

Notice of Race

European Laser 4.7 Youth Championship 2009 7 August 2009 - 14 August 2009

Venue: Helsinki, Finland

Organising Authority: Helsingfors Segelklubb (Organiser) in Conjunction with the European Region of International Laser Class Association (ILCA)

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2009 - 2012. The prescriptions of the National Authority will not apply.
- 1.2. The Laser class rules Rule 7 (a) is restricted as follows:
Only one person shall be onboard whilst racing. The person shall be named on the entry form.
- 1.3. Add to RRS A11: ARB means scoring penalty after arbitration, PTS scoring penalty for a yellow flag after finish.
- 1.4. Appendix P will apply with P3 amended so that a second and subsequent penalty is not cancelled when a race is postponed, recalled or abandoned and P4 amended to also allow redress initiated by the jury.
- 1.5. Advertising - The organizing authority may require competing boats to carry event sponsor advertising on the hull and / or sail.
- 1.6. Sails shall have the full sail number AND NATIONAL LETTERS in accordance with the Class Rules and RRS. The national letters shall denote the National Authority of which the sailor is a member in accordance with RRS 75.2 and with 2.1 Entry regulations below. This changes RRS Appendix G 1.1. (amended on 06 March 09).

2. ENTRY REGULATIONS

- 2.1. Only current fully paid members of the International Laser Class Association may enter the Championship.
- 2.2. Crew substitution of the registered sailor is not permitted.
- 2.3. No resale of entries will be allowed.
- 2.4. The championship is open to European and non-European Sailors
- 2.5. This is an allocated place event. Entry is restricted. Each sailor must apply using the official online application form (see paragraph 3.2). Places are allocated, after application, by the competitor's National Laser Association. The limited places for non-European sailors will be allocated by the European Executive Committee taking into account previous results and the number of applications from each country.
- 2.6. Each sailor shall be registered as an ISAF Sailor. This information is required to enter the Championship. To register as an ISAF sailor go to: <http://www.isaf.org/isafsailor.php>
- 2.7. Entry is restricted to competitors who are, or will be at least 12 years old but not 18 years or older in the year of the championship i.e. born in 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996 or 1997. Proof of age will be required at registration.
- 2.8. Each sailor shall send to ILCA a completed parent/guardian consent form before 5 June 2009 This consent form will be automatically emailed to each sailor upon completing the online entry form.
- 2.9. For the duration of the championship, each sailor shall be accompanied by the responsible adult who is named on the parent/guardian consent form.
- 2.10. The responsible adult (if applicable), coach and competitor shall register together on site at the race office before 12:00 on 8 August 2009.
- 2.11. The total number of entries is restricted to 250 sailors.

3. ENTRY APPLICATION

- 3.1. Applications for entry will be accepted from 1 December 2008.
- 3.2. Application for an entry shall be made at: <http://events.laserinternational.org/en/events/overview/100z32>
- 3.3. Applications for an entry must be received by: 23:59 GMT, 17 March 2009 (amended on 14 Jan 09).
- 3.4. Applications for an entry will be responded to by: 23:59 GMT, 31 March 2009 (amended on 14 Jan 09).
- 3.5. Applications that are accepted but that do not receive an initial allocated entry offer will be automatically added to the waiting list for extra places.

4. ENTRY AND ENTRY FEES

- 4.1. The entry fee for this event is £140 GBP.
- 4.2. Entry can only be made once an application has been accepted and full payment of entry fees and entry has been made only online at www.laserinternational.org using the official entry form.
- 4.3. 50% of entry fees paid are refundable for cancellations received before 23:59 GMT, 10 July 2009.

- 4.4. NO ENTRY FEES ARE REFUNDABLE AFTER 10 July 2009.
- 4.5. Entry opens for initial allocated places: 31 March 2009 (amended on 14 Jan 09).
- 4.6. Entry closes for initial allocated places: 23:59 GMT, 28 April 2009 (amended on 14 Jan 09).
- 4.7. Extra places will be offered from: 1 May 2009 (amended on 14 Jan 09).
- 4.8. Entry closes for extra places: 23:59 GMT, 10 July 2009.
- 4.9. Late entries will only be accepted after 10 July 2009 at the discretion of ILCA upon payment of a late entry fee of £190 GBP (£140 + £50 GBP).

5. PROGRAMME

- 5.1. 7 August 09:00 - 12:00 and 13:00 - 18:00 Registration, Measurement
8 August 09:00 - 12:00 Registration, Measurement, Practice Race followed by an opening reception (buffet meal)
9 August 2 races back to back, (Qualifying series)
10 August 2 races back to back, (Qualifying series)
11 August 2 races back to back, (Qualifying series)
12 August 2 races back to back, (Qualifying series)
13 August 2 races back to back, (Qualifier/Finals series)
14 August 2 races back to back, (Qualifier/Finals series) followed by the Prize giving and party (buffet meal).
- 5.2. The time of the first warning signal for the Practice Race will be:15:00
- 5.3. Each day succeeding races will be started as soon as practicable after the finish of the previous race.
- 5.4. Any race whose warning signal is not given by 15:00 on the last day of the championship will be abandoned and not re-sailed.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Copies of Sailing Instructions will be available from the Race Office during registration.

7. RACE OFFICE

- 7.1. The Race Office is located at HSK Sailing Club.
- 7.2. The Race Office is open:
7 & 8 August - 09:00 to 13:00 and 14:00 to 19:00
8 to 9 August – 09:30 until 30 minutes after the close of the Protest Time unless extended at the discretion of the Race Committee.

8. MEASUREMENT / INSPECTION

- 8.1. Information on measurement will be posted on the official notice board. Boats shall be presented derigged with all equipment that shall be used in the championship.
- 8.2. Measurement / Inspection will take place at the boat park between the following dates and times:
7 August - 09:00 to 12:00 and 13:00 to 18:00
8 August - 09:00 to 12:00
- 8.3. Measurement / Inspection outside these times will only be possible at the discretion of the Regatta Measurer and on payment of €20 EUR.
- 8.4. Wet clothing, measurement and equipment checks may be made throughout the Regatta at the discretion of the Class Representative, Race Committee or the International Jury.

9. BOATS AND EQUIPMENT

- 9.1. All competitors shall use only one hull, sail, battens, mast, boom, centreboard and rudder all of which shall be identified during measurement/inspection.
- 9.2. In the event of damage, boats and equipment may only be substituted with the written permission of the Regatta Measurer. If the damage occurs later than 120 minutes before the first scheduled start on a racing day and before the start of the last race of the day, provisional verbal permission shall be obtained from the Jury or Race Committee and the written permission of the Jury or Race Committee shall be applied for before the end of Protest Time at the end of the day in which the substitution takes place.
- 9.3. Female competitors shall place a red diamond on each side of their sail (back to back). The diamond shall be 240mm high and 180mm wide +/- 5mm and shall be located in the centre of the sail immediately above the top batten. Please see http://www.laserinternational.org/information/red_diamonds.pdf for more information.
- 9.4. Boats shall be kept in their assigned places at the venue.
- 9.5. Boats may be required to display identification numbers.
- 9.6. Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment as specified by the organising authority.
- 9.7. Access to the boat park may be restricted during certain hours including the hours of darkness.

10. TEAM/COACH/SUPPORT BOATS

- 10.1. There will be a Coaches meeting at the Race Office 2.5 hours before the first scheduled start time of the first race each day. The objectives of these meetings are to receive feedback from the coaches on the regatta organisation, exchange view points and inform the coaches about changes in the sailing instructions and regatta organisation in general
- 10.2. Support boat drivers shall register their boats at the Race Office and submit names and sails numbers of the sailors they are supporting.
- 10.3. Each coach/support boat shall be clearly identified with a number supplied by the Organising Authority. No other individual support boats shall be used.
- 10.4. Each coach/support boat is recommended to carry a vhf radio capable of transmitting and receiving all international ship to ship channels.
- 10.5. The movements of support boats may be restricted

11. RACING FORMAT

A Qualifying series will be sailed followed by a Finals series. If 4 races have not been completed by the end of the fourth scheduled racing day the qualifying series will continue until the end of the fifth or sixth racing day and the completion of 4 races.

12. COURSES

Trapezoid courses will be used with inner and outer loops and an upwind finish. The target time for the first boat to finish in each race will be 60 minutes.

13. INTERNATIONAL JURY

An international jury will be appointed in accordance with rule Appendix N and perform the duties listed in RRS N2.

14. WHISTLE SYSTEM

To encourage boats to take penalties afloat, jury members may blow a whistle when they see what they believe to be a breach of a rule.

15. ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES

For protests where only a rule of Part 2 is alleged to have been broken, an arbitration hearing may be offered prior to any formal protest hearing.

16. APPEALS

There shall be no appeal from the decisions of protests.

17. RADIO COMMUNICATION

A boat shall neither make radio communication while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

18. DRUG TESTING

- 18.1. Competitors are required to comply with the rule 5 and ISAF Regulation 21, which ban the use of drugs.
- 18.2. Drugs testing may take place during the event.

19. SAFETY

Competitors shall wear a life jacket or other adequate personal buoyancy at all times when afloat. Wet suits and dry suits do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy. This changes rule 40.

20. SCORING

- 20.1. The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply.
- 20.2. A total of 4 races are required to be completed to constitute a championship.
- 20.3. A qualifying race will not count until all qualifying fleets have completed that race.
- 20.4. One race score will be excluded when calculating the division into the finals fleets.
- 20.5. The qualifying races and final races will count for total points in the championship.
- 20.6. When 4 or more races are completed 1 race score will be excluded; when 10 or more races are completed, 2 races scores will be excluded except that if a Qualifier/Finals series is sailed one race score may only be excluded from the Finals races, and only if at least 2 Finals races are completed.
- 20.7. The overall fleet results shall be provided for information only.
- 20.8. The official results will be published for each of the championship titles listed below calculated by extraction from the overall results without recalculation.
- 20.9. If a points scoring penalty for a breach of rule 42 or under the Arbitration System would result in a score worse than DSQ, the penalty will be that corresponding to DSQ. The scores of other boats will not be changed.
- 20.10. When sailing in qualifying fleets, penalty points will be equal for all fleets, based on the fleet with the highest entry.

21. PRIZES

- 21.1. The first Under 18 boys and girls sailors in the European Championship will be the European Laser 4.7 Youth Boys / Girls Champion 2009 (Under 18).
- 21.2. The first Under 16 boys and girls sailors in the European Championship will be the European Laser 4.7 Youth Boys / Girls Champion 2009 (Under 16) (amended 18 February 2009).
- 21.3. Additional prizes may be awarded according to entry numbers and the ILCA Honour Award By-Law.

22. PHOTOGRAPHY CONSENT

By entering the Championships competitors accept that they may be photographed and/or videotaped participating in the race and/or using the Championship facilities and they consent to the taking of such images and to the use, reuse, publication and republication of such images in any media, in conjunction with the competitors name or not, without compensation and without the competitors approval of such images or any use thereof.

23. LIABILITY

- 23.1. Organiser and ILCA and their officers, members and volunteers do not accept liability for loss of life or property, or personal injury or damage caused by or arising out of the championship and competitors take part in the championship at their own risk.
- 23.2. The establishment of the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions in no way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibilities of a competitor being solely and entirely responsible for the management of a boat he or she is sailing.
- 23.3. The sailor shall own a boat or have arranged a charter boat and certifies that it is in a safe and seaworthy condition.
- 23.4. A competitor shall be of good health and a competent sailor capable of racing a Laser 4.7 in open water in 25 knot winds and it is his/her sole responsibility to decide to participate in a race or to continue racing.
- 23.5. The participating boat is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party claims of at least € 510.000 euros.
- 23.6. A competitor is recommended to have personal accident and health insurance that covers them while attending the regatta and whilst racing.

24. INDEMNIFICATION

To the fullest extent permitted by law, each competitor agrees to indemnify and hold the International Laser Class Association and Organiser, owners, affiliates, officers, employees, agents, committee persons and race officials acting in their official capacities harmless, from any third party claim to the extent arising from a competitor's acts or omissions.

25. CHARTER BOATS

Please refer to the ILCA web site for information on charter boats:

<http://events.laserinternational.org/en/events/overview/100z32>

26. LOCAL CONTACT (excluding entry and entry payment)

- 26.1. Website: www.hoski.fi
- 26.2. Email address: toimisto@hoski.fi
- 26.3. Phone Number: +358 9 692 5411

27. CHANGES TO THE NOTICE OF RACE

This Notice of Race may be subject to amendments which will be published on the ILCA championship web site.