

Notice of Race

European Laser 4.7 Youth Championship & Trophy 2012

11 – 18 August 2012

Venue: Breitenbrunn, Austria

Organising Authority: Yachtclub Breitenbrunn (Organiser) and the International Laser Class Association European Region (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 "Special Procedures for Rule 42" will apply with changes to include; allowing a jury initiated redress, a points penalty for a first penalty given after finishing and to prohibit a boat that has been disqualified for a rule 42 infringement or has retired in recognition of a rule 42 infringement from sailing in the race if that race is restarted or re-sailed.
- 1.4 Advertising - The organizing authority may require competing boats to carry event sponsor advertising.

2. ENTRY REGULATIONS

- 2.1 Only current fully paid members of the International Laser Class Association and of an ISAF National Authority may enter the regatta. These memberships shall be with the Laser Fleet/District Association and with the ISAF National Authority of the country, where the sailor normally sails, even though such place may not be his permanent residence; however, such member, for any valid reason and with the approval of both District Chairmen, may select instead the Fleet/District and the ISAF National Authority in which he has permanent residence in accordance with the ILCA constitution article 10 (3) and ILCA rule part two article 9. The sailor can only be a member of one Laser Fleet/District Association.
- 2.2 Crew substitution of the registered sailor is not permitted.
- 2.3 No resale of entries will be allowed.
- 2.4 This is an allocated place event. Each sailor shall apply using the official online application form (see paragraph 3).
- 2.5 Each sailor shall be registered as an ISAF Sailor. The ISAF Sailor number is required to enter the regatta. To register as an ISAF sailor go to <http://www.isaf.org/isafsailor.php>
- 2.6 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 regatta i.e. born in 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999 or 2000. Proof of age will be required at registration.
- 2.7 Each sailor shall send to ILCA a completed parent/guardian consent form before 11th July 2012. This consent form will be automatically emailed to each sailor upon completing the online entry form.
- 2.8 For the duration of the regatta, each sailor shall be accompanied by the responsible adult who is named on the parent/guardian consent form.
- 2.9 The responsible adult and competitors shall register together on site at the race office before 18:00 on 11th August 2012.
- 2.10 The total number of entries is restricted to 400 sailors.

3. ENTRY APPLICATION & ENTRY PROCESS

- 3.1 Applications for entry will be accepted from 8th March 2012 until 23:59 GMT, 10th April 2012 with payment of the €50 (Euro) application fee which may be deducted from the entry fee or will be refunded under certain circumstances as detailed in 3.10.
- 3.2 Application for entry shall be made at: <http://events.laserinternational.org/en/events/overview/100z77>
- 3.3 After the 10th April 2012 the National Laser Association will rank the applications from their country. All sailors who are ranked within the country allocation limit (see <http://events.laserinternational.org/en/events/overview/100z77>) will receive a place offer. Applications ranked lower than the country allocation limit will be added to the waiting list. National Laser Associations can decline a sailor's application based upon ability or non ILCA membership.
- 3.4 All applications will be responded to by the 25th April 2012, being informed by email that:
 - a. a place has been offered,
 - b. the application has been added to the waiting list, or
 - c. the application has been declined by the National Laser Association.
- 3.5 Extra places will be offered to sailors on the waiting list as available from the 15th May 2012.
- 3.6 Sailors offered a place will have 2 weeks to complete entry. If the sailor fails to enter the application fee will be lost and the place will be offered to the next ranked sailor.
- 3.7 The entry fee is €210 Euros.
- 3.8 Entry will only be accepted after 11th July 2012 at the discretion of ILCA Europe and upon payment of a late entry fee of €260 Euros (€210 + €50 Euros).

LATE APPLICATION

- 3.9 Sailors who do not apply before 10th April 2012 have very little chance to attend the regatta. A sailor who has not applied may make a late application from the 25th April 2012 until the 11th July 2012 and, if the application is accepted and ranked by the National Laser Association, will be automatically added to the waiting list.

CANCELLATION & REFUND

- 3.10 The full **application fee** will be refunded if:
- the application is refused by the National Laser Association,
 - the application is cancelled via the ILCA web site before the application is ranked by the sailor's District,
 - the sailor is not offered an allocated place in the initial place round, the application is automatically added to the waiting list for an extra place and the sailor decides to cancel via the ILCA web site, or
 - the applicant is not offered a place.
 - the applicant is offered a place and refuses the offered place.

In all instances above the sailor will receive an automatic email confirming the refund within 24 hours. If a confirmation email is not received the ILCA office must be contacted immediately, if no confirmation email is received the sailor may lose the application fee.

- 3.11 50% of the **entry fee** paid is refundable for cancellations received before 11th July 2012.
- 3.12 **No entry fee is refundable after the 11th July 2012.**
- 3.13 If your cancelled place is able to be filled by another sailor a refund of the full entry fee paid less a €40 (Euro) bank and administration charge will be refunded to you on the 11th August 2012.
- 3.14 In all instances refunds are processed on the credit card used to pay for application or entry. **Please ensure the expiry date of the credit card used for payment is after the 18th October 2012.** ILCA do not store your credit card details and are not able to refund to another card. If the card expires and a refund is required the refund will be by another method at the expense of the sailor.

4. CHARTER BOATS

- 4.1 Further details regarding charter boats will be available on the regatta website:
<http://events.laserinternational.org/en/events/overview/100z77>

5. BOATS AND EQUIPMENT

- 5.1 All competitors shall use only one hull, sail, battens, mast, boom, centreboard and rudder all of which shall be identified during measurement/inspection.
- 5.2 In the event of damage, boats and equipment may only be substituted with the written permission of the regatta measurer in accordance with the sailing instructions.
- 5.3 Sails shall display 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 above. This changes RRS Appendix G 1.1.
- 5.4 Female competitors shall place a red diamond (rhombus) 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 in accordance with Laser class rule 4(g).
- 5.5 Boats shall be kept in their assigned places at the venue.
- 5.6 Boats may be required to display identification numbers.
- 5.7 Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment as specified by the organising authority.
- 5.8 Access to the boat park may be restricted during certain hours including the hours of darkness.

6. RACING FORMAT

- 6.1 The boy entries will be divided into fleets and will sail a qualifying series followed by a finals series.
- 6.2 The girl entries will be divided into fleets and will sail a qualifying series followed by a finals series.
- 6.3 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 racing day when a 4th qualifying race is completed.
- 6.4 A qualifying race will not count until all qualifying fleets have completed that race.

7. PROGRAMME

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| 11 August | from 09:00 to 12:00 and 13:00 to 18:00 | Registration, Measurement |
| 12 August | from 09:00 to 12:00 and 13:00 to 18:00 | Registration, , Measurement, followed by an opening reception and buffet meal |
| 13 August | 2 races back to back, | (Qualifying series) |
| 14 August | 2 races back to back, | (Qualifying series) |
| 15 August | 2 races back to back, | (Qualifying series) |
| 16 August | 2 races back to back, | (final series/Qualifying series) move to final series if 4 races had been completed |
| 17 August | 2 races back to back, | (Qualifying/finals series) |
| 18 August | 2 races back to back, | (Qualifying/finals series) followed by the prize giving party and buffet meal |
- 7.2 The time for the first warning signal on the 13th August will be: 11:30

- 7.3 Each day succeeding races will be started as soon as practicable after the finish of the previous race.
- 7.4 Any race whose warning signal is not given by 15:00 on the last day of the regatta will be abandoned and not re-sailed.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Copies of sailing instructions will be available from the race office during registration and from the ILCA regatta web site from 11th July 2012.

9. RACE OFFICE

- 9.1 The race office is located at: Yachtclub Breitenbrunn, 7091 Breitenbrunn, Austria
- 9.2 The race office is open:
 - 11 – 12 Aug from 09:00 to 12:00 and 13:00 to 18:00
 - 13 – 18 Aug from 09:30 until 30 minutes after the close of the protest time unless extended at the discretion of the race committee.

10. MEASUREMENT / INSPECTION

- 10.1 Information on measurement will be posted on the official notice board. Boats shall be presented with all equipment that shall be used in the regatta, with the bottom mast, boom and all control lines rigged and with the sail and top section derigged ready for inspection.
- 10.2 Measurement / Inspection will take place at the boat park between the following dates and times:
 - 11 Aug from 09:00 to 12:00 and 13:00 to 18:00
 - 12 Aug from 09:00 to 12:00 and 13:00 to 18:00
- 10.3 Measurement / Inspection outside these times will only be possible at the discretion of the regatta measurer and on payment of €20 (Euros).
- 10.4 Wet clothing, measurement and equipment checks may be made throughout the regatta at the discretion of the class representative, race committee or the jury.

11. COACH REGISTRATION & TEAM/COACH/SUPPORT BOATS

- 11.1 Lake Neusiedl, an UNESCO World Heritage site, is under natural preservation and the use of power boats is strictly forbidden by Austrian law. There will be however a limited number of permits available for coach boats and support boats on the water. In order to be and to remain eligible throughout the event, a support boat and its driver shall comply with the following points:
- 11.2 There will be the following limitation on coach boats per country based on the number of boats per country entered in each championship:

<i>No of boats entered</i>	<i>Max. number of coach boats</i>
1-4	1
5-8	2
More than 8	3

Only accredited coaches will be given such permit. In order get accreditation, a coach shall register online at <http://events.laserinternational.org/en/events/overview/100z77> before 11th July 2012. The accreditation fee for coaches will be EUR 60 which includes the costs for the permit, the deposit for clause 11.7 as well as the services provided for competitors: Event-T-Shirt, access to social events, access to coach meetings etc.

11.3 In addition, accredited coaches will receive a flag issued by the OA daily at the coaches meeting and are to be returned within the latest protest time limit each day. Breaches of the coach boats rules may be referred to the International Jury and may result in withdrawal of the permit temporarily or permanently.

11.4 In case of emergency, coach boats may be requested to assist the race committee in safety and rescue operations. For this purpose coaches are requested to bring a marine VHF receiver to the event. The relevant procedure will be described in the sailing instructions.

11.5 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 organization, exchange view points and inform the coaches about changes in the sailing instructions and regatta organization in general.

11.6 Support boat drivers must provide registration documents for the support boats at the Race Office and submit names and sail numbers of the sailors they are supporting.

11.7 Each coach/support boat shall be clearly identified with a number supplied by the Organising Authority. No other individual support boats shall be used. A deposit of €10 (Euros) is required for the number, which will be included in the coaches fee under 11.3 and will be returned at the event of the event.

12. COURSES

Trapezoid courses will be used with inner and outer loops and an upwind finish. The target time for the first boat 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. ANTI DOPING & DRUG TESTING

Competitors shall comply with rule 5 and ISAF Regulation 21 Anti Doping Rule and Anti Doping Code, which ban the use of drugs. 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.

20. SCORING

- 20.1 The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply.
- 20.2 A total of four races are required to be completed to constitute a championship.
- 20.3 When from four to nine races have been completed one race score will be excluded.
- 20.4 When ten or more races have been completed two races scores will be excluded except that when a qualifying/finals series is sailed only one race score from the finals series may be excluded.
- 20.5 When a qualifying/finals series is sailed a qualifying series race will not count until all qualifying series fleets have completed that race.
- 20.6 When a qualifying/finals series is sailed one race score will be discarded when calculating the division into finals series fleets.
- 20.7 When a qualifying/finals series is sailed the qualifying series races and the finals series races will count for total points in the regatta.
- 20.8 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.
- 20.9 For the purposes of Appendix A11 "Scoring abbreviations": ARB means scoring penalty after arbitration, PTS scoring penalty for a yellow flag after finishing.

21. PRIZES

Laser 4.7 Youth - European Trophy (only if we have non European sailors)

- 21.1 Prizes for the European Trophy will be awarded to the top three Boys, Girls, Under 16 Boys and Under 16 Girls regardless of their nationality.
- 21.2 Under 16 sailors are those sailors that will not become 16 or older in 2012.
- 21.3 Under 16 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.)

Laser 4.7 Youth - European Championship

- 21.4 Up to ten prizes for the European Championship will be awarded to the top European Boys, Girls, Under 16 Boys and Under 16 Girls.
- 21.5 The number of prizes will be on a ratio of one for every ten European competitors.
- 21.6 Under 16 sailors are those sailors that will not become 16 or older in 2012.
- 21.7 European championship 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.)

ILCA Cube Prizes

- 21.8 ILCA cube prizes will be awarded in accordance with the ILCA Honour Award By-Law.

22. 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.

23. LIABILITY

The Yachtclub Breitenbrunn and ILCA and **each of** their officers, members and volunteers do

not accept **any** liability for loss of life or property, or personal injury or damage caused by or arising out of the regatta and competitors take part in the regatta at their own risk. **Any liability of the Yachtclub Breitenbrunn and ILCA and each of their officers, members and volunteers shall be limited to intent or severe gross negligence and for any damages to the extent and amount which the liability insurance company of the Yachtclub Breitenbrunn and/or the ILCA approves and accepts for such. Any liability for consequential damages is**

23.1 **excluded.**

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 It is the responsibility of each sailor to decide to participate in a race or to continue racing.

23.6 The participating boat is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party claims of at least €1,500,000 (1.5 million Euros).

23.7 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 ILCA and Yachtclub Breitenbrunn 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. LOCAL CONTACT

Yachtclub Breitenbrunn - Website: www.ycbb.at

26. CHANGES TO THE NOTICE OF RACE

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