



RULES OF CONDUCT For Sanctioned or Club/Fleet Regattas

Effective January 1st 2026

All Sanctioned or Club/Fleet Regattas shall be conducted in accordance with the WS RRS. The use of the following prescriptions is strongly recommended, unless the NoR establishes the use of the RoC for National and International Championship regattas.

1. Regatta Award

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- 1.1 National Secretary or local organizations are responsible of the calendar and the location of regattas sailed in the Country.

2. Authorities and Rules

- 2.1 These rules are written for the purpose of conducting a regatta to perform the SCIRA criteria for a fair regatta.
- 2.2 These rules shall be interpreted according to their intent rather than any semantic or technical misinterpretation that may arise from their wording.
- 2.3 The official language for all National Regattas shall be the mother tongue.
- 2.4 The National Secretary or the Fleet Captain shall be assigned by SCIRA for each regatta to assure the regatta is conducted in full accordance with the applicable Deed of Gift, these Rules of Conduct, and the SCIRA Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, all of which rank as rules. He/she shall assist all committees in an advisory capacity and shall be consulted in any dispute concerning SCIRA rules. He/she should, generally, not be a formal member of any committee.
- 2.5 The current Racing Rules of Sailing as published by WS with prescriptions of the hosting National Authority shall apply.
- 2.6 Advertising in all SCIRA events shall comply with WS Regulation 20.

3. Entry, Eligibility, and Measurement Restrictions

- 3.1 No boat shall be eligible to enter any Sanctioned or Club/Fleet regatta unless she has a valid Measurement Certificate and displays the current SCIRA decal. No skipper helmsperson or crew shall be eligible to enter any Class regatta unless they are shown in the online SCIRA database, possess and present a current Class Membership Card, or its SCIRA-issued equivalent.

4. Race Schedule

- 4.1 Unless specified in the event Deed of Gift, one (1) race shall constitute a regatta.
- 4.2 The number of races per day shall be according with the Level 1 regattas as in the RoC for National and International Championships Regattas. In Master events no more than 2 (two) races shall be sailed per day.

5. Race Courses (see Course Selection Diagram official and variant)

- 5.1 Any course used for Sanctioned or Club/Fleet regatta shall be one of those shown in the Course Selection Diagram published on the Snipe web site. Variant course to accommodate local conditions may also be used subject to the approval of the National Secretary of the Country. The first leg of the course shall be made to make the first leg a minimum of 0.5 nautical mile.
- 5.2 Courses shall be determined to last approximately 60-75 minutes. A different time used to complete the race will not be grounds for a protest (This changes RRS 61.4(b)(1)).
- 5.3 Course marks shall be, when possible, left to port.

6. Marks

- 6.1 Courses will be established using only temporary inflatable marks. The use of fixed marks is strongly discouraged.

7. Starting Lines

- 7.1 Fixed starting lines shall not be used.



8. Starting Systems and Procedures

- 8.1 Races shall be started in accordance with RRS 26.
- 8.2 If a Postponement or a General Recall is signalled the next Warning signal shall be made 1 minute after the lowering of the Postponement or General Recall signal. (This changes RRS Race Signals).
Any boat not starting within 5 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored DNS without a hearing.
- 8.3 The course signal (code O,T,W or O2, T2, W2) shall be hoisted at least one minute prior the warning signal.
- 8.5 RRS 30.4 (Black Flag Rule) will not be used in any race.

9. Weather Limitations (Course and Starting)

- 9.1 A race shall not be started unless the Race Committee and SCIRA Representative (if any) are confident that a fair race can be completed.
- 9.2 The wind speed ranges shall be no less than 5 knots and not to exceed 23 knots or in accordance with the applicable Deed of Gift.
 - For Masters' events the maximum wind speed allowed shall be 15 knots
 - For Women's events the maximum wind speed allowed shall be 18 knots
- 9.3 If during a race the wind and/or wave action increases to the point where the selected course would be inadvisable (See Course Selection Diagram), the Race Committee shall change the course at any mark. A change of the type of course during the race shall be signalled displaying the new appropriate flag accompanied by repetitive sounds before the leading boat has passed or rounded the mark.
- 9.4 Wind readings instruments shall be between 2 and 3 meter above the surface of the water. The duration of reading shall be 3 consecutive minutes prior the race warning. The wind reading shall be taken from an unobstructed area on the boat; it is recommended that there be a minimum 4 meters of free space surrounding the wind instruments.
- 9.5 If during the race the wind speed goes over the maximum wind speed allowed for more than 3 consecutive minutes the race shall be abandoned. (This changes RRS 32.1). If frequent heavy gusts go over the limit even for less than 3 consecutive minutes, the Race Committee and the SCIRA Representative, for ensuring a fair and safe race, may decide to not start or abandon the race.

10. Race course recommendations:

0 – 5 knots	Do not start
6 – 18 knots	Windward/Leeward (W, W2)
15 – 18 knots	Triangle-windward-leeward (O, O2)
16 – 23 knots	Double Triangle (T, T2)
24 and above knots	Do not start

11. Finish Line

- 11.1 The length of the finish line shall be not less than 30 meters or more than 45 meters.

12. Equipment Check

- 12.1 Boats could be randomly checked for required equipment and rule compliance at discretion of the Race Committee or the Event Technical Committee (if any).

13. Time Limit

- 13.1 The time limit for the first boat to sail the course shall be 1 hour, 30 minutes.
- 13.2 Any boat failing to sail the course within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes or failing to finish within 1 hour, 50 minutes from the start, whichever is shorter.
- 13.3 The warning signal of a fleet or group for the third race of the day will not be displayed if the total time of racing has been more than two (2) hours. The total time of racing is the time of the first two (2) races combined. For the purposes of this rule ONLY, a race time will be the time for the first boat to sail the course.

14. Scoring

- 14.1 The WS scoring system will be used.
- 14.2 In events requiring the use of borrowed boats or any event where RDG points maybe awarded by the jury, WS RRS Appendix A9 will apply.



15. Support Vessels

- 15.1 All Race Committees are required to be diligent in their strict supervision of all support vessels activity. Under no circumstances should the use of support vessels influence the outcome of a race.
- 15.2 Support personnel shall not go afloat in the racing area during the racing except on Race Committee designated vessels. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the penalization of any boat(s) associated with the boat infringing with this rule.

16. Team Racing

- 16.1 Under no circumstances shall the use of team racing tactics be tolerated in fleet racing. If the Race Committee or Protest Committee determines that the use of team racing tactics may have significantly influenced the outcome of a race they shall order that race abandoned and re-sailed, excluding the participation of the offending boat(s). The details of the incident shall be reported to the SCIRA office.

17. Compliance

- 17.1 Non-compliance with these rules may be grounds for a request for redress by a boat.

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