

International Laser Class Association of Ireland

ILCA IRELAND MAJOR EVENT SAILING INSTRUCTIONS 2024

The notation [NP] in a rule of the sailing instructions means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that 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.
- 1.2 Racing rule(s) Signal AP, 33, 35, 60.1(a), 60.1(b), 61.3, 62.1(a), 62.2, A2, A5.1, A5.2 will be changed. The changes will appear, in full, in these sailing instructions.
- 1.3 These Major Event SIs (MESIs) cover all ILCA Ireland events, and will be supplemented by Supplementary Sailing Instructions (SSIs) for each specific Regatta.

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board as set out in the Supplementary Sailing Instructions (SSIs) for each event.

4 CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed as set out in the SSIs.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes in the race signal AP.
- 5.3 [DP] Flag D with one sound signal means the warning signal will be made not less than 45 minutes after flag D is displayed. Boats shall not leave the shore until this signal is made.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 The schedule of races will be set out in the NOR for each event.
- 6.2 An additional race may be run on any day at the discretion of the race committee.

To indicate this intention the finish boat will display flag Numeral 4 at the end of the last scheduled race on any day.

- 6.3 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound signal at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.

7 CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1 Class flags will be:

Standard rig fleet	White Laser Class Flag
Radial rig fleet	Green Radial Class Flag
4.7 Fleet	Yellow 4.7 Class Flag

8 RACING AREAS

- 8.1 The Sailing Area will be as described at the briefing.

9 THE COURSES

- 9.1 Trapezoid courses will be used. The diagram in Attachment 1 show the courses, including the order in which marks are to be passed, all Marks shall be rounded to port.
- 9.2 The course to be sailed will be indicated by boards displayed on the side of the committee vessel.

10 MARKS

- 10.1 Marks will be described in the SSIs.

11 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

- 11.1 Official boats, including a safety boat in close attendance to a craft or competitor in difficulty, are designated as an obstruction. Other obstructions may be set out in the SSIs.
- 11.2 Other obstructions may be set out in the SSIs.

12 THE START

- 12.1 The starting line will be between a staff on a committee vessel displaying an orange flag at the starboard end and the course side of the start mark.
- 12.2 A boat that does not start within 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.
- 12.3 [DP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

13 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 13.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.

13.2 Minor Course changes may not be signalled, this changes RRS 33.

14 THE FINISH

14.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a committee vessel and the course side of the finish mark.

15 PENALTY SYSTEM

15.1 RRS Appendix P will apply except that RRS P2.3 does not apply and RRS P2.2 is changed so that it applies to any penalty after the first one.

15.2 RRS Appendix T (Arbitration) shall apply.

16 TIME LIMITS

16.1 Boats failing to finish within a 20-minute finishing window after the first boat in her class sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1 and A5.2.

16.2 In addition to RRS 32, the race committee may also award a finishing score to a boat that is still racing by displaying to her from a committee vessel (which may be in motion) flag W with one sound signal. A boat so notified is no longer required to sail the course, shall stop racing and shall return to the starting area, or return ashore if there is no more racing. A finishing score under this sailing instruction will be the score she would have received had she sailed the course and finished within any time limit, without gaining or losing any place. However, when two or more boats that are overlapped are notified, they will be scored as if they were tied. The decision by the race committee to use this procedure or not to use it shall not be grounds for requesting redress. This changes rules 60.1(b) and 62.1(a).

17 HEARING REQUESTS

17.1 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 the later. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.

17.2 Hearing Request forms are available as set out in the SSIs.

17.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held at the location specified in the SSIs.

18 SCORING

18.1 The scoring system is in accordance with Appendix A.

18.2 The number of races required to be completed to constitute a series and the number of worst scores to be excluded will be specified in the Regatta NOR.

19 SAFETY REGULATIONS

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

19.2 [DP] [NP] All competitors shall tally out and tally in as described at the briefing.

20 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

20.1 [DP] [NP] Substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.

20.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorised by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made at the first reasonable opportunity.

21 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

21.1 [NP] A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.

22 SUPPLIED BOATS

Does not apply.

23 OFFICIAL VESSELS

23.1 Official vessels will be identified as set out in the SSIs.

24 [DP] [NP] SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

24.1 As per NoR.

25 TRASH DISPOSAL

25.1 Trash may be placed aboard official or Support Person Vessels.

26 BERTHING

26.1 [DP] [NP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the dinghy park.

27 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Does not apply.

28 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

Does not apply.

29 PRIZES

As per NoR.

30 RISK STATEMENT

As per NoR.

31 INSURANCE

As per NoR.

ATTACHMENT 1 – Courses

Trapezoid Course

- O2 1, 2, 3, 2, 3, Finish
 O3 1, 2, 3, 2, 3, 2, 3, Finish
 O4 1, 2, 3, 2, 3, 2, 3, 2, 3, Finish
- I2 1, 4, 1, 2, 3, Finish
 I3 1, 4, 1, 4, 1, 2, 3, Finish
 I4 1, 4, 1, 4, 1, 4, 1, 2, 3, Finish

Marks 1, 2, 3 and 4 to be left to Port

