

# International J/24 Class Association

## Class Standard Notice of Race (NOR)

### For World Championships

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#### Instructions:

In preparing the actual Notice of Race, refer to the Racing Rules of Sailing Appendices J and K for descriptions of options and required inclusions. Also, check the IJCA website (<http://www.j24class.org>), Class Documents, for the most recent update to this document. There is also a similar Class Standard Sailing Instructions guide on the IJCA website.

Comments in the template made in ***Bold Italics*** are IJCA instructions to the organizing authority and should be replaced with the required contents and not printed in the NOR. Where specific items are to be inserted, this is indicated by an underlined space e.g. \_\_\_\_\_ or an ***(insert instruction)***.

Modifications to the J/24 Class Standard Notice of Race may only be made with the approval of the IJCA Executive Committee.

In preparing the actual Notice of Race, review the sections of the Regatta Regulations relating to the rules and courses with the RC chairman to be sure that the wishes of the Class are understood. A draft of the NOR for World Championships must be received by the International J/24 Class office 9 months in advance of the event date.

It is not uncommon to publish a preliminary NOR and later publish an update containing items like entry fees and adjustments to timing for measurement etc. The final version of the NOR should be published no later than 4 months prior to the regatta.

**Insurance** – It has become regular practice to require proof of insurance as a condition of entry to regattas. This NOR template contains one example of wording regarding insurance and liability. Interpretation of responsibility and liability varies with laws and insurance contracts country by country. Check with the MNA or legal sources for the country in which the regatta will be held.

**Other Class Standard Document Templates** are available in the IJCA website for NORs and SIs for Continental and National Championships.

***(year)(name sponsor if applicable) J/24 World Championship***

***(date including registration and measurement)***

***(host yacht club or organizing authority) and the International J/24 Class  
Association***

***(city/state/province/country)***

***(website)***

## **Notice of Race**

### **1. Rules**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The following prescriptions of the \_\_\_\_\_ national authority will apply:  
  
or  
  
No national prescriptions will apply.
- 1.3 The Regatta Regulations of the International J/24 Class Association (IJCA) will apply.
- 1.4 Support Boats - Notwithstanding the preamble to Part 4 rules, RRS 41 shall apply from the time a boat leaves her mooring for the first race of each day and until she returns to her mooring after racing. If RC displays Race Signal AP over H, RRS 41 restrictions are suspended until she leaves her mooring again.
- 1.5 Bow numbers will be assigned to each boat and will be used as identification for the boat during the regatta. Bow numbers shall be applied in accordance with the instructions supplied and shall remain affixed until after a boat hauls out at the end of the regatta.
- 1.6 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.
- 1.7 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.
- 1.8 Part 5, Section B of the RRS and RRS 44 will be changed to permit Protest Arbitration.
- 1.9 RRS 61.1(a) will be changed so that the red flag displayed by a protesting boat shall have a hoist of not less than 150mm and a fly of not less than 200mm.

- 1.10 RRS 44.3 will be changed so that code flag "I" may be used as the yellow flag and so that the flag used (either yellow or code flag "I") shall have a hoist of not less than 150mm and a fly of not less than 200mm.

**Optional, recommended:**

- 1.11 Class rule C.2.1(b) will be replaced in the Sailing Instructions with class rule J.4.3 that allows limited crew substitution.

**Optional:**

- 1.12 Class rule C.10.2 will be replaced in the Sailing Instructions by class rule J.2 that allows a spare spinnaker with restrictions.

**2. Advertising:**

- 2.1 Competitor advertising shall comply with RRS 80 and ISAF Regulation 20.
- 2.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

**3. Eligibility and Entry:**

- 3.1 The World Championship is open to J/24 Class boats as defined by the IJCA class rules, and that qualify as prescribed in the IJCA Regatta Regulations, and whose entries are accepted by the organizing authority.
- 3.2 Championship drivers must be either nationals or residents and members of the National J/24 Class Association of the country that they represent, and they must have qualified as defined by their National J/24 Class Association to represent their country.
- 3.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing the required form **(either attached or on the web site)** and sending it together with the required fees to **(address)** by **(date)**.
- 3.4 Late entries will be accepted under the following conditions: **(insert conditions)**.
- 3.5 If there are co-drivers, one of them shall be designated as the primary driver for this regatta.
- 3.6 The following restrictions on the number of boats apply: **(insert any additional restrictions that might apply, or leave this instruction off the NOR)**.

**4. Fees:**

- 4.1 The required entry fee is **(insert fee and currency)**.
- 4.2 Fee includes measurement, launching, hauling, storage/mooring while at the regatta, racing, scheduled social functions for all crew, prizes. **(add any other included items that may apply)**
- 4.3 Additional individual social function passes may be purchased at registration for an additional fee.
- 4.4 All fees are payable to: **(insert payment instructions and acceptable methods of payment)**.

**5. Schedule:**

**5.1 (the schedule below is an example only)**

Day	Date	Time	Event/Activity
Thursday	13 September	0900 - 1800	Registration/Measurement/Crew Weigh-in
Friday	14 September	0800 - 1800	Registration/Measurement/Crew Weigh-in
Saturday	15 September	0800 - 1800	Registration/Measurement/Crew Weigh-in
Sunday	16 September	0900 – 1700 0900 – 1200 1200 1400 1800 1800 1800	Registration/ Crew Weigh-in Measurement Skippers' Briefing Practice Race Competitors' Meeting Opening Ceremonies All Boats Afloat
Monday	17 September	0800 – 0830 1030 1800	Crew Weigh-in* Warning for First Race of the Day Social Event?
Tuesday	18 September	0800 – 0830 1030 1800	Crew Weigh-in* Warning for First Race of the Day Social Event?
Wednesday	19 September	0800 – 0830 1030 1800	Crew Weigh-in* Warning for First Race of the Day Social Event?
Thursday	20 September	0800 – 0830 1030 1800	Crew Weigh-in* Warning for First Race of the Day Social Event?
Friday	21 September	0800 – 0830 1030 1500 1800	Crew Weigh-in* Warning for First Race of the Day No Warning after this time Closing Ceremonies and Awards

\* These scheduled crew weigh-ins are only for jury approved replacement crews per 1.11.

5.2 Ten races are scheduled over five consecutive days.

5.3 Two races are scheduled per day except that no more than one race may be scheduled on the first day unless a successful practice race has been held. One extra race per day may be sailed provided that the regatta does not become more than one race ahead of schedule and the change is made according to the provisions of the Sailing Instructions. If the regatta is behind schedule, extra races to a maximum of four races may be sailed in a single day.

**6. Registration and Measurement:**

- 6.1 At registration each boat shall present:
- (a) A valid, IJCA issued Measurement Certificate, Including Part C: Inventory of Required and Optional Equipment.
  - (b) Proof of current marine liability insurance coverage in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ *(see note in the instructions regarding insurance and liability.)*
  - (c) Proof of J/24 Class Association membership in the country they represent for the owner and the helmsperson.
- 6.2 All competitors will be weighed during registration. Competitors must have a passport or other photo identification at weigh-in.
- 6.3 Inspection and measurement will be carried out on all boats and sails in accordance with the class rules.
- 6.4 Boats will be subject to inspection at any time and for any class rules during the regatta.

**7. Sailing Instructions:**

- 7.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available after *(insert time and date)* at *(insert location, such as registration and/or internet address, as appropriate)*

**8. Venue:**

- 8.1 Attachment \_\_\_ shows the location of the regatta harbor.
- 8.2 Attachment \_\_\_ shows the location of the racing areas.

**9. The Courses:**

- 9.1 The courses to be sailed will be windward/leeward with 4 or 5 legs. *(The J/24 Class prefers five legs, but allows the option for four legs if needed for scheduling problems.)*
- 9.2 The target time for each race is approximately 75 – 90 minutes.
- 9.3 An offset mark at the weather mark will be used. Exceptions will be described in the Sailing Instructions
- 9.4 A gate at the leeward mark will be used. Exceptions will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

**10. Penalty System:**

- 10.1 The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3, will apply, with penalties as modified by the IJCA. See J/24 Scoring Penalties on the Class website, <http://www.j24class.org> Class Documents. These modifications will be printed in the Sailing Instructions.
- 10.2 An International Jury will be appointed according to RRS 70.5, whose decisions will be final.
- 10.3 Arbitration may be used prior to the protest hearing for incidents involving the rules of Part 2 or RRS 31.

10.4 Some other penalties as per RRS 64.1 will apply for breaking some IJCA rules. See J/24 Class Rule Penalties on the Class website. These penalties will be printed in the Sailing Instructions.

**11. Scoring:**

11.1 Four races are required to be completed to constitute a championship.

11.2 When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When five or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score. Appendix A will be changed accordingly.

11.3 **(optional)** Boats failing to finish within \_\_\_\_ minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. Boats scored TLE will be scored points equal to the number of boats finishing within the time limit plus two points by the race committee. RRS A4.2, A5 and A11 will be changed accordingly.

**12. Support Boats:**

12.1 Support boats shall comply with NOR 1.4.

12.2 Support boats shall register during scheduled registration, declaring to which boat or boats they are attached. They may be required to display an identification flag supplied by the organizing authority.

**13. Berthing:**

13.1 Boats shall be kept in their assigned places or areas, as directed by the organizing authority.

**14. Haul-out Restrictions:**

14.1 Boats shall be afloat by \_\_\_\_\_ **(time and date)** and shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with, and according to the terms of prior written permission of the jury. This includes rudders.

**15. Diving Equipment, Plastic Pools and Other Prohibited Actions:**

15.1 Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used between the time the boat is afloat and the end of the regatta. The hull may be cleaned at any time by swimming or keelhauling using ropes, cloth or other equipment designed for that use.

15.2 Careening by any means for the purpose of cleaning or inspecting the hull is prohibited during the regatta.

**16. Radio Communication:**

16.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. This shall apply from the time she leaves her mooring for the first race of the day until racing for the day is complete.

16.2 The race committee may choose to make VHF radio communications to the fleet on a channel to be announced in the sailing instructions. It is strongly encouraged that each boat have a VHF radio on board capable of receiving these communications.

**17. Prizes:**

17.1 Prizes will be awarded to at least the top 15% of boats entered. ***(or insert a number in excess of 15% of the entries)***

17.2 A prize will be awarded to the top youth entry comprised of a crew in which none are over the age of 25 years.

17.3 A prize will be awarded for the top women's entry in which the entire crew is comprised of women.

**18. Disclaimer of Liability:**

18.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta.

19.2 All competitors will be required to sign a Competitor Liability Waiver form to be provided in the registration package.

***(The laws applicable to the venue in which the event is held may limit disclaimers. Any disclaimer should be drafted to comply with those laws.)***

**19. Insurance:**

19.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party insurance with a minimum coverage of \_\_\_\_\_ ***(insert amount)*** per incident or the equivalent.

**20. Media Rights:**

20.1 ***(insert if required by the organizing authority)*** Competitors give absolute right and permission to the IJCA, the ***(insert nation)*** J/24 Class Association, ***(insert fleet and host club if desired)*** and the event sponsors to use, publish, broadcast or otherwise distribute for promotional, advertising or any other purpose, any images and sound recorded during the event of persons and boats free of any charge.

**21. Further Information, contact the following:**

Regatta Chair: \_\_\_\_\_

Charter boats: \_\_\_\_\_

***Etc:*** \_\_\_\_\_

***The Following Additional Information is Not Part of the Notice of Race (NOR):***

***An Entry form, to be signed by the boat's owner or owner's representative or helmsperson in the event of a charter containing words such as "I agree to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and by all other rules that govern this event" and any other terms of agreement to be required of the participant.***

***Any applicable prescriptions of the national authority in their entirety and in English.***

***List of Sponsors, if appropriate.***

***Launching, mooring, haul-out and trailer parking arrangements for the host location.***

***Any customs or immigration information that might be applicable to the competitors.***

***Lodging and camping information.***

***Driving directions.***

***Race Committee and Jury members.***

***Repair and supply facilities for boats, equipment and sails.***

***Charter boat availability and contact information.***

***Schedule of social events.***