



SNIPE CLASS INTERNATIONAL RACING ASSOCIATION

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Dear National Secretaries,

First, I would like to thank you for the excellent leadership, support, and work you carry out for the Snipe Class in your respective countries.

As you may recall from my letter of December 2025, one of the goals and challenges of this Board is to promote and grow the Snipe Junior category, among the many other initiatives we have planned.

After extensive study and discussion within the Board, we are now in a position to inform you of the Financial Assistance that SCIRA will implement for the upcoming 2026 Junior World Championship, as outlined in the attachment to this letter.

We are fully aware of the collective effort required to bring the Snipe Class to strong participation numbers and continued promotion, always keeping in mind that the future of the Class depends on us. The project we are launching today is not a short-term initiative, and although results may take time to materialize, I kindly ask for your patience. The impact of this initiative will become visible in the medium to long term, and we are fully convinced that it will come.

As always, I remain at your disposal for any questions or suggestions you may have.

In the meantime, see you on the water.

All the best,



Martin Bermúdez de la Puente
SCIRA Commodore 2025 – 2026



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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE REGULATIONS FOR JUNIORS

OBJECTIVES

- To promote the Junior Class and Junior International Regattas.
- To promote the Junior Category in each country by requiring holding a Qualifier regatta for Juniors to select the team that will represent the country in the Junior World Championship.

REQUIREMENTS AND CONDITIONS

- Competitors must be members of SCIRA and must be 21 years of age or younger.
- The host country of the Junior World Championship shall not be eligible for this Financial Assistance.
- A country can apply only for one (1) Financial Assistance per year.

CODE OF CONDUCT

Competitors' actions, both on and off the water, must reflect positively on themselves and on the Snipe Class Association. Examples of sportsmanlike conduct include:

- Being cooperative, supportive, and respectful toward others and their property.
- Competing in accordance with the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- Demonstrating good sportsmanship in both victory and defeat.

SELECTION PROCESS

- Countries wishing to apply for this Financial Assistance must have held a Junior Qualifier Regatta with, at least, five (5) starters within twelve (12) months before the Junior World Championship.
- The Qualifier Regatta may be exclusively for juniors or may be held in conjunction with a senior event; however, it shall include a separate Junior result.
- Countries shall submit the application to SCIRA through the National Secretary. The application will include: the Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions, and the Results for Junior Category of the Qualifier Regatta.
- Applications shall be sent to sciraeexecutivedirector@gmail.com
- SCIRA shall respond to the application no later than thirty (30) days after the application has been received.

TERMS AND OBLIGATIONS

- The Financial Assistance is intended to enable each country to send, at least, one (1) Junior crew to compete in the Junior World Championship.
- Competitors must complete their registration for the Junior World Championship.
- SCIRA shall not cover any bank charges related to the transactions or currency exchanges.
- When the crew that received a Financial Assistance is interviewed by any press media (radio, websites, TV, social media platforms, etc), they will mention the help received from SCIRA in promoting Juniors in the Class; also, the crew shall use the tags #Snipe, #SCIRA, #snipetoday in, at least, five (5) posts in Facebook or Instagram.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

For the 2026 Junior World Championship, the Financial Assistance from SCIRA is:

- Crew from the same hemisphere as the venue: \$500
- Crew from a hemisphere other than the venue: \$1,000