



Melges 24 European Championship Portoroz, Slovenia

September 4th – 11th, 2021

Portorož - Slovenija

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



[NP] denotes that a breach of this rule will not be grounds for a protest by a boat.

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

1 RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.

1.2 The Equipment Rules of Sailing will apply.

1.3 The Class Rules of the IM24CA will apply.

1.4 RRS Appendix P will apply as changed in NOR 12.4.

1.5 RRS Appendix T will apply.

1.6 The following rules will be changed in accordance with RRS 86.1(b):

1.6.1 RRS 40.1 applies while racing.

1.6.2 The Race Committee (RC) will use VHF radio to communicate to the fleet. Failure in broadcasting or failure to hear the broadcast shall not constitute grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1.

1.7 The WORLD SAILING Sailor Classification Code will apply for competitors competing for the Corinthian Trophy, in accordance with the IM24CA regatta regulations.

1.8 The International Jury may impose penalties less than disqualification (DPI), for violation of the Class rules and Racing rules other than those of Part 1, 2 or rule 31.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/2206/event.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board before 10:00 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 or within the, protest time limit whichever is later on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on flag pole located at the Marina Portorož.

4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes'. This changes Race Signals.

4.3 The Race Committee will announce its intentions for the day, including the racing area every morning at the Competitors Briefing. [NP]

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS [NP]

Program as per NoR 8.1 .

5.2 Twelve (12) races are scheduled for the championship.

5.3 The RC may race as many as three (3) races each day.

5.4 If in the opinion of Race Committee the event is behind schedule or likely to fall behind schedule, four (4) races may be raced on one day.

5.5 The O.A. and/or the R.C. reserve the right to modify the program due to weather conditions or other reasons. The proper communication will be posted on the Official Notice Board by 20:00 hours on the day before it will take effect.

5.6 On the last day there will be no warning signal after 14:30.

5.7 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flags will be **displayed with one sound at least five (5) minutes before a warning signal is made.**

6 CLASS FLAG

6.1 The Class flag si Melges 24 insignia on whitebackground.

7 RACING AREAS

Attachment A shows the location of the racing areas.

8 THE COURSES

8.1 The course to be sailed will be of a windward-leeward configuration. Offset and gate marks will be used.

Course: Start – 1 – 1a – 2S/2P – 1 – 1a – Finish (Downwind)

8.2 The diagrams in SI **Attachment B** show the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

8.3 No later than the warning signal, the RC signal vessel may display the approximate compass bearing. This information will also be broadcast on the fleet VHF channel.

8.4 If only one gate mark is set, boats shall leave the single mark to port.

9 MARKS

9.1 Marks 1, 1a, F and S will be orange cylindrical bouys.

9.2 Marks 2s, 2p will be yellow cylindrical bouys.

9.3 New mark, as provided in SI 12.1, will be yellow cylindrical bouy.

9.4 The starting marks will be the race committee vessel at starboard end and race committee vessel or mark S at port end.

9.5 The finishing marks will be the race committee vessel on the starboard end and mark F on at the port end.

10 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

There are no areas that are obstructions.

11 THE START

11.1 The starting line will be between staffs displaying orange flags on the starting marks. If port end mark vessel is not on position, it will be replaced by mark S and starting line will be between corse side of the mark S and staff displaying ornge flag on RC vessel.

11.2 A boat that does not start within four (4) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS 35 and A5.1.

11.3 Boats subject to individual recall (RRS 29.1) may be broadcast on the VHF channel 69 using bow numbers. Failure of the RC to make a broadcast or to time it accurately will not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

12.1 To change the bearing and/or distance of the next leg of the course, the RC will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark. A new windward mark will be placed without an offset mark 1a.

13 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between staff displaying blue flag on the finishing mark at the starboard end and the course side of the port end finishing mark.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 The first sentence of RRS 44.1 is changed to read: "A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2, RRS 31 or class rule C.11 while racing."

14.2 Unless the course is shortened to finish at the windward mark, penalties for infractions while in the zone of the windward mark or on the offset leg may be delayed and taken as soon as possible on the downwind leg. This changes RRS 44.2.

14.3 If a members of the Jury witnesses a breach of RRS Part 2, RRS 31 and/or Class rule C.11, they may indicate their observation by making a long sound (whistle) and showing a red flag. A boat involved in the incident may acknowledge breaking a rule by voluntarily taking a penalty.

14.4 If the member of the Jury witnesses a protest being hailed and the protest flag being shown, they may impose a penalty or more to any boat that broke a rule and was not exonerated, unless the boat took

a penalty voluntarily, or decide that no rule was broken.

A red flag with one long sound means 'a penalty is imposed or remains outstanding.' The Jury member will hail or signal to identify each such boat.

A boat penalized shall take a penalty according to Si 14.1. A failure to do so may be a breach of sportsmanship.

A green and white flag with one long sound means 'No penalty'. This changes RRS 60.3, 63.1, 64.2.

14.5 The member of the Jury may impose a penalty without a protest by a boat if she

- (1) breaks rule 31 and does not take a penalty,
- (2) gains an advantage despite taking a penalty,
- (3) commits a breach of sportsmanship, or
- (4) fails to take a penalty when required to do so by a Jury member,
- (5) breaks Class Rule C 11

If a boat is penalized for not taking a penalty or taking a penalty incorrectly, the original penalty is cancelled. This changes RRS 60.3, 63.1, 64.2.

14.6 No proceedings of any kind may be taken in relation to any action or non-action according to SI14 by a member of the Jury. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

14.7 Appendix P will apply, changed as follows :

- (1) The penalty under rule P2.1 will be a one-turn penalty. This changes RRS 44.2.
- (2) Rule P2.3 will not apply and rule P2.2 is changed so that it will apply to any penalty after the first one.

15 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

15.1 The target time for each race is 60 minutes. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

15.2 The time limit for each race will be 90 minutes.

15.3 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

16.1 Protest forms are available online at <https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/2206/event>. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

16.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the final race on a given day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The RC will post the end of the protest time limit on the official notice board.

16.3 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. Notices will be placed on the official notice board.

16.4 Hearings will be held in the protest room at Marina Portorož Regatta office, beginning at the time posted. The jury may schedule hearings before the end of protest time if the parties are available.

16.5 Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or Jury will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

16.6 A list of boats that have been scored OCS, UFD, and/or BFD will be posted on the official notice board.

16.7 Decisions of the jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

17 SCORING

17.1 Five (5) races are required to be completed to constitute the Championship.

(a) When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When from six to twelve races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

17.2 To request correction of an alleged error in posted race or series results, a boat shall complete a 'Scoring Inquiry Form' available on line.

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS [DP][NP]

18.1 A boat that retires from a race or leaves the racing area between races shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. The use of VHF is acceptable.

18.2 Boats not leaving the harbour for a scheduled race shall promptly notify the OA or RC.

19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT [DP]

19.1 Substitution of competitors shall not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.

19.2 Competitors desiring to substitute crew shall have crew members weighed-in half an hour before the competitors meeting.

19.3 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the technical committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the technical committee the official notice board.

20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

20.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Class Rules and sailing instructions.

20.2 In accordance with RRS G3, a boat chartered or loaned for this event may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of the Class Rules.

21 EVENT ADVERTISING/ IDENTIFICATION STICKERS/BOW NUMBERS [NP]

21.1 Bow numbers shall be in place in accordance with the class rule H3.

22 SPARE

23 COACH AND SUPPORT BOATS

Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall comply with SI **Attachment C**.

24 TRASH DISPOSAL [DP]

Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats, when not racing.

25 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS [DP]

Boats shall not be hauled out during the event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Race Committee or Technical Committee.

26 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS [DP]

Underwater breathing (excluding snorkels) apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the Event.

27 RADIO COMMUNICATION [DP]

27.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones and other electronic communication equipment.

27.2 The RC will use VHF channel 69 to communicate to the fleet, including the location of the starting area, broadcasts or failure to hear them shall not constitute grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1.

28 PRIZES

See NoR 20.

29 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. Neither the OA, the IM24CA, event management, officers, employees, volunteers, etc. will accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the

regatta. Liability waivers shall be signed by all boats during registration.

30 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of 1.500.000 € per event or the equivalent. Declarations to confirm that will be required to sign during registration.

31 CAMERAS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment as supplied by and specified by the OA.

32 RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

Competitors grant the OA and the International Melges 24 Class Association the unrestricted right and permission to use the name and the image for any text, photograph or video footage of either themselves or the boat they are sailing during the event to be published or broadcast in any media whatsoever (including but not limited to Press and TV advertisements or Internet), for either editorial or advertising purposes or to be used in press information; in this respect, competitors' names and any biographical material of themselves may also be used or reproduced in any way known. As part of the registration process, each individual participating crewmember will be required to sign a declaration accepting this waiver of rights.

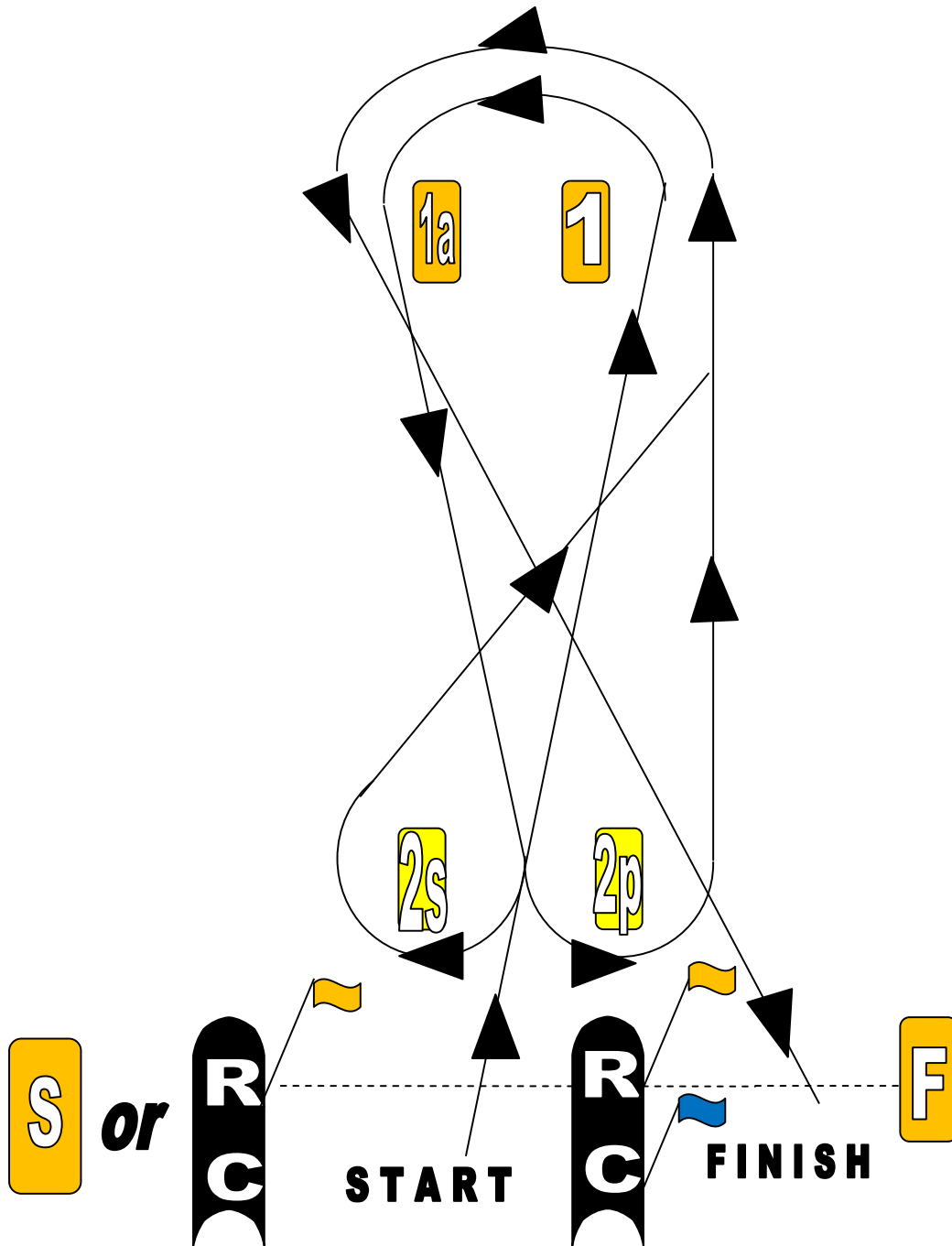
ATTACHMENT A – RACING AREAS



ATTACHMENT B – COURSE DIAGRAM

THE DISTANCES AND MARK POSITIONS ARE NOT TO SCALE

Start – 1 – 1a – 2S/2P – 1 – 1a – Finish



ATTACHMENT C

COACH AND SUPPORT BOATS (November 2020.3)

1. Coach and support boats shall register with the race office during registration. They shall declare which boat or boats they are attached to.
2. Coach and support boats shall display a numbered flag representing the boat to whom attached and/or other identification symbol, as may be required by the OA.
3. No coach boat or support boat shall pass information in any way to a boat that is **racing**. RRS 41 (outside help) infringements of this will be taken very seriously.
4. All Melges 24 boats shall proceed to and from the racing area under their own power.
5. Coach and support boat personnel shall not communicate with competitors (by any means) from the warning signal of the first race of the day until the competitor has finished the last race of the day.
6. Coach and support boats shall **keep clear** of the racing area at all times during which boats are **racing**. Except when participating in rescue operations, coach/support boats shall stay more than 100 meters from any point where a boat might sail during normal racing.
7. Coach and support boats shall not go alongside their Melges 24's and there shall be no transfer of any goods or equipment until after the finish of the last race of the day
8. Any coach or support boat that interferes with another competitor or the **racing** in any way, including creating excess wash, or hindering an official boat carrying out its duties, shall have the competitor(s) to which they are attached, liable to a penalty at the discretion of the jury.
9. Any boat may protest under the rules in this attachment.
10. The penalty given by the jury is at their discretion. (DPI)

(Racing: A boat is racing from her preparatory signal until she finishes and clears the finishing line and marks or retires, or until the race committee signals a general recall, postponement or abandonment.)

CHANGES TO THESE RULES

IM24CA standard coach boat appendix shall not be altered.

Any changes for these rules will be the subject for decision by IM24CA Executive Committee.

PRESS AND SPECTATOR BOATS

1. All Press and official spectator boats shall be registered by the race organizing authority during registration.
2. Press and spectator boats shall display any flag, or other identification symbol as may be required by the race committee.
3. The race organizers may appoint one or more photo boats, which will be allowed within the race course. The position of these boats shall not be grounds for redress.
4. Press and spectator boats shall not interfere with the racing in anyway and shall stay at a distance outside the racecourse where their wake causes no problem.