equipment and are suitably experienced with its operation
- VIII. It is their responsibility for ensuring all supplied equipment is carried on board
- IX. That they are fit to sail and that they believe the boat and crew can compete in the anticipated conditions

14. Damage Deposit & Assessment

Competitors should show due care and attention to the boats that are provided for their use during the event. Damage to boats causes conflict, delay, and impacts everyone involved. This intends to help minimise damage while ensuring that penalties are consistent, providing more racing at less cost for everyone.

RRS D2.3 and D3.1 permit the umpires or protest committee to decide the penalty when a boat breaks RRS 14. This document explains how damage will be assessed and gives general guidance on the appropriate penalty. When the protest committee has good reasons to do so, it may apply a different penalty.

14.1 Damage Deposit

- a) Each team will be liable for the cost of damage to boats, equipment, and property up to a maximum of €300 per incident.
- b) A deposit for this amount will be required at registration and before the team may sail.
- c) When a team is assessed as liable for damage, it shall restore the deposit to the original value to continue sailing.
- d) Damage attributed to competitors generally, or to an unidentified team, will be attributed equally between all teams.
- e) A team may apply to the protest committee to determine their responsibility for any damage.

- f) The deposit, or any remaining balance of the deposit, will be returned after the Championship.

14.2 Damage Assessment

- a) An initial assessment of the damage level will be made on the water as soon as possible following a racing incident.
- b) The initial assessment is for the purpose of Penalties only and is not linked to any damage associated costs which may subsequently be allocated to a Team. Onward assessment of the damage level after further inspection, whether it turns out to be higher or lower, will have no effect on the penalty given by the protest committee but may affect any damage associated costs.

15. Penalties

- a) The protest committee may impose a Penalty to the team of boats that break rule 14.
- b) Penalties of half a race win or more may be applied to a team's race score in the race in which damage occurred or the race sailed nearest in time to that of the incident.

16. Damage Costs

- a) The Race Committee may require a team to make an intermediate payment, to the amount defined in this addendum; against allocated damage costs before the team may sail another event boat
- b) If a team is required to pay damage costs, and these are not paid at the event, the Organising Authorities will issue an invoice to the skipper. Invoices must be paid (without set off or deduction) within 14 days unless an extension is agreed with the Organising Authorities.
- c) Failure to pay a damage invoice within 14 days (or any extension period) is a breach of this addendum and the Organising Authorities may:
 - i. add an administrative fee of €50 per invoice to cover the costs of chasing payment.
 - ii. disqualify the team in question without a hearing, this changes RRS 63.1.
 - iii. report the team members to the Protest Committee for investigation under RRS 69
 - iv. reject any future entries from the; Team; or Team's School

- d) The Organising Authority may amend or cancel a damage notice at any time and may reinstate a team disqualified.

17. SCHOOL TEAM REPRESENTATIVE

- a) All teams must be accompanied by a Teacher/Parent or Guardian (over the age of 18)-referred to as the 'School Representative'.
- b) This person may not be a competitor.
- c) The School Representative is required to be listed on the Entry Form.
- d) The School Representative must stay in attendance in the environs of Galway City Sailing Club for the duration of the event.
- e) The School Representatives will be asked to assist with launching, retrieval, changeover boats and committee boats subject to their experience and abilities.
- f) If the School Representatives cannot be in attendance for the duration of the event, please assign a suitable replacement in their absence.
- g) Failure to comply with 17. may result in a team receiving discretionary penalties or disqualification, which will be decided by the Organising Authority.