

**INTERNATIONAL ONE METRE
INTERNATIONAL CLASS ASSOCIATION**

IOM CLASS CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

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1. ABBREVIATIONS

CCR	Class Championship Rules
DM	Division Member of World Sailing
ESC	Events Sub-Committee of the IOM ICA
ICA	International Class Association
IOM	International One Metre
MNA	Member National Authority of World Sailing
NCA	National Class Association
NCS	National Class Secretary
OA	Organising Authority
RC	Race Committee
RO	Race Officer
RRS	Racing Rules of Sailing
RSC	Radio Sailing Committee
IRSA	International Radio Sailing Association from World Sailing

2. DEFINITIONS

Member NCA	A NCA, or a NCS, which has been granted membership of the World Council. A Continental Member NCA is a NCA for a country assigned to the relevant continent according to the current World Sailing regional classification.
World Council	The governing body of the IOM ICA
Shall/may	In the CCR, the word "shall" specify a mandatory action or procedure, while the word "may" is permissive.

3. STATUS

- 3.1. The status of the event is subject to the Organising Authority complying with these CCR and other relevant regulations of the IRSA and the IOM ICA.

4. CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 4.1. The IOM Class may hold a World Championship biennially.
- 4.2. The IOM Class may hold a Continental Championship in each continent biennially in the year when there is no World Championship. Continental Championships already agreed are:
- (i) European
 - (ii) North America
 - (iii) South America
 - (iv) Asia
 - (v) Africa
 - (vi) Oceania

5. APPLICATION AND SELECTION OF THE ORGANISING AUTHORITY

- 5.1. An Organising Authority wishing to host a Championship shall apply to the IOM ICA in good time so that there is time for the application to be processed and for the Organising Authority to put in place the organisation to run the event. Ordinarily such application shall be sent to the IOM ICA at least 12 months in advance.
- 5.2. The application shall clearly state the Organising Authority's acceptance of the obligations imposed by the CCR and its commitment to conduct the Championship in full conformity with the CCR, by completing the Championship Questionnaire and having it signed by two Officers of the Organising Authority.
- 5.3. The IOM ICA shall consider all applications for Championships and make decisions based upon:
 - (i) The suitability of the proposed site.
 - (ii) The response to the Championship Questionnaire.
 - (iii) The best possible circulation of Championships around the World and Continents.

6. OBLIGATIONS OF THE ORGANISING AUTHORITY

- 6.1. The Organising Authority for the event shall be the host NCA, in conjunction with the host MNA, MNA RSC, or DM, and the host yacht club.
- 6.2. The Organising Authority shall appoint a Race Officer and Race Committee (RC) for the Championship. The RC shall be responsible for the conduct of the championship under the direction of the IOM ICA Events Sub-Committee (ESC) and shall be empowered to select and replace all other officials as may be required.
- 6.3. For World and Continental Championships, the Race Officer (RO) shall be able to speak English well and shall make announcements in that language.
- 6.4. For World and Continental Championships, the Organising Authority shall appoint an International Jury according to the provisions of Appendix N of the RRS. ESC will propose a list of names to Organising authority for International Jury Chairman and approve other members of that Jury. For a World Championship, the Jury shall consist of a minimum of 6 members. For Continental Championships, the Jury shall consist of a minimum of 5 members according to the provision of Appendix N 1.2.
- 6.5. The Notice of Race shall conform to the IOMICA Standard Notice of Race and to the requirements of the RRS. Any requested modifications to the Standard Notice of Race from the Organising Authority shall be sent to the ESC Chairman for approval eleven months before the event. Nine months before the first day of the championship, the Organising Authority shall publish the Notice of Race.
- 6.6. The ESC can adjust this time scale for applications received less than twelve months before the proposed start of the championship.
- 6.7. Sailing Instructions shall be in standard IOMICA format and conform to the requirements of the RRS. Any requested modifications to the Standard Sailing Instructions from the Organising Authority shall be sent to the ESC Chairman for approval three months before the event. The Sailing Instructions shall be published by the Race Committee and shall be made available to all competitors before the start of the Championship.
- 6.8. Within three months of the completion of the Championship the Organising Authority shall forward a report to the ESC, comprising, detailed accounts and an evaluation of the Championship.

7. ELIGIBILITY

- 7.1. Competitors shall comply with the requirements of RRS 75 and the additional requirements of the following clauses.
- 7.2. Any competitor in the Championship shall be a national or a permanent resident of the country of the Member NCA that is entering him / her.

- 7.2.1. A permanent resident is defined as someone living in the country for which he / she wishes to sail, for at least nine months of the year prior to the initial closing date of entries for the event.
- 7.2.2. Proof of permanent residency shall be submitted to the ESC, together with a letter of confirmation from a senior official of the Member NCA that is proposing to enter him/her.
- 7.2.3. The ESC shall review all such applications regarding eligibility.
- 7.2.4. Permanent residents must have received written approval of the ESC prior to their Member NCA submitting their entry.
- 7.3. Competitors from other World Sailing member countries where there is no Member NCA may be invited to enter an IOM Championship by the ESC subject to compliance with the foregoing and to compliance with Part 6 of the RRS. If no DM is available to approve a guests entry form, it shall be signed by Events SC Chairman.

8. ENTRIES

- 8.1. The maximum number of boats for any IOM Championship shall be determined by the racing system used. Where the racing system uses promotion / relegation the maximum shall be 84, however IOMICA strongly recommends a maximum entry of 80 instead. The actual maximum shall be as stated in the Notice of Race.
- 8.2. The initial closing date shall be six calendar months before the start of the event for World Championships, and three months for Continental Championships.
 - 8.2.1. For Continental Championships, in order to be included in allocation of places, non continental NCA shall declare their intent to send entries six months before the start of the event.
- 8.3. The allocation of places shall take place within 14 days of the initial closing date.
- 8.4. Member NCAs should only send entry fees for those competitors gaining places allocated in Stage One.
- 8.5. Member NCAs shall send entry forms for their competitors entering in Stages Two, Three & Four only if they are prepared to guarantee payment of the entry fee for those competitors getting a place. Once a place is allocated payment is required whether that competitor races or not.
- 8.6. Stage One
 - 8.6.1. No Member NCA shall have an allocation of more than 7 places. The initial allocation of places shall be:
 - a. A personal place for the previous World champion for World Championships or previous Continental Champion for Continental Championships; this place shall not be counted in any Member NCA's total.
 - b. A personal place for the previous Continental champions for World Championships. This is awarded to the highest place finisher representing the host continent. (Continental Member NCA – see Table 1)
 - (i) North America – 1 place.
 - (ii) South America – 1 place.
 - (iii) Asia – 1 place.
 - (iv) Oceania – 1 place.
 - (v) Europe – 3 places. Top finisher from the top 3 Continental Member NCAThese places shall not be counted in any Member NCA's total.RSA (South Africa) can choose any one Continental Event at which to compete. Once chosen, such privileges no longer apply.

- c. For World Championships, two places to each Member NCA (one if number of certificated owners at previous AGM is 50 or below), or for Continental Championships, two places to each Continental Member NCA and one place to each other Member NCA which has declared interest as in 8.2.
- d. Four additional places for the host NCA.
- e. For World and Continental Championships, the ESC (Event Sub Committee) may allocate guest places to competitors not represented by an NCA, to a maximum of 5.
- f. For World Championships, the remaining places shall be allocated to Member NCAs according to the finishing order of boats from the Member NCA in the previous World championship.
- g. For Continental Championships, the remaining places shall be allocated to Continental Member NCAs according to the finishing order of boats from the Continental Member NCA in the previous Continental championship.

8.7. Stage Two

8.7.1. No Member NCA shall have an allocation of more than 9 places.

- a. For World Championships, if there are still places after the initial allocation, any available places shall be allocated to Member NCAs that have sent in applications for additional places before the closing date, using the finishing order of boats from the Member NCAs in the previous World championship.
- b. For Continental Championships, any available places shall be allocated to Continental Member NCAs that have sent in applications for additional places before the closing date, using the finishing order of boats from the Continental Member NCAs in the previous Continental championship.

8.7.2. Then, if there are still places available, for Continental Championships, the ESC may allocate guest places to non-Continental Member NCAs to a maximum of 8, where no more than 2 places shall be allocated to any one non-Continental Member NCA, using the finishing order of boats from the non-Continental Member NCAs in the previous Continental championship and, if none, then in the previous World championship.

8.7.3. Then, if there are still places available,

- a. For World Championships, those Member NCAs still requiring places shall be listed in a list.
 - (i) In order of their highest finishing place in the previous World championship, followed by
 - (ii) For those not in previous World Championship, in reverse numerical order of their World Council voting entitlement, where those with the same number of votes shall be split by drawing lots.
- b. For Continental Championships, those Continental Member NCAs still requiring places shall be listed in a List
 - (i) In order of their highest finishing place in the previous Continental championship, followed by
 - (ii) For those not in previous Continental Championship, in reverse numerical order of their World Council voting entitlement, where those with the same number of votes shall be split by drawing lots.
 - (iii) NCAs which were not represented at the previous championship and have asked for additional places should be added to this list in the reverse numerical order of their World Council voting entitlement.

8.7.4. Then, if there are still places available:

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- a. For World Championships, places shall then be allocated one per Member NCA going down the List repeatedly until each Member NCA reaches the Stage Two maximum allocation, or has the places applied for if less.
- b. For Continental Championships, places shall then be allocated one per Continental Member NCA going down the List repeatedly until each Continental Member NCA reaches the Stage Two maximum allocation, or has the places applied for if less.

8.8. Stage Three

8.8.1. If there are still places available,

- a. for World Championships, the ESC may allocate guest places to competitors pursuant to rule 7.3, to a maximum of 6, where no more than 1 place shall be allocated to any one country.
- b. For Continental Championships, the ESC may allocate guest places to non-Continental competitors pursuant to rule 7.3, to a maximum of 6, where no more than 1 place shall be allocated to any one country.

8.8.2. Then, if there are still places available,

- a. For World Championships, there shall be no restriction on the maximum number of places for any Member NCA. Places shall be allocated one per Member NCA to those Member NCAs still wanting them, using the List. If any Member NCA has requested places after the initial closing date, they should be added at this stage.
- b. For Continental Championships, there shall be no restriction on the maximum number of places for any Continental Member NCA. Places shall be allocated one per Continental Member NCA to those Member NCAs still wanting them, using the List. If any Continental Member NCA has requested places after the initial closing date, they should be added at this stage.

8.9. Stage Four

- 8.9.1. If at any stage the maximum number of entrants is achieved the Organising Authority shall notify at least the next five persons on the list, informing them that they are a reserve should anyone drop out. If places become available immediately prior to the start of an event, the Organising Authority may make up the numbers to the entry limit, by informing the reserves and then continuing the allocation of places from the list.

9. FEES & PRIZES

- 9.1. The host NCA shall, for each entry in the Championship, pay to the IOM ICA the relevant levy as specified in the IOM ICA Regulations.
- 9.2. The IOM ICA is under no obligation to provide prizes for any Championship held under its auspices.

10. TROPHIES

- 10.1. The winner of any trophy for which the IOM ICA is responsible shall sign an undertaking for its safe custody and its subsequent return to such person by such time, place and date as shall be notified to him by the ESC. This undertaking and agreement shall be secured by the Organising Authority on the prescribed form obtainable from the ESC Chairman and returned to him/her within 14 days of the completion of the championship. The cost of sending the trophy by insured parcel post shall be refunded if proof of payment is sent to IOM ICA Treasurer.

11. CONDUCT OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP

- 11.1. The Championship shall be governed by the regulations of the IOM ICA, the RRS, the Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions, and the IOM Class Rules.

12. SAIL NUMBERS CONFLICT

- 12.1. In case of a conflict between 2 or more competitors regarding sail numbers, it shall be resolved by the use of additional sail number as stated in RRS E6.b.
- 12.2. The following order shall be used to define which competitor keeps its number:
- a. Personal agreement between competitors
 - b. Final ranking of previous World championship (for a World Championship) or Continental championship (for a Continental championship).
 - c. If none of the competitors affected were at a previous event as defined in 12.2(2) the decision will be based on the Stage in which the entry is accepted and by the date of entry receipt within each stage. Stage 1 entries will always get precedence over Stage 2 regardless of the date of entry receipt.

Table 1:

Continent	No of NCAs	NCAs
North America	7	BAH, BAR, BER, CAN, PAN, PUR, USA
South America	3	ARG, BRA, CHI
Asia	5	CHN*, JPN, MAS, SGP, THA
Oceania	2	AUS, NZL
Europe	20	AUT, BEL, CRO, DEN, ESP, FIN, FRA, GBR, GER, HUN, IRL, ISR, ITA, MLT, NED, NOR, POL, POR, SUI, SWE, TUR
Africa	1	RSA – may select one Continent in which to compete.

*Non NCA members with history of international support or in the process to become an NCA