



**INTERNATIONAL J/24 CLASS
REGATTA REGULATIONS**

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INTRODUCTION AND APPLICATION

These Regatta Regulations have been established to bring uniformity to the awarding and running of J/24 championships, consistent with the one-design nature of the class. Standard formats, conduct and documentation for championship events enable J/24 sailors worldwide to attend events without having to acquaint themselves with different rules and methods of participating.

This is a major rewrite of the original IJCA Regatta Standards, now the IJCA Regatta Regulations. The following is an overview of the contents. This document has the status of By-laws of the IJCA and will be updated by the IJCA as circumstances require. This document is included in the definition of "Rules" in the Racing Rules of Sailing – item g.

1. The word "shall", when used in this document, indicates that compliance is mandatory. The word "may" (or similar), when used in this document, indicates that compliance is optional.
2. Section A covers items that are common to all international championship events. Section B covers World Championships, and Section C covers Continental Championships. Other events, such as National Championships may include these Regatta Regulations in whole or in part by reference.
3. Appendices include guidelines, schedules and sample documents to be used for proposing and contracting for international championship events.
4. Many documents that are maintained on the IJCA website (j24class.org) are included in this document by reference.
5. These Regatta Regulations are for the use of the International J/24 Class Association (IJCA) and the organizers of international championship events for the J/24 class.

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Definitions and Abbreviations

- EC the IJCA Executive Committee
- ED the Executive Director of the IJCA
- Fleet a local group of J/24 owners within a country that is recognized by the NJCA
- IJCA the International J/24 Class Association
- ITC the IJCA Technical Committee
- Jury an international jury formed in accordance with RRS Appendix N
- MNA a World Sailing Member National Authority
- NJCA a National J/24 Class Association recognized by the IJCA
- NOR the IJCA Class Standard Notice of Race
- OA Organizing Authority
- RC Race Committee
- RO Principal Race Officer and Chair of the Race Committee
- RRS the current Racing Rules of Sailing, written and administered by World Sailing
- SIs the IJCA Class Standard Sailing Instructions
- Technical Committee the regatta Technical Committee appointed by the OA
- WC World Council of the IJCA
- World Sailing The worldwide governing body of sailing

SECTION A – GENERAL

1. **Applicability** -- This document contains the regulations for World and Continental Championship events. These same regulations may also serve as guidelines in whole or in part for other national or regional championships.
2. **Conflict** – If there is a conflict between these IJCA Regatta Regulations and the World Sailing Regulations and RRS, The World Sailing Regulations and RRS take precedence. Event organizers are reminded of their responsibility to comply with World Sailing requirements.
3. **Event Proposals and Site Selection**
 - 3.1. The IJCA World Council selects venues for the World Championships in accordance with the procedures described in IJCA Constitution. A rotation of North America, Europe, North America, Europe, somewhere else shall be followed when practical. Additional details appear in Section B.
 - 3.2. Continental Championship venues are selected by the NJCAs involved in the championship and approved by the EC. Additional details appear in Section C.
 - 3.3. International event dates shall be posted on the IJCA website calendar. National Championships and World Championship qualifiers shall not be scheduled in conflict with these events.
 - 3.4. National, Regional and District Championship venues are chosen by appropriate NJCAs.
 - 3.5. All sanctioned IJCA events should be hosted by a J/24 Fleet and/or NJCA in conjunction with a yacht club or yachting facility. A Fleet interested in hosting a championship event should contact their NJCA executives and/or the IJCA Class office for availability of future events.
- 3.1. The standard “Proposal to Host a Regatta” format (Appendix A) shall be used for World and Continental Championships and is recommended for all other championships as well.
4. **Championship Event Financing**
 - 4.1. Championship event financing is completely the responsibility of the OA.
 - 4.2. The budget shall include all event organizational expenses, including preparatory meetings with the IJCA for World and Continental events, and travel and accommodation expenses of the Jury, event measurer, RO, IJCA Chairman or his designee, and hotel and onsite expenses for the ED or his designee.
 - 4.3. A copy of the proposed budget for the championship event shall be submitted to the Class office for review by select members of the EC no later than a year before the start date of the championship event. Submission does not preclude the OA from changing the budget.
 - 4.4. The budget may be financed by entry fees, sponsor contracts, subsidies and any other legal means.
 - 4.5. Any surplus from the event budget after all accounts are settled shall be distributed according to a joint agreement between the OA and the host NJCA. If the event is covered by an IJCA negotiated multi event sponsorship agreement, the IJCA shall also share in any surplus distribution.

5. Sponsorship Rights

- 6.1. The IJCA may enter into multi-year agreements with sponsor(s). In exchange for financial and/or in-kind support, the Class may have commitments and obligations that will extend to and obligate the OA of events. These potential sponsorship agreements may entitle sponsors to exclusivity in their area of business, imposing restrictions on OAs in potential sponsorship solicitation. OAs will be informed of any pertinent IJCA sponsor commitments at the time the championship event is awarded.

6. Publicizing the Event

- 6.1. All events shall be publicized well in advance and during the regatta. Publicity should include:
- 6.2. An "Invitation" or preliminary NOR, posted on the IJCA website event calendar as soon as possible.
- 6.3. An event website, created by the OA, containing information about the venue, registration, accommodations with a link to the IJCA website.
- 6.4. Periodic press releases, social media posts, article placement in local media and the sailing press by the OA, before, during (daily) and after the event that include event news, photos and results. The IJCA Class office should be included in these releases.
- 6.5. A media/publicity sub-committee to the OA.
- 6.6. Distribution of handouts, stickers, event attire and any other promotion materials at any related events in the prior year.
- 6.7. Education of the host Fleet's sailors to make them aware of the details so they can better promote the event to competitors at other events.
- 6.8. Working with the event sponsors on ideas to co-promote
- 6.9. A full event report from the OA to the Class office for publication by the IJCA within 30 days of the end of the event.

7. Internet and Websites

- 7.1. OAs should use event websites to promote the championship and to communicate with competitors. The event website should include official documents like the NOR, instructions for registration, a list of competitors already registered, housing possibilities, available charters, area attractions, travel suggestions and schedules if appropriate, wind and weather typical for the area and time of year, and any other information that may be helpful to the potential competitor.
- 7.2. The website shall be in English, but may also have multi-lingual functionality.

8. Merchandise

- 8.1. The IJCA grants to the OA the right to produce merchandise specifically related to the event. These rights are granted on the understanding and agreement of the OA that the net proceeds shall be

used only to meet event expenses. The OA may contract with an event merchandise specialist for this.

- 8.2. Should the OA decide not to exercise this right, the IJCA shall retain the sole event merchandising right, and the OA shall provide appropriate space and facilities within the event site to be used by the IJCA for sale of the merchandise. The net proceeds from merchandise sales by the IJCA shall be for the IJCA. The IJCA may contract with an event merchandise specialist for this.
- 8.3. Merchandise utilizing the “J/24” logo must comply with the standards of the trademark holder, JBoats, Inc. See Appendix F for trademark use guidelines.

SECTION B - WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

11. Proposals

- 11.1. Proposals to host a World Championship shall be submitted by a Fleet, with the endorsement of the Fleet's NJCA, or by a NJCA. Proposals shall be submitted to the IJCA Class office for approval at the WC meeting a minimum of four (4) years in advance of the proposed event date. Contact the IJCA Class office for the date of the next WC meeting.
- 11.2. The proposal shall follow the format specified in APPENDIX A: Proposal to Host a Regatta. The proposal shall be in electronic format (PDF or Microsoft WORD document), and delivered to the IJCA Class office at least sixty (60) days prior to the WC meeting. Supplemental presentations, such as slideshows or video, may also be provided but shall not be an acceptable substitute for the APPENDIX A: Proposal to Host a Regatta.
- 11.3. The Proposal must be accompanied by a commitment signed by the Chairman or equivalent of the host NJCA and the proposed Event Chairman from the host Fleet to enter into an Agreement as set out in APPENDIX B: Agreement to Host a World Championship within sixty (60) days of being awarded the event by the WC.
- 11.4. The NJCA submitting the proposal shall identify any conflicts between the regulations, practices and national prescriptions to the RRS of the host country MNA and these IJCA Regatta Regulations. The NJCA shall propose resolutions to these conflicts agreeable to the MNA and the IJCA either with the proposal or within twelve (12) months following provisional acceptance of the proposal by the IJCA World Council. The NJCA submitting the proposal shall communicate with the Chairman of the IJCA Technical Committee and the class office on the proposed resolutions.
- 11.5. The IJCA Class office will electronically distribute proposals to all NJCAs at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of the WC meeting.
- 11.6. A representative of the Fleet or NJCA requesting to host a World Championship event should attend the WC meeting, if possible, to provide information about the event and answer questions.
- 11.7. The IJCA WC will communicate the selection to the submitting NJCAs as soon as practical following the meeting.

12. Organizing Authority

- 12.1. When a Fleet has been awarded a World Championship event, they shall form a World Championship Organizing Authority (OA), as defined in RRS 89.1, within thirty (30) days of being awarded the World Championship by the IJCA WC.
- 12.2. The OA for a J/24 World Championship shall be comprised of the IJCA, host NJCA, Event Committee Chair, host Fleet and the host yacht club or sailing club.
- 12.3. The OA members and any changes to the membership are approved by the IJCA Executive Committee(EC). The ED is responsible for coordinating approval after submission to the Class.
- 12.4. The IJCA Class Representative at the World Championship shall be the IJCA Executive Director or the IJCA Chair. If neither is able to attend, an alternate shall be appointed by the IJCA EC. The Class

Representative will be a resource for the Organizing Committee, Race Committee, and Jury on all aspects of the event.

- 12.5. Members of the World Championship OA shall be listed as such in the event Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions.
- 12.6. The OA shall appoint an event Organizing Committee to plan, organize and run the Championship together with the Race Officials and Technical Committee.
- 12.7. The OA shall appoint Race Officials and Technical Committee as described below – Race Officials and Technical Committees. The OA shall respect the requests from the IJCA Executive Committee to include individuals who will fill key positions in the organization of the World Championship in the following year to ensure continuity and transference.
- 12.8. All relationships with the National Authority (MNA) of the host country are the responsibility of the OA.
- 12.9. The OA is responsible for securing an official agreement from its National Authority (MNA) to organize the World Championship when required by the MNA regulations.

13. Race Officials and Technical Committee

- 13.1. In accordance with World Sailing Rules and Regulations, technical matters related to the Championship are delegated by the OA to committees fully in charge of managing those technical aspects of the World Championship. The committees are:
 - 13.2. The International Jury, as defined in Appendix N of the RRS, headed by the Chief Judge.
 - 13.3. The Race Committee (as per RRS), headed by the Race Officer.
 - 13.4. The Technical Committee, headed by the Chairman of the ITC.
 - 13.5. The Race Office.

14. International Jury

- 14.1. The Jury constituted in accordance with RRS Appendix N shall be appointed by the OA for the World Championship. At least three members of the Jury shall be selected from the IJCA endorsed International Judges list.
- 14.2. The IJCA EC shall approve the Chief Judge and the other members of the Jury for a World Championship, including any changes to initial appointments. The OA shall submit information on the proposed judges and their applicable and specific experience with the J/24 Class to the ED at the IJCA Class office to coordinate the approval. This information shall be submitted prior to or with the Notice of Race (NOR).
- 14.3. The Chief Judge shall be from a country other than the host country.

- 14.4. The OA shall exercise care in inviting judges who have relevant experience with the J/24 and other one design keelboat class events at a World Championship level. Proposed judges shall be fluent in English.
- 14.5. One seat on the Jury shall be offered to the Chief Judge, or his delegate, for the next World Championship. The Organizing Authority for the next World Championship shall be responsible for this judge's travel expenses.
- 14.6. The Jury is responsible for the application of on-the-water judging when applicable and specified by the NOR and SIs.
- 14.7. In accordance with RRS 76.3, the Jury is not empowered to decide questions of eligibility or entry.
- 14.8. The OA shall designate a Jury Secretary devoted to the Jury. The Jury Secretary shall act at the direction of the Chief Judge. The Jury Secretary may collect and record the protest and scoring penalty forms after racing; coordinate parties for protest hearings; and, issue, distribute and post to the official notice board the hearing schedule and decisions of the International Jury.
- 14.9. The OA is encouraged to consult their MNA and those in neighboring countries to identify other events requiring an international jury in close proximity to the World Championships that may provide opportunities to share jury members and reduce travel costs.

15. Race Committee

- 15.1. The OA shall appoint the Race Officer (RO) and organize the race committee in accordance with the RRS. The RO for World Championships shall be a World Sailing certified, International RO or hold the senior-most race management certification issued by the RO's national authority.
- 15.2. The IJCA EC shall approve the RO for a World Championship, and any changes to the initial appointment. The OA shall submit information on the proposed RO to the ED at the IJCA Class office who will coordinate the approval. This information shall be submitted prior to or with the NOR.
- 15.3. The OA shall exercise care in inviting an RO who has relevant experience with the J/24 and other one design keelboat class events at the international level. The proposed RO shall be fluent in English.

16. Technical Committee

- 16.1. The OA shall form a Technical Committee with the IJCA Technical Committee (ITC) Chair as the Chairman. If the ITC Chair is unable to attend or is a competitor at the event, an alternate shall be proposed by the ITC Chair and approved by the IJCA EC.
- 16.2. The Technical Committee Chairman shall be the final authority on measurement processes and decisions during the pre-race inspections; on-the-water equipment inspections; and, be the authority responsible for interpreting the IJCA Class rules for the Jury.
- 16.3. The Technical Committee Chairman shall approve the measurement equipment to be used for inspection at the event.
- 16.4. The Technical Committee Chairman shall approve all measurers and equipment inspectors who will participate in inspection at the event.

- 16.5. At the direction of the Technical Committee Chair, the Technical Committee shall arrange for all required personnel, training, equipment, facilities and forms required to complete the inspection for the planned number of entries in the time allotted for inspection at the event site.
- 16.6. The Technical Committee Chair shall organize and conduct on-the-water inspections of boats, when possible, to ensure continued adherence to Class rules.
- 16.7. The Technical Committee Chair shall resolve issues involving repair and/or replacement of equipment and advise the jury on any Class rules issues.

17. Race Office

- 17.1. The OA shall appoint members of the Race Office.
- 17.2. The Race Office organizes interfaces between competitors and race officials, and manages matters related to entries, results, attendance at event functions, and other issues associated with the competitors’ attendance at the World Championship.
- 17.3. The Race Office should be staffed by a minimum of three (3) people when the competitors are ashore and one (1) when the competitors are on the water.
- 17.4. The Race Office maintains and posts Race Committee notices on the official notice board.

18. World Championship Entries

- 18.1. The IJCA EC shall make final decisions about eligibility of crews and boats entering a World Championship when that eligibility is not otherwise clear. NJCAs and Class members with questions concerning eligibility shall direct them to the IJCA Class office.
- 18.2. For World Championships, drivers must be nominated by their NJCA and be either nationals or residents and registered members of the NJCA of the country they represent.
- 18.3. Each NJCA is entitled to the following number of entries in a World Championship based upon the number of IJCA paid members as of December 31 of the year prior to the event.

Paid IJCA Members	World Championship Entries
1 – 25	1
26 – 50	3
51 - 150	5
151 -250	8
251 - 500	9
500 - 750	10
Each Additional 250	2

- 18.4. At each World Championship, the host NJCA shall be allowed three (3) times its normal number of entries as determined by the above entry table.
- 18.5. At each World Championship, NJCAs in the same continent (e.g. North America, South America, Europe) or hemisphere (e.g. Asia-Pacific) shall be allowed two (2) times its normal number of entries as determined by the above entry table.
- 18.6. In addition, the following are automatic qualifiers for a World Championship:
- a. All past World Champions
 - b. Second and Third place finishers from the prior year's World Championship
 - c. Continental and Hemispheric champions from the past three years
 - d. National Champion of each NJCA from the prior year
 - e. The designer and the copyright holder – one each
 - f. Active Licensed Builders (up to a total of three entries)
 - g. The current IJCA Chair
- 18.7. These entries shall not be passed on to any person other than those designated in the list above, and they do not diminish the NJCA entries in the above entry table.
- 18.8. The host fleet shall have two (2) qualifying entries to be used at its discretion.
- 18.9. One all-female crew as selected and promoted by their NJCA will be eligible to enter the World Championship and compete for the Jaeger J/24 World Championship Women's Trophy.
- 18.10. One under-25 years crew as selected and promoted by their NJCA will be eligible to enter the World Championship and compete for the Under-25 Turner Trophy. All crew members shall be under 25 years of age on the first day of championship racing.
- 18.11. NJCAs are responsible for selecting the drivers to fill their entries as allotted by the entry table. It is suggested that this be done primarily through qualifying events as described below.
- 18.12. The IJCA ED may allocate a World Championship entry to the winning driver of an (unique) International Event held in the year prior to a World Championship. The winning driver must be a member of the IJCA prior to the beginning of the international event and meet membership requirements for the World Championship.
- 18.13. Qualified drivers shall show proof of membership in their NJCA (which must be in good standing) at registration unless they are a direct IJCA member without an NJCA who qualified by petition.
- 18.14. An IJCA paid Class Member, without a recognized NJCA, may petition the IJCA EC to participate in a World Championship by submitting a letter of consideration and a schedule of prior year events with results.

19. World Championship Qualifying Events and Entry Process

- 19.1. No Worlds Qualifying event shall be scheduled in the same calendar year as the World Championship unless approved by the IJCA EC.
- 19.2. No Worlds Qualifying event shall be scheduled less than 120 days before the date of the World Championship unless approved by the IJCA EC.
- 19.3. The number of World Championship **berths** available and the process of how the **berths** are to be awarded shall be defined in the NOR for any Worlds Qualifying event.
- 19.4. For Worlds Qualifying events, the OA shall require boats sailed by more than one driver to designate the driver for qualification at registration. The qualifying driver must be the one who starts, finishes and drives the majority of the upwind legs in the event.
- 19.5. The driver that qualified for a World's berth at a National, Regional, District or equivalent World Qualifying event shall be a member of the NJCA awarding the entry, and if appropriate, the relevant Fleet, District or Region. If a District does not have a qualifying event, members of that District may compete in a neighboring District event and qualify as if from that District.
- 19.6. If the winner of a World Championship berth has previously qualified or is unable to attend, the qualification may be passed down at the discretion of the NJCA.
- 19.7. At least 120 days before the start of the World Championship, the IJCA ED shall:
 - 19.8. Notify each NJCA of how many Worlds berths are available to them according to the entry table, and confirm the number of the NJCA's members used in the calculation.
 - 19.9. Request that the NJCAs notify the IJCA Class office of the qualifying drivers no later than 90 days before the start of the World Championship.
 - 19.10. Provide the World Championship OA with the list and contact information, if available, of the automatic qualifiers.
 - 19.11. Upon receipt of the names of the qualifying drivers from the NJCAs, the IJCA ED shall:
 - 19.12. Verify the drivers' NJCA membership, where possible
 - 19.13. Provide names and contact information, where possible, of the qualifiers to the World Championship OA

20. Rules

- 20.1. Racing shall be conducted under the RRS with the following specifications and changes:
- 20.2. Advertising for World Championships shall comply with World Sailing Regulation 20.
- 20.3. The IJCA Penalties for Breaking Some Class Rules as posted on the IJCA website and included in the Class Standard SIs as an attachment shall apply.

20.4. RRS 44.1 (main body) and 44.2 (Turns Penalty) will not be used for World Championships. The IJCA Percentage Penalty modification to RRS 44.3 as posted on the IJCA website and included in the Class Standard SIs shall apply.

20.5. Other adjustments to Class rules and RRS are detailed in the Class Standard NOR and SIs.

21. Notice of Race

21.1. The IJCA Class Standard Notice of Race shall be used for all World Championships. This document, in template format may be obtained from the IJCA website of the IJCA Class office.

21.2. The official NOR shall be in English. Translations into other languages is permitted, but the official English language version shall prevail in any conflicts.

21.3. The NOR for a World Championship shall be approved by the RO and the Chief Judge prior to electronic format (MS Word) submission to the IJCA Class office at least nine (9) months prior to the start of the event.

21.4. The NOR must be approved by the ITC prior to publishing. The ED will coordinate the approval process. Any deviations from the IJCA Class Standard NOR must be noted and explained. Any subsequent amendments to the NOR must also be approved by the ITC.

21.5. The approved NOR shall be posted on the IJCA and event websites as early as possible. If all of the details have not yet been worked out and approved, it may be published as a "Preliminary Notice of Race" or an "Invitation to Race".

22. National Prescriptions

Host country prescriptions to the RRS shall not apply to the World Championship when exclusion or deletion is allowed. Any prescriptions that must apply shall be identified and reprinted in the NOR and SIs.

23. Sailing Instructions

23.1. The IJCA Class Standard Sailing Instructions shall be used for all World Championships. This document, in template format may be obtained from the IJCA website of the IJCA Class office.

23.2. The official SIs shall be in English. Translation into other languages is permitted, but the official English language version shall prevail in any conflicts.

23.3. The SIs for a World Championship shall be approved by the RO and the Chief Judge prior to electronic format (MS Word) submission to the IJCA Class office at least four (4) months prior to the start of the event.

23.4. The NOR must be approved by the ITC prior to publishing. The ED will coordinate the approval process. Any deviations from the IJCA Class Standard NOR must be noted and explained. Any subsequent amendments to the NOR must also be approved by the ITC.

24. Inspection

- 24.1. All boats entering a World Championship shall have a current Measurement Certificate issued by the IJCA Class office.
- 24.2. A complete measurement of sails and inspection of the hull, hull appendages, rigging, fixed and optional equipment of all competing boats must be conducted and passed before a boat is accepted as an entry.
- 24.3. Only measurement equipment approved by the Chair of the Technical Committee, including sail templates, keel templates, weighing scales and all other templates, gauges and measuring devices shall be used for inspection at World Championships. A list of required equipment and personnel is available through the Class office or the ITC Chair.
- 24.4. Inspection will be planned and organized by the Technical Committee under the direction of its Chairman.
- 24.5. The Technical Committee shall provide competitors with instructions for the condition in which the boats shall be presented for inspection.
- 24.6. Inspection operations for boats shall be conducted during the times specified in the NOR. Exceptions may be made for volunteers' boats, test boats and chartered boats but shall be done with the same equipment and under the direction of the Technical Committee Chairman.
- 24.7. Boats inspected prior to the event may be quarantined until the event starts.
- 24.8. There shall be no charges, monetary or otherwise, to competitors for inspection of boats or measurement of sails at a World Championship.
- 24.9. During racing, the Technical Committee may conduct on-the-water or dockside inspections of any boats to ensure continued adherence to Class rules. The OA shall provide a designated support boat for this purpose.

25. Entry Fees

- 25.1. Entry fees are set by the OA with the approval of the IJCA EC.
- 25.2. The fees shall cover launch, mooring and haul-out of boats during the event; storage of boats and trailers for a reasonable time prior to, during and following the event; prizes; and, some social activities.
- 25.3. The Regatta Organizing Committee is encouraged to obtain sponsors to assist with event expenses and to keep entry fees for competitors as low as possible.

26. Schedule of Races

- 26.1. A minimum of ten (10) races shall be scheduled, with a minimum of four (4) races to be completed to constitute a World Championship series.
- 26.2. Racing shall not continue beyond Saturday.
- 26.3. There shall be no lay days.

27. Courses

- 27.1. World Championship courses shall be Windward/Leeward per RRS Appendix S – WA3, with the exception that course LA2 may be used in circumstances where the RC intends to run more than 2 races in a day.
- 27.2. Individual races should be targeted for 60 to 80 minutes.
- 27.3. Course WA3 may be shortened to LA2 at the discretion of the RC and in accordance with the RRS.

28. Scoring

- 28.1. The Low Point Scoring System, RRS A2, shall be used.
- 28.2. Each boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score, provided that more than four (4) races have been completed.
- 28.3. Only entrants that have completed all requirements for entry as stated in the NOR, SIs, Class rules and these Regatta Regulations shall be included on the list of competitors used for scoring.

29. Prizes

- 29.1. Prizes provided by the OA at World Championships shall be awarded to the top 15% of boats entered. Additionally, prizes shall be awarded to the entire crew of the top five (5) boats. The OA will help facilitate the shipping and storage of the perpetual trophies provided by the IJCA.
- 29.2. The OA may award other prizes at their discretion.

30. **Protest Fees** – are not permitted.

31. Charter Boats

- 31.1. The OA shall establish a Charter Boat Committee to facilitate the location and arrangements for suitable boats for charter by competitors.
- 31.2. Boats must have a current IJCA issued Measurement Certificate to be considered for charter. An owner of a charter boat must be a Class member as required for a Measurement Certificate.
- 31.3. Chartered boats may be measured prior to the schedule set out in the NOR to obtain a Measurement Certificate. Such measurement shall not exempt these boats from the event inspection process.
- 31.4. The OA, through the Charter Boat Committee, shall make every effort to insure boats provided for charter are compliant with Class rules. Any costs to competitors to bring chartered boats into compliance shall be born by the boat's owner. The OA may help by withholding charter fees from the owner.

32. Expenses

32.1. The OA shall be responsible for travel, local accommodation and food expenses of the following event officials:

- a. Members of the Jury while traveling to/from and attending the event
- b. The RO while traveling to/from and attending the event
- c. The IJCA Chairman and ITC Chairman or their designated alternates while traveling to/from and attending the event and any associated pre-event meetings
- d. The IJCA ED (all but travel expenses)

32.2. Reimbursements to these officials shall be made prior to the end of the event. The OA shall establish and communicate the procedure for reimbursement in advance of the start of the event.

CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

35. Proposals

- 35.1. Proposals to host a Continental Championship shall be submitted by a Fleet, with the endorsement of the Fleet's NJCA, or by a NJCA. Proposals shall be submitted to the IJCA Class office at least sixty (60) days before a WC meeting, and a minimum of three (3) years in advance of the proposed event date. The IJCA ED will facilitate selection and approval by the officers of the NJCAs involved.
- 35.2. The participating NJCAs should establish a rotation guideline for the hosting of a Continental Championship.
- 35.3. The proposal shall follow the format specified in APPENDIX A: Proposal to Host a Regatta. The proposal shall be in electronic format (PDF or Microsoft WORD document), and delivered to the IJCA Class office at least sixty (60) days prior to the selection meeting. Supplemental presentations, such as slideshows or video, may also be provided but shall not be an acceptable substitute for the APPENDIX A: Proposal to Host a Regatta.
- 35.4. The Proposal must be accompanied by a commitment signed by the Chairman or equivalent of the host NJCA and the proposed Event Chairman from the host Fleet to enter into an Agreement as set out in APPENDIX D: Agreement to Host a Continental Championship within sixty (60) days of being awarded the event.
- 35.5. The NJCA submitting the proposal shall identify any conflicts between the regulations, practices and national prescriptions to the RRS of the host country MNA and these IJCA Regatta Regulations. The NJCA shall propose resolutions to these conflicts agreeable to the MNA and the IJCA either with the proposal or within twelve (12) months following provisional acceptance of the proposal by the IJCA. The NJCA submitting the proposal shall communicate with the class office and the Chairman of the IJCA Technical Committee on the proposed resolutions.
- 35.6. The IJCA Class office will electronically distribute proposals to all NJCAs at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of the selection meeting.
- 35.7. A representative of the Fleet or NJCA requesting to host a Continental Championship event should attend the WC meeting, if possible, to provide information about the event and answer questions.
- 35.8. The IJCA will communicate the selection to the submitting NJCAs as soon as practical following the meeting.

36. Organizing Authority

- 36.1. When a Fleet has been awarded a Continental Championship event, they shall form a Continental Championship Organizing Authority (OA), as defined in RRS 89.1, within thirty (30) days of being awarded the Continental Championship by the IJCA.
- 36.2. The OA for a J/24 Continental Championship shall be comprised of the IJCA, host NJCA, Event Committee Chair, host Fleet and the host yacht club or sailing club.
- 36.3. The OA members and any changes to the membership are approved by the IJCA Executive Committee (EC). The ED is responsible for coordinating approval after submission to the class.

36.4. The IJCA Class Representative at the Continental Championship shall ~~shall~~ **may** be the IJCA Executive Director, the IJCA Chair, or an appointee of the IJCA EC. The Class Representative will be a resource for the Organizing Committee, Race Committee, and Jury on all aspects of the event.

36.5. Members of the Continental Championship OA shall be listed ~~as such~~ in the event Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions.

36.6. The OA shall appoint an event Organizing Committee to plan, organize and run the Championship together with the Race Officials and Technical Committee.

36.7. The OA shall appoint Race Officials and Technical Committee as described below – Race Officials and Technical Committees. The OA shall respect the requests from the IJCA Executive Committee to include individuals who will fill key positions in the organization of the Continental Championship in the following year to ensure continuity and transference.

36.8. All relationships with the National Authority (MNA) of the host country are the responsibility of the OA.

36.9. The OA is responsible for securing an official agreement from its National Authority (MNA) to organize the Continental Championship when required by the MNA regulations.

37. Race Officials and Technical Committee

37.1. In accordance with World Sailing Rules and Regulations, technical matters related to the Championship are delegated by the OA to committees fully in charge of managing those technical aspects of the Continental Championship. The committees are:

- a. The International Jury, as defined in Appendix N of the RRS, headed by the Chief Judge.
- b. The Race Committee (as per RRS), headed by the Race Officer.
- c. The Technical Committee, headed by the Chairman of the ITC or an appointed representative.
- d. The Race Office.

38. International Jury

38.1. The Jury constituted in accordance with RRS Appendix N shall be appointed by the OA for the Continental Championship. At least three members of the Jury shall be selected from the IJCA endorsed International Judges list.

38.2. The IJCA EC shall approve the Chief Judge and the other members of the Jury for a Continental Championship, including any changes to initial appointments. The OA shall submit information on the proposed judges, and their applicable and specific experience with the J/24 Class to the ED at the IJCA Class office to coordinate the approval. This information shall be submitted prior to or with the Notice of Race (NOR).

38.3. The OA shall exercise care in inviting judges who have relevant experience with the J/24 and other one design keelboat events at an international Championship level. Proposed judges shall be fluent in English.

- 38.4. One seat on the Jury may be offered to the Chief Judge, or his delegate, for the next Continental Championship. The Organizing Authority for the next Continental Championship shall be responsible for this judge's travel expenses.
- 38.5. The Jury is responsible for the application of on-the-water judging when applicable and specified by the NOR and SIs.
- 38.6. In accordance with RRS 76.3, the Jury is not empowered to decide questions of eligibility or entry.
- 38.7. The OA shall designate a Jury Secretary devoted to the Jury. The Jury Secretary shall act at the direction of the Chief Judge. The Jury Secretary may collect and record the protest and scoring penalty forms after racing; coordinate parties for protest hearings; and, issue, distribute and post to the official notice board the hearing schedule and decisions of the International Jury.
- 38.8. The OA is encouraged to consult their MNA and those in neighboring countries to identify other events requiring an international jury in close proximity to the Continental Championships that may provide opportunities to share jury members and reduce travel costs.

39. Race Committee

- 39.1. The OA shall appoint the Race Officer (RO) and organize the race committee in accordance with the RRS. The RO for Continental Championships shall be a World Sailing certified International RO or hold the senior-most race management certification issued by the RO's national authority.
- 39.2. The IJCA EC shall approve the RO for a Continental Championship, and any changes to the initial appointment. The OA shall submit information on the proposed RO to the ED at the IJCA Class office who will coordinate the approval. This information shall be submitted prior to or with the NOR.
- 39.3. The OA shall exercise care in inviting an RO who has relevant experience with the J/24 and other one design keelboat class events at the international level. The proposed RO shall be fluent in English.

40. Technical Committee

- 40.1. The OA shall form a Technical Committee with the ~~IJCA Technical Committee (ITC)~~ Chair as appointed by the ITC.
- 40.2. The Technical Committee Chairman shall be the final authority on measurement processes and decisions during the pre-race inspections; on-the-water equipment inspections; and, be the authority responsible for interpreting the IJCA Class rules for the Jury.
- 40.3. The Technical Committee Chairman shall approve the measurement equipment to be used for inspection at the event
- 40.4. The Technical Committee Chairman shall approve all measurers and equipment inspectors who will participate in inspection at the event.
- 40.5. At the direction of the Technical Committee Chair, the Technical Committee shall arrange for all required personnel, training, equipment, facilities and forms required to complete the inspection for the planned number of entries in the time allotted for inspection at the event site.

- 40.6. The Technical Committee Chair shall organize and conduct on-the-water inspections of boats, when possible, to ensure continued adherence to Class rules.
- 40.7. The Technical Committee Chair shall resolve issues involving repair and/or replacement of equipment and advise the jury on any Class rules issues.

41. Race Office

- 41.1. The OA shall appoint members of the Race Office.
- 41.2. The Race Office organizes interfaces between competitors and race officials, and manages matters related to entries, results, attendance at event functions, and other issues associated with the competitors' attendance at the Continental Championships.
- 41.3. The Race Office should be staffed by a minimum of two (2) people when the competitors are ashore and one (1) when the competitors are on the water.
- 41.4. The Race Office maintains and posts Race Committee notices on the official notice board.

42. Continental Championship Entries

- 42.1. Continental Championships shall be open to all J/24 Class boats with current IJCA issued Measurement Certificates whose owners and drivers are current members of their respective NJCAs.
- 42.2. There shall be no qualification series for entry to Continental Championships.
- 42.3. Should the limitations of the facilities at the event location be reason to limit the number of entries, this limitation shall be declared in the Proposal to Host and must be approved by the relevant NJCAs prior the selection decision. Any limit on the number of entries shall be stated in the NOR, and entries shall be accepted in the order in which they are completed (received and paid) up to the agreed limit.
- 42.4. Any participating NJCA may designate a Continental Championship as a World Championship Qualifying event for members of that NJCA.

43. Rules

- 43.1. Racing shall be conducted under the RRS with the following specifications and changes:
- 43.2. Advertising for Continental Championships shall comply with World Sailing Regulation 20.
- 43.3. The IJCA Penalties for Breaking Some Class Rules as posted on the IJCA website and included in the Class Standard SIs as an attachment shall apply.
- 43.4. RRS 44.1 (main body) and 44.2 (Turns Penalty) will not be used for Continental Championships. The IJCA Percentage Penalty modification to RRS 44.3 as posted on the IJCA website and included in the Class Standard SIs shall apply. For smaller Continental Championships, this requirement may be overruled in favor of the Turns Penalty by petition to the IJCA EC.

43.5. Other adjustments to class rules and RRS are detailed in the Class Standard NOR and SIs.

44. Notice of Race

44.1. The IJCA Class Standard Notice of Race shall be used for all Continental Championships. This document, in template format may be obtained from the IJCA website of the IJCA Class office.

44.2. The official NOR shall be in English. Translations into other languages is permitted, but the official English language version shall prevail in any conflicts.

44.3. The NOR for a Continental Championship shall be approved by the RO and the Chief Judge prior to electronic format (MS Word) submission to the IJCA Class office at least six (6) months prior to the start of the event.

44.4. The NOR must be approved by the ITC prior to publishing. The ED will coordinate the approval process. Any deviations from the IJCA Class Standard NOR must be noted and explained. Any subsequent amendments to the NOR must also be approved by the ITC.

44.5. The approved NOR shall be posted on the IJCA and event websites as early as possible. If all of the details have not yet been worked out and approved, it may be published as a "Preliminary Notice of Race" or an "Invitation to Race".

45. National Prescriptions

45.1. Host country prescriptions to the RRS shall not apply to the Continental Championship when exclusion or deletion is allowed. Any prescriptions that must apply shall be identified and reprinted in the NOR and SIs.

46. Sailing Instructions

46.1. The IJCA Class Standard Sailing Instructions shall be used for all Continental Championships. This document, in template format may be obtained from the IJCA website of the IJCA Class office.

46.2. The official SIs shall be in English. Translation into other languages is permitted, but the official English language version shall prevail in any conflicts.

46.3. The SIs for a Continental Championship shall be approved by the RO and the Chief Judge prior to electronic format (MS Word) submission to the IJCA Class office at least three (3) months prior to the start of the event.

46.4. The NOR must be approved by the ITC prior to publishing. The ED will coordinate the approval process. Any deviations from the IJCA Class Standard NOR must be noted and explained. Any subsequent amendments to the NOR must also be approved by the ITC.

47. Inspection

47.1. All boats entering a Continental Championship shall have a current Measurement Certificate issued by the IJCA Class office.

47.2. No measurement for boat certification shall take place at this event.

- 47.3. A complete measurement of sails and selected inspection of rigging, fixed and optional equipment and “all up boat weight” (boat weight including portable equipment except sails and without personal equipment) of all competing boats must be conducted and passed before a boat is accepted as an entry. Any boat may be inspected at any time for compliance with Class rules.
- 47.4. Only measurement equipment approved by the Chair of the Technical Committee, including sail templates, keel templates, weighing scales and all other templates, gauges and measuring devices shall be used for inspection at Continental Championships. A list of required equipment and personnel is available through the Class office or the ITC Chair.
- 47.5. Inspection will be planned and organized by the Technical Committee under the direction of its Chairman.
- 47.6. The Technical Committee shall provide competitors with instructions for the condition in which the boats shall be presented for inspection.
- 47.7. Inspection operations for boats shall be conducted during the times specified in the NOR. Exceptions may be made for volunteers’ boats, test boats and chartered boats but shall be done with the same equipment and under the direction of the Technical Committee Chairman.
- 47.8. Boats inspected prior to the event may be quarantined until the event starts.
- 47.9. There shall be no charges, monetary or otherwise, to competitors for inspection of boats or measurement of sails at a Continental Championships.
- 47.10. During racing the Technical Committee may conduct on-the-water or dockside inspections of any boats to ensure continued adherence to Class rules. The OA shall provide a designated support boat for this purpose.

48. Entry Fees

- 48.1. Entry fees are set by the OA with the approval of the IJCA EC.
- 48.2. The fees shall cover launch, mooring and haul-out of boats during the event; storage of boats and trailers for a reasonable time prior to, during and following the event; prizes; some social activities.
- 48.3. The Regatta Organizing Committee is encouraged to obtain sponsors to assist with event expenses and to keep entry fees for competitors as low as possible.

49. Schedule of Races

- 49.1. A minimum of six (6) races shall be scheduled, with a minimum of four (4) races to be completed to constitute a Continental Championship series.
- 49.2. There shall be no lay days.

50. Courses

- 50.1. Continental Championship courses shall be Windward/Leeward per RRS Appendix S – WA3 or LA2

50.2. Individual races should be targeted for 60 to 80 minutes.

50.3. Course WA3 may be shortened to LA2 at the discretion of the RC and in accordance with the RRS.

51. Scoring

51.1. The Low Point Scoring System, RRS A2, shall be used.

51.2. Each boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score, provided that more than four (4) races have been completed.

51.3. Only entrants that have completed all requirements for entry as stated in the NOR, SIs, Class rules and these Regatta Regulations shall be included on the list of competitors used for scoring.

52. Prizes

52.1. Prizes provided by the OA at Continental Championships shall be awarded to at least the top 10% of boats entered. Additionally, prizes shall be awarded to the entire crew of the top five (5) boats.

52.2. The OA may award other prizes at their discretion.

53. **Protest Fees** – are not permitted.

54. Charter Boats

54.1. The OA shall establish a Charter Boat Committee to facilitate the location and arrangements for suitable boats for charter by competitors.

54.2. Boats must have a current IJCA issued Measurement Certificate to be considered for charter. An owner of a charter boat must be a Class member as required for a Measurement Certificate.

54.3. Chartered boats may be measured prior to the schedule set out in the NOR to obtain a Measurement Certificate. Such measurement shall not exempt these boats from the event inspection process.

54.4. The OA, through the Charter Boat Committee, shall make every effort to insure boats provided for charter are compliant with Class rules. Any costs to competitors to bring chartered boats into compliance shall be borne by the boat's owner. The OA may help by withholding charter fees from the owner.

55. Expenses

55.1. The OA shall be responsible for travel, local accommodation and food expenses of the following event officials:

- a. Members of the Jury while traveling to/from and attending the event
- b. The RO while traveling to/from and attending the event

c. The Technical Committee Chairman while traveling to/from and attending the event and any associated pre-event meetings

d. The IJCA Class Representative, as appointed.

55.2. Reimbursements to these officials shall be made prior to the end of the event. The OA shall establish and communicate the procedure for reimbursement in advance of the start of the event.