

MacLaren Laser Standard Under 21 World Championship 2012

Sailing Instructions

8 - 15 April 2012

Venue: Buenos Aires, Argentina

Organising Authority: Yacht Club Argentino (Organiser) and the 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. The prescriptions of the National Authority will not apply.
- 1.2 Laser class rule 7 (a) is restricted as follows: "Only one person shall be on board whilst racing. The person shall be named on the entry form."
- 1.3 Appendix P will apply as amended in SI 18.
- 1.4 Advertising - The organizing authority may require competing boats to carry event sponsor advertising.
- 1.5 All times stated are local time unless otherwise stated.
- 1.6 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located near the race office.
- 2.2 The race office is located at Yacht Club Argentino, - Viamonte y Río de la Plata Dársena Norte - (1107) Buenos Aires – Argentina.
- 2.3 The race office is open:
2nd – 9th April 09:00 – 12:00 & 13:00 - 18:00
10th – 15th April from 09:00 until 30 minutes after the close of the protest time unless extended at the discretion of the race committee.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 09:00 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted before the end of the last protest time or 18:00, whichever is later, on the day before it will take effect.

4. REGISTRATION / MEASUREMENT / INSPECTION

- 4.1 Competitors shall register at the race office and complete all required registration, measurement and inspection formalities before racing.
- 4.2 Information on measurement will be posted on the official notice board. Boats shall be presented with all equipment that shall be used in the championship, with the bottom mast, boom, and all control lines rigged and with the sail and top section derigged ready for the inspection.
- 4.3 Measurement / Inspection will take place at the boat park between the following dates and times:
8th & 9th April from 09:00 to 12:00 and 13:00 to 18:00.
- 4.4 Measurement / Inspection outside these times will only be possible at the discretion of the regatta measurer and on payment of \$30 USD or local equivalent.
- 4.5 Wet clothing, measurement and equipment checks may be made throughout the regatta at the discretion of the class representative, race committee or the jury.

5. MEASUREMENT PROTEST

- 5.1 Measurement protests will only be accepted from either the race committee or jury. This changes rule 60.1(a).
- 5.2 If a boat is sailed without a centreboard stopper, or with no mast retention line attached (class rule 3(b) xi), a scoring penalty of 20 points will, without a hearing, be added to the boats score in the last completed race in which she was racing without a centreboard stopper or the retention line. However, she shall not be scored worse than DSQ. This changes rule 63.1.
- 5.3 If a sail, top mast, or bottom mast has been changed prior to a race without the permission required by SI 6.2 the sailor will be disqualified without a hearing from the last completed race when the change was used. This changes rule 63.1.
- 5.4 For any other measurement protest, the jury may apply an alternative penalty to disqualification.

6. BOATS AND EQUIPMENT

- 6.1 Boats shall use only one hull, sail, set of battens, mast, boom, centreboard and rudder which shall be identified during measurement / inspection.
- 6.2 In the event of damage, boats and equipment may only be substituted with the written permission of the regatta measurer. If the damage occurs less than 2 hours 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 regatta measurer, jury or race committee and the written permission of the regatta measurer shall be applied for before the end of the protest time limit at the end of the day in which the substitution takes place.

- 6.3 Sails shall have the full sail number and NATIONAL LETTERS in accordance with the Class Rules and the RRS. The national letters shall denote the National Authority of which the sailor is a member in accordance with RRS 75.2 and with the Notice of Race clause 2.1 Entry Regulations. This changes RRS Appendix G 1.1.
- 6.4 Boats shall be kept in their assigned places at the venue.
- 6.5 Boats may be required to display identification marking.
- 6.6 Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment as specified by the organising authority.
- 6.7 Charter boats shall not be towed unless flag "T" is displayed ashore or on the race committee signal boat. When flag "T" is displayed a tow shall not exceed 8 knots.

7. RACE FORMAT

- 7.1 The entries will sail as a single fleet.

8. PROGRAMME

8.1

8 April	09:00 – 12:00 & 13:00 - 18:00	Registration, Measurement, Charter Boat allocation
9 April	09:00 – 12:00 & 13:00 - 18:00	Registration, Measurement, Charter Boat allocation Practice Race at 14:00 followed by an opening reception and buffet meal
10 April	2 races	back to back
11 April	2 races	back to back
12 April	2 races	back to back
13 April	2 races	back to back
14 April	2 races	back to back
15 April	2 races	back to back, followed by charter boat return, prize giving party & buffet meal.

- 8.2 The time of the first warning signal for the practice race on 9th April will be 14:00.
- 8.3 The time for the first warning signal on 10th to 14th April will be 13:00 unless altered in accordance with sailing instruction 3.
- 8.4 The time for the first warning signal on 15th April will be 11:00 unless altered in accordance with sailing instruction 3.
- 8.5 Each day succeeding races will be started as soon as practicable after the finish of the previous race.
- 8.6 Any race for which a warning signal is not given by 15:00 on the last day of the regatta will be abandoned and not re-sailed.
- 8.7 The programme may be changed to sail more than two races a day.

9. FLEET IDENTIFICATION

- 9.1 While racing each boat shall display a coloured band issued at registration. The band shall be placed on the mast bottom section between the vang fitting and the boom.
- 9.2 Competitors shall return the coloured band to the race office at the end of the last race.

10. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE and COURSE AREA

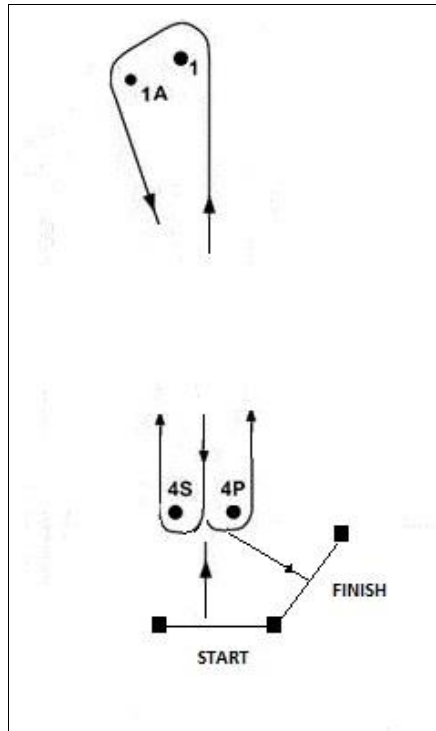
- 10.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag pole located near the race office.
- 10.2 Flag "G" displayed with two sound signals (one when lowered) means "No boat shall go afloat until this signal is lowered. The first warning signal will be made not less than 60 minutes after "G" is lowered.
- 10.3 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP.
- 10.4 The approximate position of the course area will be displayed on the official notice board.

11. THE COURSE

- 11.1 The diagram shows the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.

Course 1;..... Start, 1, 1A, 4S/4P, 1, 1A, 4S/4P, Finish

Course 2:..... Start, 1, 1A, 4S/4P, 1, 1A, 4S/4P, 1, 1A, 4S/4P, Finish



- 11.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display a placard indicating the course number and the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.
- 11.3 The length of the course will be set for a target time of 60 minutes. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress under rule 62.1(a).
- 11.4 The course may be shortened to finish at a rounding mark or a gate provided at least 3 or more legs have been completed (excluding the leg between mark 1 and mark 1A).

12. MARKS

- 12.1 Course marks 1, 1A, 4S, and 4P will be orange inflatable buoys.
- 12.2 Alternate marks will be yellow inflatable buoys.
- 12.3 The starting marks will be committee boats at each end.
- 12.4 The finishing marks will be committee boats at each end,

13. THE START

- 13.1 Races will be started according to rule 26. To alert boats that a race will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed with one sound for at least four minutes before a warning signal is displayed.
- 13.2 The warning signal will be a yellow flag.
- 13.3 The starting line will be between staffs displaying orange flags on two race committee boats.
- 13.4 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored 'DNS'. This changes rules A4 and A5.

14. STARTING PROCEDURE

14.1 Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.

14.2 Black Flag Rule

14.2.1. Rule 30.3 is supplemented as follows:

Sail numbers will be displayed for at least 3 minutes. A long sound signal will be made when the numbers are initially displayed. A boat whose number is so displayed shall leave the racing area, defined in instruction 14.2.2 before the new preparatory signal. If she fails to do so, she is liable to be scored DNE.

14.2.2. Before the starting signal, the racing area is the area within 100 metres of the starting line.

After the starting signal, the racing area is the area within an imaginary line drawn 100 metres outside any point where a boat might sail during normal racing and includes the area bounded by marks 1, 2, 3 and 4 at all times when any boat of any fleet is still racing.

14.2.3. When the race committee decides that its application of rule 30.3 entitles a boat to redress under rule 62.1(a), it may give her redress by not displaying her sail number and not disqualifying her (change of rules 30.3, 60.2 and 63.1).

14.2.4. For the purposes of rule 30.3 a race is 'restarted or resailed' when it has the same race number as a previously abandoned or recalled race, even if the race is resailed on a later date.

15. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

A change of the next leg of the course will first be attempted by changing the position of the original marks. When this is not possible the course will be reset using one or more alternate marks (described in instruction 12.2). When alternate marks are already in use, the course may be further reset using the original marks. A boat shall not request redress under 60.1(b) because of an action or no action by the race committee under this instruction.

16. ABANDONING A RACE

Under rule 32.1, the race committee may abandon the race because of a major wind shift or irregular winds or when the wind speed drops below 5 knots (2.5 m/s) as measured by the race committee. A boat shall not request redress under 60.1(b) because of an action or no action by the race committee under this instruction.

17. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between staffs displaying orange flags on race committee boats, except when rule 32.2 'Shortening Course' applies.

18. PENALTY SYSTEM FOR RULE 42 INFRINGEMENTS

18.1 Appendix P will apply with the following changes:

- (a) If a first penalty is signalled after she has finished, a boat will be given a scoring penalty of 8 points without a hearing.
- (b) Appendix P3 is replaced with "If a boat has been penalised for the first time under Appendix P1 and the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment before the boat has had an opportunity to take a penalty the penalty is cancelled, but it is counted to determine the number of times she has been penalised during the regatta."
- (c) Appendix P4 is replaced with "An action by the jury under Appendix P shall not be grounds for a request for redress by a boat. The jury may initiate a redress hearing and may give redress for an action by a member of the jury or its designated observer under rule P1". This changes rule 60.1(b).

18.2 A boat that has either retired from or been disqualified in a race for a breach of rule 42 shall not compete in that race if it is restarted or resailed. For the purposes of this instruction a race is 'restarted or resailed' when it has the same race number as a previously abandoned or recalled race, even if the race is resailed on a later date. If she competes, she shall be disqualified (score not excludable) without a hearing and the jury will consider calling a hearing under rule 69.1(a). This changes rule 36.

This means :

Yellow Flag	Immediate penalty action by boat	After a general recall or a postponement or an abandonment	No action by boat	After a general recall or a postponement or an abandonment
1st	Two turns/ 8 points (SI 18.1(a))	Can restart	DSQ	Must not restart
2nd	Retire (DNF)	Must not restart	DNE	Must not restart
3 rd +	Retire (DNE)	Must not restart	DSQ Regatta	Must not restart

19. TIME LIMIT

Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat in her fleet sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

20. PROTESTS

- 20.1 Protests shall be in writing and delivered to the race office within the protest time limit. Protest forms will be available at the race office. The protest time limit will be posted on the official notice board by the jury and may be different for each fleet.
- 20.2 Protest notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit. Protests will be heard at the jury office located in the ground floor of the Club House.
- 20.3 Protests by the race committee or jury will be posted before the end of the protest time limit to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 20.4 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for a reopening of a hearing shall be delivered:
 - within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;
 - no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day.
 - If no racing has taken place on that day, no later than 30 minutes after 'AP over A' is displayed ashore.This changes rule 66.
- 20.5 On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for redress based on a jury decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.
- 20.6 Breaches of instructions 1.4, 5, 6, 9, 25, 26 and 27 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). For these breaches the jury may apply a lesser penalty in place of disqualification.
- 20.7 Decisions of the jury will be final as provided in rule 70.5.
- 20.8 To request correction of an alleged error in posted race or series results, a boat shall complete a scoring enquiry form available at the race office.
- 20.9 A list of boats that have been penalised for breaking rule 42 will be posted after racing each day.
- 20.10 The jury will not consider claims for damages arising from incidents involving boats bound by the rules.

21. ARBITRATION PROCEDURE

As an alternative to a protest hearing by the jury for an alleged breach of a rule of Part 2, boats may be given the choice of using an arbitration procedure in accordance with the ILCA Arbitration Procedure appended to these sailing instructions. The arbitration procedure changes rules 63 and 64.

22. 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.

23. SCORING

- 23.1 The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply.
- 23.2 A total of four races are required to be completed to constitute a championship.
- 23.3 When from four to nine races have been completed one race score will be excluded.
- 23.4 When ten or more races have been completed two races scores will be excluded.
- 23.5 For the purposes of Appendix A11 "Scoring abbreviations": ARB means scoring penalty after arbitration, PTS scoring penalty for a yellow flag after finishing.

24. PRIZES

- 24.1 The first sailor in the regatta will be the World Laser Standard Under 21 Champion 2012.
- 24.2 The first under 18 sailor (born 1995) in the regatta will be the World Laser Standard Under 18 Champion 2012.
- 24.3 Under 18 results will be determined by the order of finishing in the overall results. (Note: These results will be extracted from the overall results and published without recalculation.)
- 24.4 ILCA cube prizes will be awarded in accordance with the ILCA Honour Award By-Law.

25. TEAM AND SUPPORT BOATS AND COACHES MEETING

- 25.1 There will be a coaches meeting every morning from 9 to 15 April at 2.5 hours before the first warning signal of the day. The venue will be posted on the official notice board. The objectives of the 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.
- 25.2 Team and support boat drivers shall register their boats at the race office and submit the names and sail numbers of the sailors they are supporting.
- 25.3 Each coach/support boat shall be clearly identified with a numbered flag issued by the organisers. No other individual support boats shall be used. A refundable bond of \$US20 or local equivalent will be required for this flag.
- 25.4 A registered coach/support boat shall carry at least three hazard warning tapes for the purposes of SI 26.6. The tape is available from the race office.
- 25.5 Each coach/support boat is recommended to carry a VHF radio and a mobile phone. The VHF channel used on each racing area will be posted on the official notice board before the first racing day.
- 25.6 Except when participating in rescue operations, team leaders, coaches, parents and other support personnel (coach/support boats) shall stay more than 100 meters from any point where a boat might sail during normal racing from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement or abandonment. When boats are finishing coach/support boats shall stay more than 100 meters outside and to windward of the starboard end of the finish line until all boats have finished.

Note: To be certain of not breaching this instruction coach/support boats are advised to anchor at least 150 metres outside the starboard end and below the extension of the starting line.

- 25.7 If a coach/support boat does not comply with instructions 25.3, 25.4 or 25.6 a discretionary penalty may be applied by the jury to some or all associated competitors and may include restrictions on the movement of their coach/support boat.

26. SAFETY

- 26.1 Competitors shall wear a life jacket or other adequate personal buoyancy securely fastened at all times when afloat except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy.
- 26.2 Competitors who require assistance should wave one arm with hand open. If no assistance is required, the arm should be waved with fist closed.
- 26.3 If considered necessary a competitor may be ordered by a race organisation boat to abandon his or her boat and board a patrol boat.
- 26.4 Competitors will check-out and check-in strictly in accordance with check-in/check-out procedures posted on the official notice board.
- 26.5 A boat that retires from a race shall notify a race committee or jury boat as soon as possible or the race office immediately after returning to the shore.
- 26.6 If a boat is abandoned it will be marked with a hazard tape tied through the bow eye to signal that the sailor is safe.

27. RUBBISH/TRASH DISPOSAL

As sailors, we respect our environment and seek to protect and restore our boat park, shore, coastal waters and oceans. Sailors shall always use trash bins ashore and shall not intentionally put trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard support and race committee boats.

28. PHOTOGRAPHY CONSENT

By entering the regatta competitors accept that they may be photographed and/or videotaped participating in the regatta and/or using the regatta 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.

29. LIABILITY

- 29.1 The Yacht Club Argentino, ILCA and all 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 World Laser 4.7 Championship and competitors take part in the regatta at their own risk.
- 29.2 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 is sailing.
- 29.3 A competitor shall maintain their boat in a safe and seaworthy condition.
- 29.4 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 sole responsibility to decide to participate in a race or to continue racing.
- 29.5 It is the responsibility of each sailor to decide to participate in a race or to continue racing.
- 29.6 All competitors shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance. The minimum cover is \$2,000,000 USD per event (or equivalent thereof in any other currency) unless limited in law.
- 29.7 A competitor is recommended to have personal accident and health insurance that covers them while attending the regatta and whilst racing.

30. COMMITTEE BOATS

- 30.1 The race committee signal boat, pin boat and any boat displaying course signals will not display an identification flag.
- 30.2 All other race committee boats will display a white flag.
- 30.3 Jury boats will display a flag with the word "J" or "Jury".
- 30.4 Press/TV boats will display a flag with the words "PRESS", MEDIA or "TV".
- 30.5 Failure of a committee boat to fly an identifying flag will not be grounds for redress under rule 60.1(b)

Appended

1 – ILCA Arbitration Procedure

International Laser Class Association Arbitration Procedure

1. Introduction

- 1.1 This addendum applies when the sailing instructions offer the choice of an arbitration procedure as an alternative to a protest hearing.
- 1.2 Arbitration is a quicker procedure providing lower penalties for any breach of the rules eligible for arbitration.

2. Declining Arbitration

- 2.1 When a party to the protest does not agree to arbitration the protest will be heard as a protest hearing.

3. Accepting Arbitration

- 3.1 When both parties to the protest agree to arbitration they each agree;
 - (a) that the protest is valid; and
 - (b) to accept the arbitration decision as binding; and
 - (c) that no witnesses will be heard during the arbitration; and
 - (d) questions by parties will be limited to those necessary to establish the basic facts found.
- 3.2 When a party to the protest informs the jury that they do not wish to attend a hearing that party will be deemed to have agreed to arbitration.

4. Arbitration Hearing

- 4.1 The arbitrators will be two members of the jury.
- 4.2 The arbitrators will hear the testimony of the parties and then give one of the following decisions:
 - (a) There was no breach of a rule by either boat; or
 - (b) One or both boats broke a rule of Part 2 and the Arbitration Penalty will be applied, or
 - (c) The case will be referred to a protest hearing.

5. Arbitration Penalty

- 5.1 An Arbitration Penalty (ARB) will be a scoring penalty of 30% (rounded up to the next whole number) of the number of entries.
- 5.2 If a points scoring penalty under the arbitration procedure would result in a score worse than DSQ, the penalty will be that corresponding to DSQ.
- 5.3 The scores of other boats will not be changed.
- 5.4 For the purposes of Appendix A4.2 "Scoring" when a qualifying/finals series is sailed the number of boats entered into a qualifying/finals series race will be the number of boats assigned to the largest qualifying fleet.

6. Protest Hearings

- 6.1 If the arbitrators have referred the case to a protest hearing, or if the jury initiates a reopening, any penalty given for a breach of a rule of Part 2 will be the Arbitration Penalty.
- 6.2 If hearing is reopened at the request of a party to the protest under rule 66 (Reopening a hearing) any penalty given may be an Arbitration Penalty or disqualification at the discretion of the jury.
- 6.3 The hearing panel for protest hearings held under 6.1 & 6.2 may include one or both of the arbitrators.