



International Europe Class Union.

INTERNATIONAL EUROPE CLASS UNION RULES FOR THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS AND OTHER MAJOR EVENTS

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1. GENERAL

- 1.1 The World Championships shall be held once a year preferably in July or beginning of August. It shall be preceded by an International Open Week.
- 1.2 The European Championship dates shall be decided in accordance with IECU.
- 1.3 The Master and Youth European Championship's dates shall be decided in accordance with IECU, preferably in July or beginning of August.
- 1.4 There shall be 2 equal status divisions, sailed in separate races. The World's Winner in each division shall be the "International Europe Class Men's World Champion" and the "International Europe Class Women's World Champion" respectively. The adapted nomination applies to Europeans and Master & Youth Europeans.
- 1.5 The venue for the Championships shall be decided by the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the International Europe Class Union (IECU) in accordance with the following procedure:
 - a. Proposals from countries wishing to host the Championship will be accepted by the IECU V.P. Administration up to 3 years in advance of the Championship. Proposals shall be a formal request in writing giving proposed venue, approximate dates, water surface, expected wind conditions, etc... .
 - b. There shall be a written agreement between the IECU and the host.
 - c. A formal vote on proposals shall be taken at the AGM that is 2 years before the Championship. If no candidates are available by then, the decision might be postponed to the AGM held 1 year before.
 - d. The countries elected to host the World Championships, the Master & Youth European Championships and the European Championships shall make a presentation on Championship arrangements and facilities including the exact date of the Championships at the AGM which is 1 year before the Championships.
- 1.6 These rules and the Sailing instructions as stated in paragraph 15, which are to be considered a part of these rules, are binding upon the organising club or authority unless varied in writing by the IECU Council.
- 1.7 Divisions and Categories
 - 1.7.1. At the World & European Championship, Divisions will be MEN and WOMEN, with no Age category splitting.
 - 1.7.2 At the Master European Championship the Divisions and Categories will be :
MASTER MEN, sailors that have attained their 35th birthday before or on 31 December of the year of the Event.
MASTER WOMEN, sailors that have attained their 30th birthday before or on 31 December of the year of the Event.
A part of these Overall Categories just mentioned, the following subcategories exist:

GRAND MASTER MEN and GRAND MASTER WOMEN, sailors that have attained their 50th birthday before or on 31 December of the year of the Event.
 SUPER MASTER MEN and SUPER MASTER WOMEN, sailors that have attained their 60th birthday before or on 31 December of the year of the Event.
 LEGENDS, sailors that have attained their 70th birthday before or on 31 December of the year of the Event.

- 1.7.3. At the Youth European Championship the Divisions and Categories will be :
 YOUTH MEN and YOUTH WOMEN (“U20”), sailors that have not attained their 20th birthday before or on 31 December of the year of the Event. It includes the following subcategory:
 JUNIOR MEN and JUNIOR WOMEN (“U18”), sailors that have not attained their 18th birthday before or on 31 December of the year of the Event.
 Therefore, a Junior Sailor is also a Youth sailor as he fulfil both age requirements

The Youth European Championship will be an Open Event to non European Sailors, but only European qualified in the overall result can be declared Youth European Champion.
 Therefore, the first European qualified in the overall result will be declared YOUTH European Champion (both for men and women Division) and the first European qualified JUNIOR sailor will be declared Junior European Champion (both for men and women Division)

2. CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

- 2.1 Entries for World and Regional Championships must be sent or at least approved by the National Class Associations. Only bona fide Nationals of a country shall be nominated.
 2.2 There is a basic quota of 3 (three) entries per nation for each division in the World and European Championships on condition that the IECU fees for the year of the Championship have been paid before 31st March. The basic quota for the Youth European Championship is 6 (six). The allocation of entries depends on the number of paying members in each national Association as follows:

Paying members	For World & European Championships. quota places	For Youth European Championship. quota places
Basic Quota	3 entries	6 entries
101 – 200	4 entries	7 entries
201 – 300	5 entries	8 entries
301 – 400	6 entries	9 entries
401 – 500	9 entries	12 entries
More than 500	15 entries	15 entries

- 2.3 The following, in addition to the national quota, shall be invited to compete, in their appropriate division:
- For the Worlds, the current World Champions, free of entry fee.
 - For the Europeans, the current European Champions, free of entry fee.
 - For the Master & Youth Europeans, the current Master overall champion and the Youth European Champions (if still youth sailors) free of entry fee.
 - The above Wild Cards are personal and cannot be handed over to other sailors.

- e. The host nation may nominate not more than 6 additional competitors in each division, above the entitlement of rule 2.2.
 - f. The 50 % highest ranked Open Week competitors (in each division, men and women) that are not nominated members of their National Team, but not less than 10 sailors per division. However, every Nation has a limit that is their National Quota. For host nations, this limit is the National Quota + the sailors mentioned on 2,3(e) .
Example, if there are 40 men (not members of the National Teams) sailing the Open Week, 20 will qualify for the Worlds, but if a Nation has a quota of 4 sailors (see rule 2.2), there can be no more than 4 extra sailors for that Nation from the Open Week.
The same example applies for women.
- 2.4 The IECU Council may revise the national quota in such division, taking account of the annual trend in numbers in each division.
- 2.5 The quota of entries for other regional Championships shall be decided by the National Associations of that region.

3. SYSTEM FOR CHAMPIONSHIP

3.1 The recommended time schedule for the WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP is:

Day 1: registration, welcome ceremony Open Week.
Days 2-5: Races and prize giving Open Week.
Days 6-7: Measurement and opening ceremony Championship. Nations Cup.
Days 8-12: Championship races, and prize giving.
One reserve day / lay day is permitted.
Changes are possible if published in the preliminary notice and the program.

3.1,1 The recommended time schedule for the MASTER & YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP is:

Day 1: registration, master & Youth
Day 2: Racing Master and Measurement Youth
Days 3, 4 and 5 Racing Master & Youth
Day 6 Last racing day for masters, Racing for Youth. Medal ceremony for Masters.
Day 7 Last racing day for Youth. Medal ceremony for Youth
Changes are possible if published in the preliminary notice and the program.

3.2 If there are less than 90 entries per division, fleet racing is recommended.

3.3 If there are 90 or more entries per division group racing is recommended.

The system for group racing should be flexible depending on number of entries, local possibilities on ground and water and following the development of racing systems. The system should be published in the preliminary notice of race and the program. The organiser should present his proposed system to the V.P.Racing together with the Sailing Instructions.

3.4 Races are sailed preferably on Olympic trapezoid courses.

3.5 Validity and scoring. The Championship is valid after 3 races. If there are more than 3 races one may be discarded.

4. The IECU will provide and present Championship Gold, Silver and Bronze medals to the first, second and third competitors in each division and category.

5. The organising club shall work in consultation with the Europe Class National Organisation and the IECU.

6. PRELIMINARY NOTICE

6.1 The date and place of the Championship should be published not less than 12 months before the Open Week or before the Championship. The preliminary Notice of Race and entry form shall be available at the Event's Website not less than 6 months in advance.

6.2 The preliminary Notice of Race and program shall be agreed in writing with the IECU Council, through V.P.Racing.

6.3 It shall include details on where to write for accommodation, arrangements for charter boats, special arrangements for transport police regulations for car towing trailers, visa requirements and any other special requirements. A standard Notice of Race is available from IECU.

7. ENTRY FEE

The entry fee should include the cost for a party for all involved in the championship, and shall be agreed in written with IECU Council.

7.1 Post Race meal/snack.

On scheduled racing days, a daily lunch (e.g. pasta party, sandwich, etc...) is expected after sailing for registered sailors and registered coaches, except the day that the Sailors Dinner is organized.

A Sailors Dinner will be organized, free for all registered sailors and coaches.

8. ACCOMMODATION

It is desirable that accommodation and camping facilities for the sailors should be available as close as possible to the club and preferable within walking distance of the boats.

9. IECU MEETINGS.

The IECU Annual General Meeting, IECU Technical Forum and IECU Racing Forum shall be arranged for a suitable time and place during the World Championship. The date shall be agreed with the IECU President. Open Forums and Measurement Seminars may be arranged during the Championships

10. INTERNATIONAL JURY and RACE COMMITTEE.

An International Jury shall be appointed. Nominations for the Jury shall be approved by IECU. The International Jury shall have all the functions as in the corresponding Appendix the WS Racing Rules.

The Organiser will involve at least 1 woman in each Committee, i.e. Race Committees, Protest Committees, etc... Women's presence in all aspects of the organisation is warmly recommended by IECU.

11. THE IECU REPRESENTATIVE.

There shall be an IECU representative, nominated by the IECU, appointed to the Race Committee. He/she can be on board of any Committee vessel.

12. RACE OFFICE AND NOTICE BOARD.

There shall be a Race Office with full time service, as detailed in the Appendices, each day from, if possible, 2 hours before the first start to 2 hours after the last finisher. A Championship Notice Board shall be provided outside the office or at such other place as describes in the sailing instructions, or online.

13. RESULTS.

The results shall be published in paper or on the Championship's website each day.

14. SERVICES.

The location of the nearest boatyard, sail maker and yacht chandler shall be published. Facilities for minor repairs should be available.

15. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions shall be the IECU Standard Sailing instructions with permitted local variations. They must be written in English. If they are also written in other languages the English text shall prevail. The instructions shall be sent to the IECU for approval at least 4 months before the Championship. A meeting with IECU representatives to discuss the instructions is recommended.

15.1 IECU MEASUREMENT INSTRUCTIONS FOR MAJOR EVENTS will also be included as a part of the Sailing Instructions.

16. OTHER CLASSES

World Championship races shall not be held at the same time and on the same course as races for other classes except agreed with the IECU Executive Committee.

17. EQUIPMENT

Competitors may have available for use, in any Championship, not more than 1 hull, 1 mast, 1 boom, 1 rudder blade and head, 1 centreboard and 2 sails.

18. CHARTER BOATS

18.1 Charter boats shall be available for competitors from distant countries who request them.

18.2 The boats and equipment shall be of recent construction and shall have a valid measurement certificate.

19. MEASUREMENT

19.1 An Event Chief Measurer shall be proposed by the host nation's National Association at the Technical Forum of the previous year's World Championships. He/she shall attend that Championship.

19.2 The Event Chief Measurer shall be responsible to the International Jury.

19.3 The Event Chief Measurer shall have a measurement team sufficient to provide effective and efficient measurement within the time allocated for pre race measurement and for spot checks throughout the championship.

19.4 Measurement arrangements shall be published as a supplement to the Sailing Instructions.

19.5 A IECU representative, who shall normally be the Class Chief Measurer or the IECU Technical Committee Representative, shall be appointed to help the Championship Chief Measurer, to observe the measurement and to act as Class Technical Adviser to the Race Committees and International Jury throughout the Championship.

20 BRIEFING MEETING.

A briefing meeting, with IECU representatives present, shall be daily held for team leaders and competitors to explain the instructions and ensure that everyone understands them.

21. RESCUE BOATS.

There must be an adequate number of rescue boats, appropriate to the local conditions and regulations.

22. MEDICAL SERVICES.

First aid medical services should be available preferably on immediate call.