

STANDARDS FOR MAJOR CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTAS

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INTENT

In order to promote consistency, all major championship regattas, including World, Continental and Midwinter Championships, will be conducted according to the RRS, the International J/22 Class Rules, and the IJ22CA Constitution and By-Laws. In any cases of conflict, the International J/22 Class Rules take precedence over the RRS. Except for World Championships, the RRS prescriptions of the national sailing authority with jurisdiction over the Host Authority will also apply.

SELECTION OF HOST AUTHORITY

In considering a location for these events, no award will be made to any Host Authority (normally a local J/22 fleet or Yacht Club with ties to the local J/22 fleet) unable to comply fully with the RRS the International J/22 Class Rules and these standards. The understanding, willingness and ability of the Host Authority to comply fully with these standards are presumed in good faith when a letter requesting permission to host the event is submitted.

A prospective Host Authority of a World or Continental Championship must submit a letter to the IJ22CA requesting permission to host the event. In the case of a Midwinter Championship, the request letter must be sent to the respective National Class Association (NJCA). The letter should include: A) The event sought to be hosted; B) The name of the prospective Hosting Authority; C) The approximate dates for the event; D) A description of the facility and sailing venue at which the prospective Hosting Authority proposes to conduct the event; E) the availability of charter boats; F) Information regarding the prospective Host Authority's background in hosting similar events; and G) Any other information which might bear on the decision regarding the location of the event.

The World Council will designate the Host Authority of the World and Continental Championships and in making its decision will consider the development and promotion of the J/22, the suitability of the proposed host facilities, the availability of charter boats, racing conditions at the proposed venue, and may consider other factors. The respective NJCA will designate the Host Authority of any Midwinter Championship applying the same criteria.

The World Championship will not be held on the same continent for more than two consecutive years, nor in the same hemisphere for more than three consecutive years. The hemisphere is considered divided by longitude 20 degrees W and 160 degrees E. The responsibility for arranging and providing proper facilities, prizes and entertainment shall rest with the Host Authority. In this regard it will cooperate with and be guided by the World Council.

OVERSIGHT BY THE CLASS ASSOCIATION

An official J/22 Class Association Representative will be appointed to ensure that the regatta is conducted in full accordance with this section. The Representative will assist all committees in an advisory capacity and will be consulted in any disputes concerning International J/22 Class Rules, but need not be a formal member of any committee. The Representative will be available during measurement and registration and attend the competitors' meeting, and will have the option to be present on the main Race Committee boat. The designation of the Representative will be as follows:

World Championships	Appointed by World Council
Continental Championships	Appointed by World Counsel
Midwinter Championships	Appointed by the respective NJCA

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS AND NOTICES OF REGATTA

The Sailing Instructions and Notice of Regatta (RRS Appendices J, K and KE) will conform to the pattern Sailing Instructions and Notice of Regatta published from time-to-time by the ISAF, with only those amendments necessary to conform those pattern documents to the International J/22 Class Rules. Copies of Notices of Regatta and Sailing Instructions for recently sanctioned events may be obtained by contacting the IJ22CA Class Office.

ELIGIBILITY AND MEASUREMENT

No boat will be eligible to enter any major championship unless she has, and produces upon request, a valid IJ22CA Measurement Certificate. The Host Authority may require measurement of the boat or equipment. At World and Continental Championships, the sails for each boat shall be measured and stamped by an IJ22CA measurer.

SUBSTITUTION OF CREW AND EQUIPMENT

Competitors must use the same boat, measured equipment and only one suit of sails throughout the entire regatta unless an item is so severely damaged as to render it unusable. All requests to replace damaged equipment must be submitted to the jury in writing and all replacement items shall be required to pass measurement.

Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the jury. Substitution will be permitted only in case of illness, accident or other exceptional circumstances. In the case of an emergency, permission may be granted retroactively.

DIVISION OF THE FLEET

If there are 60 or more boats at a World or Continental Championship, the fleet may be divided into two divisions through the use of a Qualification Series at the discretion of the Host Authority. Whether and at what number of boats a Qualification Series will be required will be specified in the Sailing Instructions and should be specified in the Notice of Regatta. For the Qualification Series the fleet will be split into four groups represented by different colored flags to sail against each other in a round-robin format. The procedures for conducting the Qualification Series will be left to the discretion of the Host Authority, with the advice and consent of the IJ22CA. The procedures for conducting the Qualification Series will be clearly set forth in the Sailing Instructions.

Based on the results of the Qualification Series, the fleet will be divided into two divisions: Gold (the top half) and Silver (the remaining half) for the Championship Series. If the total number of competitors in the fleet is an odd number, the Gold II Division will have the one additional competitor.

SCHEDULE OF RACES, SCORING AND PRIZES

For World and Continental Championships, races should be scheduled over at least three days, with a fourth reserve day scheduled. For World and Continental Championships a minimum of nine races will be scheduled if the fleet is not divided, and a minimum of seven races will be scheduled in the Championship Series if the fleet is divided. Four races must be completed to constitute a Championship when the fleet is not divided. Three races must be completed to constitute a Championship if the fleet is divided. The circumstances under which races will be conducted on the reserve day must be specified in the Sailing Instructions.

For Midwinter Championships, as many as nine races will be scheduled over three days of racing with no reserve day. Two races must be completed to constitute a Championship.

The Low-Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A, will apply with the following amendments: A) For World and Continental Championships, if two or fewer races are completed in the Qualification Series, no throw-outs will be permitted, and if five or fewer races are completed in the Championship Series (or in the regatta if no Qualification Series is held), no throw-outs will be permitted. B) For Midwinter Championships, if five or fewer races are completed, no throw-outs will be permitted.

Prizes will be awarded to the top five skippers and crew in the Gold Division, and to the top five skippers and crew in the Silver Division. If the fleet is not divided, prizes will be awarded to the top ten skippers and crew.

JURY REQUIREMENTS

An International Jury per RRS Appendix M will be appointed by the Host Authority for World Championships.

For Continental or Midwinter Championships, a jury of not less than three members will be appointed by the Host Authority. The jury must include at least two certified judges and at least one of the certified judges must not regularly compete or judge at the Host Authority's sailing venue.

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The official language of all World Championships will be English.

Championship regattas will be Category C events under the ISAF Advertising Code.

No race may be started in sustained winds of less than 3 knots or more than 25 knots. No race may be started if the visibility is less than one kilometer.

The 720 degrees Turns Penalty, RRS 44.1 and 44.2, will apply.

References in this section to particular provisions of the RRS are for guidance only and are to be construed as references to the 2004-2008 RRS or to the analogous provisions of successor versions of the racing rules of sailing adopted by the ISAF.

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