



European Championship

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Circolo Vela Arco

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



Abbreviations

<i>WS</i>	<i>World Sailing</i>	<i>PRO</i>	<i>Principal Race Officer</i>
<i>FIV</i>	<i>Italian Sailing Federation</i>	<i>RC</i>	<i>Race Committee</i>
<i>RRS</i>	<i>Racing Rules of Sailing</i>	<i>PC</i>	<i>Protest Committee</i>
<i>OA</i>	<i>Organising Authority</i>	<i>RO</i>	<i>Regatta Office</i>
<i>NoR</i>	<i>Notice of Race</i>	<i>TC</i>	<i>Technical Committee</i>
<i>ONB</i>	<i>Online Official Notice Board</i>	<i>SI</i>	<i>Sailing Instructions</i>

[DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the International Jury.

[NP] denotes that a breach of this rule will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. **This changes RRS 60.1(a).**

[SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee without a hearing.

1 RULES

See NoR. Point 1

2 SAFETY REGULATIONS [DP][NP][SP]

2.1 The boat park is located behind the offices; 250 mt from the entrance slip- way to the water, therefore it is mandatory to follow the IN/OUT rules posted on the ONB.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the [Racing Rules of Sailing](#)

3.2 Failure to post a notice on the website will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.

4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

4.1 Any change to the SI will be posted not less than 60 minutes before the first scheduled warning signal of the day on which it will take effect.

4.2 Any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 on the day before it will take effect.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE [DP] [NP]

5.1 Signal made ashore will be displayed at the official flagpole located in front of the Boat Park.

5.2 When **AP flag** is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 45 minutes" in the race AP signal.

5.3 **[DP] [NP]** The boats cannot go afloat until the **Delta Flag** is displayed at official flagpole. **Delta flag** displayed ashore means: "The warning signals will be made not less than 45 minutes after the raising of flag D or no earlier than the scheduled time, whichever is later. Boats must not leave the boat park until this signal is raised. Target time to raise Delta is 90 minutes, before scheduled start for afternoon starts and 60 minutes for morning starts.

6 COMPETITION FORMAT [DP] [NP] (This completes the Nor point 5)

6.1 The event is split into fleets and will consist of a **Qualifying** series and a **Final** series.

6.2 Qualifying Series:

6.2.1 Boats will be assigned to **Yellow** and **Blue** fleets of, as nearly as possible, equal size and ability. Initial assignments will be made by a seeding committee appointed by the IF18CA. Those assignments will be posted not later than 09:30h on the day of the first scheduled race.

6.2.2 Boats will be reassigned to fleets after each day of racing, except if on the first day fewer than two races are completed by all fleets. If all fleets have completed the same number of races, boats will be reassigned on the basis of their ranks in the series. If the fleets have not completed the same number of races, the series scores for reassignment will be calculated for those races that both fleets have completed.

The fleet assignments will be made as follows:

YELLOW	BLUE
1st	2nd
4th	3rd
5th	6th
And so on	7th

6.2.3 Assignments may be based on the ranking available at 20:00 that day, regardless of protests or requests for redress not yet decided.

6.2.4 **[DP] [NP]** Boats shall display a colored ribbon corresponding to the fleet to which they have been assigned. The ribbon shall be fixed at the end of the top batten.

6.2.5 The Organizing Authority will supply the ribbons.

6.3 Final Series:

- 6.3.1 A final series will be scheduled to start the day after the 6th qualifying series race has been completed.
- 6.3.2 Boats will be assigned to the **Gold** or **Silver** fleets on the basis of their ranks in the qualifying series. In case of odd entry numbers, Gold fleet will gather one more competitor than Silver fleet.
- 6.3.3 Any recalculation of Qualifying Series ranking after boats have been assigned to Final Series will not affect the assignments except that a redress decision may promote a boat to a higher fleet.

7 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 7.1 See NoR. Point 6.

8 THE COURSE

- 8.1 The diagrams in **SI Attachment B** show the courses, the course designations, the order in which marks are to be passed, single marks must be left to port.
- 8.2 The RC before the warning signal shall display the course Inner or Outer.
- 8.3 The course length will be set so the race will last approximately 45 minutes in the anticipated wind conditions. A different race time will not be grounds for redress (this changes RRS 62.1(a)).
- 8.4 A board on the race committee boat will show the approximate compass bearing to Mark 1. Failing to do this, will not be ground for redress (this changes RRS 62.1(a)).
- 8.5 The gate may be replaced by a single mark. If a Gate mark is missing during the race the other has to be left to port.

9 MARKS

- 9.1 Marks:
See the attachment B

10 CLASS FLAG

The Class flag will be the International Formula 18 class flag (White flag with pink lettering F18), plus Yellow or Blue flag corresponding to the fleet to which they has been assigned for the starting race

11. THE START [DP] [NP]

- 11.1 The start line will be between a staff with an **orange flag** on the RC vessel at one end and a RC vessel or a buoy displaying an **orange flag**, at the other end.
- 11.2 **[DP] [NP]** Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area. The starting area is defined as 100 meters from the starting line and its extensions in all directions.
- 11.3 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes rules A4.
- 11.4 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be hoisted at RC boat with one sound not less than 5 minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 11.5 **[DP]** A buoy can be moored on the anchor chain/rope or aft of the starting vessel. Boats must never pass between this mark and the starting vessel. This buoy must be considered an integral part of the committee vessel.

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

12.1 A change of course after the start will be in accordance with rule 33 moving the original marks.

13 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff with a **Blue flag** on the RC vessel at one end and the course side of the nearby spar buoy according to the Attachment B.

14 TIME LIMITS

14.1 A race will be abandoned if no boat has finished within 75 minutes. Failure to meet the time limit will not be grounds for redress. This change rule 62.1(a).

14.2 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

14.3 If no boat has passed Mark 1 within 30 minutes the race will be abandoned.

15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

15.1 Protest and request for redress shall be delivered using the form available on line at [Racing Rules of Sailing](#) The Protest Time Limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the last abandonment signal of the day has been given, for each fleet accordingly.

15.2 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.

15.3 Notices of protest by the RC, TC or PC under rule 61.1(b) will be posted in the official notice board within the Protest Time Limit.

16 SCORING

16.1 See NoR Point 11.

17 REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT [DP]

17.1 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the TC and shall comply with any restrictions of the class rules.

17.2 Requests for substitution shall be made at the first reasonable opportunity on ONB.

18 REPLACEMENT OF CREW [DP]

Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the RC and shall comply with any restrictions in the NoR and any restrictions of the class rules.

19 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

19.1 See NoR Point 7

20 OFFICIAL BOATS

Official boats will be identified as follows:

20.1 RC vessel – RC in black on white Flag.

20.2 Jury boat will display a yellow flag with “J” letter in black. / a red flag with S letter white

20.3 TC boat will display a red flag with “M” letter in black.

20.4 Press boat will display a white flag with “P” letter in black. /PRESS-TV)

20.5 Safety boats will display red flag with “S” letter in white.

20.6 Coach boats will display yellow flag with “S” letter in black.

21 SUPPORT BOATS

See NoR Point 12

22 RADIO COMMUNICATION [DP]

See NoR 14. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

23 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

In accordance with World Sailing RRS Fundamental 3: “the responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone”, so that all sailors take part in the regatta at their own risk and only under their responsibility. The OA, the PRO, the RC, the PC and the TC accept no liability for any damage to persons and/or property, both ashore and afloat, as a result of their participation in the races under these instructions. Owners and managers on board are reminded that they shall respond personally to all accidents that can happen to their boats and/or their crews. Therefore, they will have to contract the necessary insurance to cover all risks including those from third parties. The owners and skippers are also responsible for the decision to take part in a race based on the wind strength, the sea state, the weather forecast. As a consequence of a breach of behavior or sportsmanship, the IJ may exclude a team from continuing the regatta or apply disciplinary actions. This shall apply during all of the event ashore and afloat. The owner or his representative is responsible for the behavior of the crew. Notice is also hereby given to all participants including officials, volunteers, and others that they participate in this event solely at their own risk and voluntarily assume the risks associated with communicable diseases, including, but not limited to, COVID-19.

24 MEDIA RIGHTS

See NoR 18.

25 BERTHING

See NoR 13. See Attachment D.

26 FURTHER INFORMATION

Website: www.circolovelaarco.com

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Website of RRS : <https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/decisions/3732/event>