



**J/24 European Championships
30 August 2022 to 3 September 2022
Howth Yacht Club, Dublin, Ireland**



Sailing Instructions

The notation [DP] in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the international jury, be less than disqualification. The notation [NP] in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for a breach of this rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1. Rules

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 No National Prescriptions shall apply
- 1.3 The Regatta Regulations of the International J/24 Class Association (IJCA) will apply.
- 1.4 Support Person Vessels – RRS 41 shall apply from the time a boat leaves her mooring for the first race of each day and until she returns to her mooring after racing. If RC displays Race Signal AP over H, RRS 41 restrictions are suspended until she leaves her mooring again. This changes the preamble to Part 4 rules.
- 1.5 [NP][DP]Bow numbers may be assigned to each boat and will be used as identification for the boat during the regatta. Bow numbers shall be applied in accordance with the instructions supplied and shall remain affixed until after a boat hauls out at the end of the regatta.
- 1.6 In accordance with RRS G3, a boat chartered or loaned for this event may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of the class rules.
- 1.7 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.
- 1.8 RRS Appendix T: Arbitration shall apply to this event, except as modified by SI 14.1.
- 1.9 RRS 61.1(a) is changed so that the red flag displayed by a protesting boat shall have a hoist of not less than 150mm and a fly of not less than 200mm.
- 1.10 RRS 60.4(a) is changed to read: “but not rules 41, 42, 44, 46, and 49.2 sentences 1 and 2”
- 1.11 The International Jury may impose penalties less than disqualification (DPI), for violation of the class rules and racing rules other than those of Part 1 and Part 2.
- 1.12 Class rule C.2.1(b) is replaced with class rule J.4.3 that allows limited crew substitution.
- 1.13 Class rule C.10.2 is replaced by class rule J.2 that allows a spare spinnaker with restrictions.

2. Changes to Sailing Instructions:

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 1000 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Notice Board located in the passageway next to the Marina Office.
- 3.2 Scoring Enquiries, Crew/Equipment Substitution Requests, Questions for RC/Jury, Hearing Requests, Hearing Schedules, Penalty Reports and RRS 42 Reports will be posted online at https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/events/2542/event_links?name=j24-european-championships
- 3.3 The Race Office is located at on the ground floor of the Club.
- 3.4 On the water, the Race Committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel **VHF Channel 77** to communicate to the fleet. The Race Committee communications may include the location of the starting area, countdown to the start, OCS bow or sail numbers, general recalls and postponements. Failure to make broadcasts or failure to hear broadcasts shall not constitute grounds for granting redress. This changes rules 62.1(a)

4. Signals Made Ashore:

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the HYC flagpole, located at the top of the marina walkway.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP. This changes Race Signals AP.

5. Schedule of Races:

On Saturday 27 and Sunday 28 August Registration, Inspection and Crew Weigh-in will take place from 0900-1800

Date	Day	Time	Activity
27-Aug	Saturday	0900 - 1800	Registration/Inspection/Crew Weigh-in
28-Aug	Sunday	0900 - 1800	Registration/Inspection/Crew Weigh-in
29-Aug	Monday Practice Race	0900 - 1200	Registration/Inspection/Crew Weigh-in
		1200 - 1230	Opening Ceremony
		1230	Skippers Briefing
		1400 - 1600	Practice race
		1800	All Boats Afloat
30-Aug	Tuesday 2 races	0800 - 0900	Crew Weigh-in*
		1100	Warning for the first race of the day
31-Aug	Wednesday 2 races	0800 - 0900	Crew Weigh-in*
		1100	Warning for the first race of the day
01-Sep	Thursday 2 races	0800 - 0900	Crew Weigh-in*
		1100	Warning for the first race of the day
02-Sep	Friday 2 races	0800 - 0900	Crew Weigh-in*
		1100	Warning for the first race of the day
		1800	Buffet & Entertainment Included
03-Sep	Saturday 2 races	0800 - 0900	Crew Weigh-in*
		1100	Warning for the first race of the day
		1430	No warning signal will be made after this time, except for postponements and general recalls of a race where the warning signal was made before 1430.
		1800	Prize Giving Ceremony

*These scheduled crew weigh-ins are only for race committee approved replacements or crews specified per SI 1.13.

5.2 Ten races are scheduled over five consecutive days.

5.3 Two races are scheduled per day. One extra race per day may be sailed provided that the regatta does not become more than one race ahead of schedule and the change is made according to the provisions of the Sailing Instructions. If the regatta is behind schedule, extra races to a maximum of four races may be sailed in a single day.

6. Class Flag:

The J/24 Class Flag (Blue insignia on a white background) shall be used in accordance with RRS 26.

7. Racing Areas:

Location of the racing area is shown in **ADDENDUM B**

8. Courses:

- 8.1 Courses will be windward/leeward with 5 legs (course 5) or four legs (course 4).
- 8.2 The diagrams in **ADDENDUM C** show the courses.
- 8.3 No later than the warning signal, the race committee vessel will display the course designator, the approximate compass bearing and the distance of the first leg. The RC will also broadcast this information. Failure to broadcast or to receive this information shall not constitute grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 8.4 An offset mark (designated mark 1a) will be used in conjunction with Mark 1. The offset mark will be placed to the left of the weather mark (looking up wind) at approximately a right angle to the weather leg and approximately 10-15 boat lengths to the left of Mark 1.
- 8.5 Mark 2 will be a gate consisting of two marks (mark 2P and mark 2S). If the gate is not present, mark 2 shall be rounded to port. Except when there is a change of course, the gate will be positioned to windward of the starting line at a distance at the discretion of the RC. The gate may be laid after the starting signal.
- 8.6 Except for a change of course, the finish for course 5 will be located to windward of mark 1.
- 8.7 No 5-leg course will be shortened to less than four legs in length, and no 4-leg course will be shortened to less than three legs in length. For purpose of this SI only, the distance between mark 1 and the offset mark will not be regarded as a leg of the course. This changes RRS 33.

9. Marks:

Marks 1, 1a, 2s and 2p, start and finish will be:

Mark	Original	New Marks per SI 12.2
1	Large black inflatable	Large yellow inflatable
1a (offset)	Large black inflatable	Large yellow inflatable
2s and 2p (GATE)	Large black inflatable	Large yellow inflatable
Start	See SI 11.2	N/A
Finish	See SI 13	N/A

A Race Committee Vessel signalling a change of a leg of the course is a mark as provided in SI 12.3.

10. Areas That Are Obstructions:

No areas are designated as obstructions.

11. Start:

- 11.1 Races will be started using RRS26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 11.2 The starting line will be between a red/white pole displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel and a red/white pole displaying an orange flag on a pin end committee vessel or an orange pillar type mark.
- 11.3 RC may broadcast starting information and countdowns on the **VHF channel 77**. Failure to make or receive such broadcasts will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

- 11.4 The RC will attempt to broadcast twice the bow/sail numbers of all boats subject to individual recall (RRS 29.1), UFD (RRS 30.3), BFD (RRS 30.4); it will not alter the list based on a boat's actions subsequent to the start. Failure to make or receive such broadcasts will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 11.5 RRS 30.4 is changed to permit the RC to display sail number or bow number after a general recall.
- 11.6 [NP] A boat starting later than 6 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, 63.1, A4, A5.1 and A5.2

12. Change of the Next Leg of the Course:

- 12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee may move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position or lay a new mark and remove the old mark as soon as practicable. If Mark 1 is moved the Race Committee will endeavour to relocate the Mark 1a.
- 12.2 The position of any mark(s) may be adjusted by up to plus or minus 10 degrees relative to previous location and up to approximately 200 metres to windward or leeward without signalling Flag C, a direction signal, a length signal or a sound signal. This changes RRS 33.
- 12.3 Except at a gate, 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. This changes RRS 28.

13. The Finish:

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the finishing line boat and an orange cherry type mark.

14. Penalty System:

- 14.1 RRS Appendix T will apply, as modified below.
 - 14.1.1 A boat may accept a Post-Race scoring penalty of 30% only until the end of the Protest time Limit by completing a Penalty Acceptance Form available at the Protest Desk. This changes RRS App T.1.(a) and T.1.(b).
 - 14.1.2 A boat accepting a Post-Race scoring penalty after an arbitration hearing shall be penalized 40%. This changes RRS App T.1.(b).
- 14.2 The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: "A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident while *racing*. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 while in the *zone* around a *mark* other than a starting *mark*, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty."
- 14.3 Except if the course is shortened to finish at the windward mark, penalties while in the zone of the windward mark or on the offset leg may be delayed and taken as soon as possible on the downwind leg. This changes RRS 44.2
- 14.4 RRS Appendix P applies, as below.
 - 14.4.1 Rule P1.1 is changed to read, "Only members of the Jury may serve as observers and act in accordance with rule P1.2."
 - 14.4.2 P1.2 is changed to read "An observer appointed under rule P1.1 who sees a boat breaking rule 42 may penalize her by, as soon as reasonably possible, making a sound signal, pointing a yellow flag at her and hailing her sail number or bow number, even if she is no longer racing.

A boat so penalized shall not be penalized a second time under rule 42 for the same incident.”

14.4.3 Rule P2.1 is changed to read, “two-turns penalty” is changed to “one-turn penalty”.

14.4.4 Rule P2.2, P2.3 shall not apply.

15. Time Limits and Target Times:

- 15.1 The target time for races is 60 to 80 minutes. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 15.2 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) without a hearing. A TLE score shall be two more points than the number of boats that have finished within the time limit. This changes RRS 35, 63.1, A4, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

16. Hearing Requests

- 16.1 Protests, Requests for Redress and Scoring Inquiries should be submitted online, within the protest time limit, at https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/events/2542/event_links?name=i24-european-championships
- 16.2 The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day finishes the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The time will be posted online at https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/events/2542/event_links?name=i24-european-championships
- 16.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties. Parties are responsible for notifying their witnesses. Hearings will be held in the Centenary Room on the second floor of the clubhouse.
- 16.4 The Race Committee will post a list of penalties being assigned by the Race Committee or Jury (including RRS 42 violations under Appendix P) prior to the end of the protest time limit. The deadline for requests for redress based on these assigned penalties will be either 30 minutes after posting or the protest time limit, whichever is later. This changes RRS 62.2.
- 16.5 Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 16.6 Decisions of the International Jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

17. Scoring:

- 17.1 Four races are required to be completed to constitute a championship.
- 17.2 When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores. When five or more races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.

18. Safety Regulations:

- 18.1 [NP][DP] A boat that retires from a race or does not intend to compete in a race or returns to the racing area shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 18.2 [NP][DP] Before the warning signal of the first race each day, each boat shall sail on starboard tack past the stern of a designated race committee boat displaying flag L and hail her bow number until

acknowledged by the race committee repeating her bow number.

19. Replacement of Crew or Equipment:

- 19.1 Crew replacements are limited to those allowed by SI 1.12 and class rule J.4.3. The Jury may approve a crew substitution during the event in cases of illness or emergency.
- 19.2 Even if replacement/substitution is allowed, the number of crew shall not change during the regatta.
- 19.3 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the technical committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the technical committee at the first reasonable opportunity. Substitution of spinnaker poles or rudders with spares that have been measured and carry event limitation marks for this event may be done without notification.

20. Equipment and Measurement Checks:

- 20.1 On the water, a boat can be instructed by a member of the Race Committee or Technical Committee to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection by the Technical Committee.
- 20.2 Ashore, equipment may be inspected or measured at times specified in the class rules, the notice of race, and at any time by a member of the technical committee.

21. Event Advertising:

[NP][DP] Boats shall display event advertising that is supplied by the organizing authority. Such advertising shall be installed according to the instructions supplied with them and shall remain in place for the duration of the regatta.

22. Official Vessels:

Official Vessels shall be marked as follows:

Vessel	Flag
Jury	Jury
Technical Committee	Aboard Jury Vessel

23. Support Person Vessels:

- 23.1 **[NP][DP]** Support vessels shall comply with SI 1.4.
- 23.2 **[NP][DP]** Support vessels shall register during scheduled registration, declaring to which boat or boats they are attached. They may be required to display an identification flag supplied by the organizing authority.
- 23.3 **[NP][DP]** Support vessels and support persons shall remain no less than 150m from the racecourse from the warning signal until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee has signalled a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 23.4 **[NP][DP]** Support boat drivers shall have valid third-party liability insurance in the same amount as is required of each participating boat and provide proof of that insurance at registration.

24. Disposal of Rubbish:

[NP][DP] Competitors shall not dispose of rubbish in the water. Rubbish shall be held for proper disposal.

25. Afloat and Haul-out Restrictions:

[NP][DP] Boats shall be afloat, with rudders mounted, by 1800 29th August 2022 and shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with, and according to the terms of prior written permission of the technical committee.

26. Diving Equipment, Plastic Pools and Other Prohibited Actions:

- 26.1 [DP] Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used between the time the boat is afloat and the end of the regatta. The hull may be cleaned at any time by swimming or keelhauling using ropes, cloth or other equipment designed for that use.
- 26.2 [DP] Careening by any means for the purpose of cleaning or inspecting the hull is prohibited during the regatta.
- 26.3 [DP] Use of dehumidifiers or electric fans are prohibited at all times while boats are afloat.

27. Radio Communication:

- 27.1 [DP] Except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. This shall apply from the time she leaves her mooring for the first race of the day until racing for the day is complete.

28. Prizes:

- 28.1 Prizes will be awarded as stated in NoR 17.
- 28.2 The IJCA Perpetual Trophies will be awarded to the winning crew.

29. Disclaimer of Liability:

- 29.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta.
- 29.2 All competitors will be required to sign a Competitor Liability Waiver form to be provided in the registration package.

30. Further Information,

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ADDENDUM B – RACE AREA



