



IRISH SCHOOLS TEAM
RACING ASSOCIATION (I.S.T.R.A.)

The Leinster Schools Team Racing Championships

21st April 2024

Hosted by Royal Saint George Yacht Club
(the “Organising Authority” in association with I.S.T.R.A.)

NOTICE OF RACE

1. Rules

- a) Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). Including Appendix D, Team Racing Rules.
- b) All races will be umpired. The World Sailing Call Book for Team Racing will apply.
- c) RRS 40.1 shall always apply when afloat or on the pontoons.
- d) Competitors and their support persons will be made temporary members of Royal Saint George Yacht Club, for the duration of the event and shall adhere to all Club rules and bylaws.
- e) Each team and competitor agree to abide by point 14 to this document, Damage Assessment.
- f) If the event cannot take place due to adverse weather conditions, then a draw will take place. If the event does not take place, the competing schools will be placed in a hat and the first 5 school teams drawn will go forward to the Irish Schools Team Racing National Championships. Only one team per school will be permitted to go forward, the remaining team names will be drawn and placed on a waiting list. If any school that does not take up their invitation to compete in the National Championship, then the invite will go to the 6th placed team and so on down the list.

2. Sailing Instructions

- a) The Sailing Instructions will be issued to each School Representative on Thursday 18th of April 2024.
- b) The teams will be informed of the event format and the first teams to race on Friday 19th April 2024. The first teams racing on Sunday morning are to rig their boats immediately upon arrival at the venue.

3. Communication

- a) The Official Notice Board will be via a WhatsApp Group which will be notified to the School Representatives the week of the event.
- b) There will be a designated WhatsApp group for the School Representatives and Race Officials.

4. Eligibility and Entry

- a) The event shall be raced by teams of six sailors in Firefly type dinghies sailed by two people and supplied by the Organising Authority
- b) This event is open to school teams from Leinster. Teams must consist of 6 members from the same school and must be aged 19 or under on 4th of June 2024.
- c) Competitors must ensure the [Parental Consent Form here](#): has been completed prior to racing, this can be completed using the link above. Failure to comply with this may result in a team receiving discretionary penalties or disqualification, which will be decided by the Organising Authority.
- d) Entry may be limited to a maximum number of teams on a first come first served basis with other teams placed on a waiting list in sequence. The maximum number of teams that a school can enter is two. As the closing date for entries is on the Friday of the week preceding the event you will be notified on the Monday if you will have a 3rd or more teams competing.
- e) Entries must be submitted via the Online Entry Form [Online Entry Form here](#): Entries must be submitted by Monday 15th of April by 12.00 pm. A damage deposit of 500 euros must be paid prior to registration, with payment at the time of entry preferred in order to ensure a quick return after the event. No team may compete until all payments have been secured. All sailor details are required at the time of entry to complete the entry form.
- f) To promote school team racing and to encourage participation by students from areas or groups of institutions where there are insufficient sailors in each school to establish school teams the Organising Authority may accept entries from “combined schools” teams. The following conditions will apply:
 - I. Combined schools’ teams must represent a clearly defined geographical area, or a recognised group of educational institutions.
 - II. No combined school team member may be a student at a school that is entered in the event.
 - III. For a combined School Entry, the Principal of each school competing must sign a [Declaration Form here](#):. Failure to comply with this will prevent the entry for permission to compete by the Organising Authority.
 - IV. When the event is a qualifying event for further events, eligibility for that further event

will be decided by the organising authority of that event. If the combined school team is declared ineligible, they will be replaced by the next team in the qualifying event.

g) No competitor may sail for more than one team. After an entry has been accepted, the nominated helms or crews shall not be changed without the prior written approval of the Organising Authority.

h) Decisions of the Organising Authority about entry or eligibility shall not be cause for redress. This amends RRS 62.1.

l) To be considered an entry in the event, a team shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

5. Entry Fees

a) The entry fee is €250 per team payable at time of entry.

b) Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

6. Advertising

a) The Organising Authority may provide bibs that competitors are required to wear as permitted by the World Sailing Advertising Code.

7. Event Format and Schedule

a) Registration will be available in the Club on Sunday the 21st of April, from 08:00 to 08:50.

b) Details of the briefing will be published in the Sailing Instructions, and it may not be in person.

c) The intended format of the event is Swiss league followed by quarter finals, semi-finals and a final.

d) Racing will be an initial series decided by the Organising Authority and based upon the number of entries and followed, if possible, by a knockout stage. The format will be advised at the briefing.

e) Racing will be scheduled to start, and finish as follows:

i) On Sunday the 21st of April, racing will start at 09:30.

ii) Racing will finish no later than 17.00 on the 21st of April.

f) Prize giving will be as soon as possible after the conclusion of racing.

8. Course

a) The course to be sailed will be a “starboard digital S” course.

b) The marks used will be described in the briefing.

9. Prizes

a) The winning team will receive the Leinster Schools Team Racing Trophy.

b) Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

10. Media and images

- a) Competitors automatically grant to the Organising Authority without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped, or filmed television of, or relating to, the event.

11. Data Protection

- a) The personal information you provide to the Organising Authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the event.
- b) If you have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the event (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is contract.
- c) If you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest.
- d) Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the Organising Authority's privacy policy.
- e) When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with Irish Sailing, your national authority and/or World Sailing.
- f) The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

12. Risk Statement

- a) Rule 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone." Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:
 - b) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves and their crew to such inherent risk while taking part in the event.
 - c) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, and any property they may bring, whether afloat or ashore.
 - d) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions.
 - e) The provision of a race management team, and other officials and volunteers by the Organising Authority does not relieve them of their own responsibilities
 - f) The provision of support boat cover under the direction of the safety officer is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
 - g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for this event.
 - h) It is their responsibility to ensure that they are familiar with the type of boat used, and the supplied equipment and are suitably experienced with its operation.
 - i) It is their responsibility for ensuring all supplied equipment is carried on board

- j) That they are fit to sail and that they believe the boat and crew can compete in the anticipated conditions.

13. Damage Deposit & Assessment Policy

- a) Competitors should show due care and attention to the boats that are provided for their use during the event. Damage to boats causes conflict, delay, and impacts everyone involved. This intends to help minimise damage while ensuring that penalties are consistent, providing more racing at less cost for everyone.
- b) RRS D2.3 and D3.1 permit the umpires or protest committee to decide the penalty when a boat breaks RRS 14. This document explains how damage will be assessed and gives general guidance on the appropriate penalty. When the protest committee has good reasons to do so, it may apply a different penalty.

13.1 Damage Deposit

- a) Each team will be liable for the cost of damage to boats, equipment, and property up to a maximum of €500 per incident.
- b) **A deposit for this amount will be required at the time of entry (via the [Online Entry Link](#)) and before the team may sail.**
- c) When a team is assessed as liable for damage, it shall restore the deposit to the original value to continue sailing.
- d) Damage attributed to competitors generally, or to an unidentified team, will be attributed equally between all teams.
- e) A team may apply to the protest committee to determine their responsibility for any damage.
- f) The deposit, or any remaining balance of the deposit, will be returned after the event.

13.2 Damage Assessment

- a) An initial assessment of the damage level will be made on the water as soon as possible following a racing incident.
- b) The initial assessment is for the purpose of penalties only and is not linked to any damage associated costs which may subsequently be allocated to a Team. Onward assessment of the damage level after further inspection, whether it turns out to be higher or lower, will have no effect on the penalty given by the protest committee but may affect any damage associated costs.

14. Penalties

- a) The protest committee may impose a penalty to the team of boats that break rule 14.
- b) Penalties of half a race win or more may be applied to a team's race score in the race in which damage occurred or the race sailed nearest in time to that of the incident.

15. Damage Costs

- a) The Organising Authority may require a team to make an intermediate payment, to the amount defined in this addendum; against allocated damage costs before the team may sail another event boat.

- b) If a team is required to pay damage costs, and these are not paid at the event, the Organising Authority will issue an invoice to the School Team Representative. Invoices must be paid (without setoff or deduction) within 14 days unless an extension is agreed with the Organising Authority.
- c) Failure to pay a damage invoice within 14 days (or any extension period) is a breach of this addendum and the Organising Authority in association with I.S.T.R.A. may:
- i) add an administrative fee of €50 per invoice to cover the costs of chasing payment.
 - ii) disqualify the team in question without a hearing, this changes RRS 63.1.
 - iii) report the team members to the protest Committee for investigation under RRS 69.
 - iv) reject any future entries from the Team or Team's School.
- d) The Organising Authority may amend or cancel a damage notice at any time and may reinstate a team disqualified.

16. SCHOOL TEAM REPRESENTATIVE

- a) All teams must be accompanied by a Teacher/Parent or Guardian (over the age of 21)-referred to as the 'School Representative'.
- b) This person may not be a competitor.
- c) The School Representative is required to be listed on the Entry Form.
- d) The School Representative **must register at the Royal St. George Yacht Club and stay in attendance at the Club for the duration of the event.**
- e) The School Representatives will be asked to assist with launching, retrieval, changeover boats and committee boats subject to their experience and abilities.
- f) If the School Representatives cannot be in attendance for the duration of the event, please assign a suitable replacement in their absence, this person must also register at the club by advising the Race Office.
- g) Failure to comply with 16. may result in a team receiving discretionary penalties or disqualification, which will be decided by the Organising Authority

Appendix 1

NOTICE TO TEAMS

BEHAVIOUR AND CONDUCT

1. Please take a minute or so to read this important notice. Your team and supporters will be deemed to have read it if you turn up, so please make sure you have.
2. The Organising Authority hopes you have a great time at the vent and have the best possible racing over the weekend. We have been working hard to make sure the event is as good as possible, and we are here to have as good a time as you hopefully will.
3. However, there is a clear line between having a good time and misbehaviour. All competitors have already agreed to abide by the Racing Rules of Sailing upon entering the event, and the organisers will not tolerate misconduct or misbehaviour by competitors. This applies from the moment you arrive at the event to the time you leave (including all social functions). We rely on the goodwill and co-operation of our hosts and the sailing clubs to host our events and simply cannot afford to damage these important relationships if we are to continue running the best possible events for you.
4. It is your club, as well as you and your team captain that will be held responsible for any misconduct. We have applied this principle before and will do so again if required. Please respect the Club, handle the boats in a respectful manner as they are borrowed for the event and comply with any request from an official either ashore or afloat.
5. Finally, it is inevitable that from time to time you might disagree with an official's decision and all our officials are happy to explain why they have made a particular decision after a race. However, dissent (the dispute of an official's actions or decision in a manner that implies incompetence, prejudice or insult, or behaviour that is offensive to the official concerned) is unacceptable and is unsportsmanlike conduct. If you dissent from an official's decision, you must expect to receive extra turns or have race wins, no doubt hard earned, deducted.

Parental/Guardian Consent Form

(also available for [online completion here:](#))

It is the responsibility for the School Representative to ensure that this form is completed by the Parent/Guardian of a competing team member and lodged with the Race Office at Registration, prior to the start of racing. No team may commence racing until this form is submitted.

I hereby give consent for my _____ (Childs Name) to compete for _____ (Schools Name) in the Irish Schools Team Racing Association Leinster Schools Championships to be held in the Royal St. George Yacht Club on 21st April 2024.

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Relationship to Competitor _____

Phone Number _____

Signature _____

Date _____