

PRESCRIPTIONS of the KNWV (Royal Netherlands Sailing Association)

Rule 6

The Dutch Doping Regulation of the RNSA applies for all events under the responsibility of the RNSA.

Rule 46

A responsible person who has his domicile in the Netherlands shall have a valid racing license or event license, issued by or in name of the RNSA. The Race Committee shall verify if this requirement is fulfilled. If this requirement is not fulfilled the Race Committee shall reject or cancel the entry of the boat in accordance with rule 76.1 or the Race committee shall protest the boat.

Rule 47

With exception of the responsible person every other person on board, who has his domicile in the Netherlands, shall have a valid crew license, event crew license, racing license or event license, issued by or in name of the RNSA. If this requirement is not fulfilled the entry of the boat shall be rejected or cancelled in accordance with rule 76.1 or the Race committee shall protest the boat.

Rule 67

Damages

- a. Every issue of liability or claim for damages arising from an incident while a boat is bound by *The Racing Rules of Sailing* shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the court and not considered by a protest committee.
- b. A boat that takes a penalty or retires does not thereby admit liability for damages or that he has broken a *rule*.
- c. A goal of the *rules* is avoiding contact. By participating in an event under the *rules* a boat accepts that the responsibility for damages occurred by breaking a rule will be based on guilt caused by applying the rules and not on accepting the risks.

Rule 70.5

Approval of the RNSA is required for denying the right of appeal if this is necessary for reasons stated in rule 70.5(a).

The approval shall be posted on the official notice board of the event.

Rule 78.1

Every boat (excluding boards), competing in races in a national or international recognized class, and owned by a person, who has his domicile in the Netherlands, shall have a valid certificate, issued by the RNSA.

The Race Committee shall verify that a participating boat has a valid certificate, according to the class rules or this prescription.

If a boat does not fulfill this requirement, with exception of what is mentioned in rule 78.2, his entry shall be rejected or cancelled according to rule 76.1, or the Race Committee shall protest the boat.

Rule 78.3

The in rule 78.3 mentioned measurer shall be:

- an International Measurer recognized by ISAF, or,
- a measurer appointed by ISAF, or,
- an official measurer in accordance with the Equipment Rules of Sailing, or,
- an equipment inspector in accordance with the 'Reglement voor klassencontroleurs'.

and must be able to prove that.

The Race Committee shall help this measurer or equipment inspector by prescribing that the boats, which are called for inspection, have to report without delay at a designated place.

When no measurer is appointed, the RNSA may appoint a equipment inspector or measurer, under rule 78.3, for an event under his responsibility. In that case the appointed measurer shall show the appointment by the RNSA in writing to the Race Committee. This written appointment shall be posted at the official notice board of the event.

Rule 80

A boat or board with a measurement of handicap certificate, who wants to display competitor advertising on the boat or the equipment in accordance with the ISAF Advertising Regulation and the Class Rules, shall have an advertisement certificate issued by the RNSA.

The Race Committee shall verify that a participating boat has a valid certificate, according to the class rules or this prescription. If a boat does not fulfill this requirement his entry shall be rejected or cancelled according to rule 76.1, or the Race Committee shall protest the boat.

Rule 88.2

It is not permitted that Sailing Instructions contain changes to the Prescriptions of the RNSA or prescribe that they do not apply, without prior written permission of the RNSA

Rule G1

Unless prescribed otherwise in the class rules, the rules G1.1(a), G1.1(c), G1.2 and G1.3 (as far as applicable) also apply for the by the RNSA recognized national classes.

Appendix S Standard Sailing Instructions

This guide provides a set of tested sailing instructions designed for regattas for one or more classes.

This Appendix applies if it is mentioned in the local sailing instructions of the event.

At the website of the RNSA is a guideline published for local sailing instructions with instructions how to use them.

The principles on which all sailing instructions should be based are as follows:

- 1 They should include only two types of statement: the intentions of the race committee and protest committee and the obligations of competitors.*
- 2 They should be concerned only with racing. Information about social events, assignment of moorings, etc., should be provided separately.*
- 3 They should not change the racing rules except when clearly desirable. (When they do so, they must follow rule 86 by referring specifically to the rule being changed and stating the change.)*
- 4 They should not repeat or restate any of the racing rules.*
- 5 They should not repeat themselves.*
- 6 They should be in chronological order; that is, the order in which the competitor will use them.*
- 7 They should, when possible, use words or phrases from the racing rules.*

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

1.2 The Local Sailing Instructions (LSI) apply. If there is a conflict between the Local Sailing Instructions and the Standard Sailing Instructions, the Local Sailing Instructions prevail.

1.3 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board(s) located at the place as described in the Local Sailing Instructions.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted not later than 1 hour before the start of the race on which it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1** Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flagpole close to the race office.
- 4.2** When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.
- 4.3** Flag D with one sound means 'the warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after flag D is displayed. Boats are requested not to leave the harbour until this signal is made'.
- 4.4** When flag Y is displayed ashore, rule 40.1 applies at all times while afloat. This changes the Part 4 preamble.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1** The dates of the races, the number of scheduled races and the times of the warning signals are mentioned in the Local Sailing Instructions.
- 5.2** If mentioned in the Local Sailing Instructions, qualifying races will be sailed in the mentioned classes in accordance with Addendum K.
- 5.3** Spare days may be used if races are not completed as scheduled or if the race committee is convinced that it will be unlikely that the races will be completed according to the schedule.
- 5.4** One extra race per day may be sailed, provided that no class becomes more than one race ahead of schedule and the change is made according to instruction 3.
- 5.3** To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, an orange flag may be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before the warning signal is displayed.
- 5.4** On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 1500.

6. CLASS FLAGS

Class flags are described in the Local Sailing Instructions.

7. RACING AREA

The racing area is described in the Local Sailing Instructions.

8. THE COURSES

- 8.1** The Local Sailing Instructions show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2** The Local Sailing Instructions describe how to signal the course. The race committee will signal the course not later than the warning signal.

9. MARKS

The marks of the course and the marks of the starting and finishing line are described in the Local Sailing Instructions.

10. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

The Local Sailing Instructions describe areas that are defined as obstructions, if any.

11. THE START

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

11.2 The starting line will be between the course side of the starting marks. When a starting mark is not a mark or a dan buoy, the starting line will be defined in the Local Sailing Instructions.

11.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races. The starting area is defined as the area of 100 metres to windward and leeward and 50 metres on both sides of the starting line.

11.4 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes rule A4 and A5.

11.5 If flag U has been displayed as the preparatory signal, no part of a boat's hull, crew, or equipment shall be in the triangle formed by the ends of the starting line and the first mark during the last minute before her starting signal. If a boat breaks this rule and is identified, she shall be disqualified without a hearing but not if the race is restarted or resailed or postponed or abandoned before the starting signal. This changes rule 26.

11.5 Flag X will be displayed with repetitive sound signals (this changes Race Signals and rule 29.1).

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position. No signals will be given (this changes Race Signals and rule 33).

13 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between course side of the finishing Marks. When a finishing mark is not a mark or a dan buoy, the starting line will be defined in the Local Sailing Instructions.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 Spare.

14.2 For the classes mentioned in the Local Sailing Instructions rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

14.3 If mentioned in the Local Sailing Instructions, Appendix P will apply as changed by instruction 14.2.

15 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

16.1 Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

16.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.

16.3 Notices will be posted no later than 15 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located near the race office.

16.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).

16.5 A list of boats that, under instruction 14.3, have been penalized for breaking rule 42 will be posted..

16.6 Breaches of instructions 11.3, 18, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26 and 27 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.

16.7 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:

- (a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
- (b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day .

This changes rule 66.

- 16.8** On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.
- 16.9** A request for a decision in writing has to be delivered within one hour after the decision is given verbally. This changes rule 65.2.
- 16.10** A request for correction of an error in the published results has to be delivered within the protest time limit of the last scheduled day of racing or within 60 minutes after posting of the results, if this is later. When the request is not granted, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the boat is informed that the request is not granted. This changes rule 62.2.
- 16.11** Decisions of the protest committee in the qualifying races will be final as provided in rule 70.5. The RNSA has granted permission in accordance with rule 70.5(a) and the prescriptions of the RNSA to this rule.
- 16.12** If mentioned in the Local Sailing Instructions, Arbitration will be offered in certain cases and Addendum AR applies..

17 SCORING

- 17.1** One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.2** When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 17.3** When from 5 to 8 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 17.4** When from 8 to 13 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
- 17.5** When 13 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her three worst scores.

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1** Each boat shall, before her starting signal, sailing close hauled, pass between the starting vessel and a buoy at the starboard site of the starting vessel. While doing so, she has to show her sail number clearly to the race committee. When races thereafter are postponed, recalled or abandoned, boats do not have to do this again, unless the race is not resailed on the same day.
- 18.2** A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 19.1** Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.
- 19.2** Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorised by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made in writing to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by the race committee, a equipment inspector or event measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

21 EVENT ADVERTISING

Boats have to comply with the advertising rules in the Local Sailing Instructions.

22 OFFICIAL BOATS

Boats of the race committee will fly a flag or burgee from the organising club, or a white flag with 'RC'.

22.1 Boats of the protest committee will fly a white flag or burgee with 'J' or 'Jury'.

22.2 Rescue boats will fly an orange flag or burgee.

22.3 Participating boats shall *keep clear* of official boats.

23 SUPPORT BOATS

Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

24 TRASH DISPOSAL

Trash may be placed aboard support and official boats. A penalty for breaking rule 55 may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides. This changes rule 64.1.

25 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Keelboats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

26 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalents shall not be used around keelboats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta.

27 RADIOCOMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones. VHF will only be used for safety communication.

28 PRIZES

Prizes will be given as described in the Local Sailing Instructions.

29 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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

30 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of € 1.500.000 per event or the equivalent.

Addendum AR; Arbitration

If stated in the Local Sailing Instructions arbitration will be used when applicable and this addendum will apply.

- a. All protests involving a rule of RRS part 2 and involving only two boats will be subject to arbitration. In this case 20 % in RRS 44.3(c) is changed in 30%.
- b. RRS 44.1 is changed to permit a boat to take a scoring penalty as calculated in the changed RRS 44.3(c) during the arbitration hearing.
- c. RRS 63.1 is changed by adding: The arbitrator may allow a protest to be withdrawn without the approval of the protest committee.
- d. After a protest is lodged, one representative from each boat will meet with the arbitrator unless the protestor requests that the protest be withdrawn. No witnesses will be allowed.
- e. After taking evidence from each representative, the arbitrator will render his opinion:
 - e1 The protest is invalid or no boat broke a rule. If the protestor agrees the protest may be withdrawn. If the protestor disagrees, the protest committee will hear the protest.
 - e2 One or both boats broke a rule. The boat(s) breaking a rule may accept a penalty as mentioned in the changed RRS 44.3(c) and the protest may be withdrawn. If not the protest committee will hear the protest. Rule 64.1(b) applies at a boat that have accepted an arbitration score penalty.
 - e3 The arbitrator decides a full protest hearing is required. In which case the protest committee will hear the protest.
- f. The abbreviation ARB will be used for an arbitration scoring penalty. This is added to RRS A11.

ADDENDUM K ; Qualifying Races

If stated in the Local Sailing Instructions qualifying races will be scheduled in the mentioned classes according to sailing instructions Addendum K.

- a.** In the qualifying races is the start of Group II- the amount of boats as stated in the Local Sailing Instructions-___ minutes after a valid start of Group I. In the final races is the start of the Silver fleet the amount of boats as stated in the Local Sailing Instructions- ____ minutes after a valid start of the Gold fleet.

- b.** The Sub Groups are sailing qualifying races according to this schedule:

Qualifying Race	Group I	Group II
1	Sub Groups a and b	Sub Groups c and d
2	Sub Groups b and d	Sub Groups a and c
3	Sub Groups a and d	Sub Groups b and c

- c.** After the qualifying races boats will be assigned to final-series fleets Gold and Silver. If three qualifying races are completed, the worst result in the qualifying races will (temporarily)be discarded. If less than three races are completed, the ranking is based on the results without discard.
- d.** There will be the same number of fleets in the final series as in the qualifying series. The final-series fleets will have, as nearly as possible, equal size but so that the Silver fleet is not larger than the Gold fleet. Boats with the best qualifying-series ranks will race all final-series races in the Gold fleet, boats with the next-best qualifying-series ranks will race in the Silver fleet.
- e.** As long as three qualifying races are completed, the assignment to Gold- and Silver fleet will be posted on -the date stated in the Local Sailing Instructions- at 2100. If at that time only two or less qualifying races are completed, the races on the next day are also qualifying races until three races are completed.
- f.** If after three racing days only two qualifying races are completed, the assignment to the Gold and Silver fleet will be made after the third day on the basis of two qualifying races. If after three days of racing only one qualifying race is completed, the qualifying series will be extended until two valid races are completed.
- g.** Scores in the qualifying series are carried forward to the final series.