



2015 J/24 Australian National Championships

8th–11th January 2015

Cruising Yacht Club of South Australia

Adelaide, South Australia

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The 2015 J/24 Australian National Championships will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2013–2016* of the International Sailing Federation (ISAF).
- 1.2 The *Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Yachting Australia* shall apply; all races shall be classed as Category 6.
- 1.3 The class rules of the International J/24 Class Association (IJCA) except as altered by these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.4 Rule 5.3 of the J/24 Class Rules is changed as follows:
 - A boat may sail with different crew on different days provided the crew changes are declared at registration. The number of declared crew shall remain the same throughout the regatta. Crew changes not declared at registration require advance written approval of the Race Officer and will only be approved in exceptional circumstances.
- 1.5 From the time a boat leaves her mooring for the first race of each day until she returns to her mooring and while not racing, she shall not receive outside help, except as permitted by RRS 41, from any outside source except other competitors and official boats under the direction of the Organizing Authority.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the covered patio area adjacent to the bar.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 09:30 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 17:30 on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the club flag mast located on the lawn area in front of the Kinnaird Room.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 45 minutes". This changes race signal AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

5.1 Registration & Briefing

<i>Activity</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>From</i>	<i>To</i>
Registration and weigh-in	Wednesday 7th January 2015	17:00	19:00
Registration and weigh-in	Thursday 8th January 2015	08:00	12:00
Competitor briefing	Thursday 8th January 2015	12:00	
Social function	Thursday 8th January 2015	18:00	
Presentation and closing	Sunday 11th January 2015	17:30	

5.2 Racing Program

<i>Activity</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>First Warning Signal</i>
Racing	Thursday 8th January 2015	14:10
Racing	Friday 9th January 2015	11:00
Racing	Saturday 10th January 2015	11:00
Racing	Sunday 11th January 2015	11:00

5.3 Twelve (12) races are scheduled over four (4) days of racing. No more than four (4) races may be sailed on any day.

5.4 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed from the start boat, accompanied by one sound signal, for at least four minutes before a warning signal is displayed.

5.5 No warning signal shall be made after 14:00 on Sunday, January 11th, 2015.

6 CLASS FLAGS

6.1 The class flag will be code flag “J”.

7 RACING AREA

7.1 The area is shown on Attachment 1.

8 THE COURSE

8.1 The diagram in Attachment 2 shows the course, 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 No later than the warning signal, the start boat must display the numeral pennant to signify the course to be raced, and may display the approximate compass bearing and distance of the first mark at the same time.

9 MARKS

9.1 Marks 1, 1a, 2S and 2P will be orange inflatable marks. Mark 2S is to be left to starboard. Mark 2P is to be left to port.

9.2 New marks, as provided in SI 12.1, will be yellow inflatable marks *with or without a black band*. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by the original mark.

9.3 The starting mark will be a black and white chequered inflatable buoy.

9.4 The finishing mark will be a black and white chequered inflatable buoy.

10 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

10.1 The following areas are designated as obstructions:
None defined.

11 THE START

11.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26.

11.2 The starting line will be between an orange flag displayed on the start boat at the starboard end and the port-end starting mark.

11.3 A crowding mark may be attached to the Committee Boat.

11.4 A boat starting later than five minutes after her starting signal will be scored “Did Not Start” without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay new marks or move the finishing line and remove the original marks as soon as practicable.

12.2 When in a subsequent change new marks are replaced, they will be replaced by the original marks.

13 THE FINISH

- 13.1 The finishing line will be between a blue flag displayed on the finish boat at the port end and the starboard-end finishing mark.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 RRS 44.1 and 44.2 will apply.

15 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 15.1 The time limit for a race is 105 minutes.
- 15.2 The target time for a race will be 50 to 75 minutes.
- 15.3 Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 Protest forms are available at the race office; located in the foyer of the CYCSA.
- 16.2 Protests and requests for redress or re-opening shall be delivered to the race office within the protest time limit.
- 16.3 The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.
- 16.4 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses and the time of the first hearing.
- 16.5 Hearings will be held in the protest room; located in the Kinnaird Room.
- 16.6 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 16.7 RRS 64.1 is changed by these Sailing Instructions and will permit the use of discretionary penalties for breaking a rule of the IJCA listed in Appendix F of the IJCA Regatta Regulations at the discretion of the protest committee.
- 16.8 Breaches of instructions 18, 21, 23, 25, 25 and 27 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction will be DPI.
- 16.9 On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for re-opening a hearing shall be delivered within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day; but no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 66.
- 16.10 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 RRS 62.2.

17 SCORING

- 17.1 Four (4) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.2 A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score after eight (8) races have been completed or her worst two scores after ten (10) races have been completed.
- 17.3 Performance Handicap System (PHS) results will be decided by the application of the Time Correction Factor (TCF). The PHS TCF allocated by the Race Committee, will be re-calculated between races and will not be subject to redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 17.4 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. Boats scored TLE will be scored points equal to the number of boats finishing within the time limit plus two points by the Race Committee without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4, A5 and A11.

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1 All boats shall complete the Sign-on sheets for each day of racing. The Sign-on sheets will be posted on the desk adjacent to the notice board in the covered patio bar area. Any boat failing to Sign-on will be scored DNC without a hearing for all races that day. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 18.2 A boat that retires from the race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible and shall sign off for that race with the notation "Retired from race #" on the sheet provided which will be posted on the desk adjacent to the notice board in the covered patio bar area.

19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 19.1 Substitution of crew or damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorised by the Race Committee. The replacement equipment must comply with J/24 Class rules.
- 19.2 Requests for substitution shall be made in writing at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 19.3 When equipment is substituted during a series of races on the same day, the request shall be made before the protest time limit for the first race in which the substitution occurred.

20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 20.1 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 a race committee equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

21 ADVERTISING

- 21.1 For the purpose of advertising, the classification of this regatta shall be in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.
- 21.2 Boats may be required to display advertising material chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority. The Organising Authority reserves the right to refuse advertising by a boat or competitor when it is in conflict with the laws of the South Australian or Australian Governments.

22 OFFICIAL BOATS

- 22.1 Official Boats will be marked by displaying the host club burgee or flag "Official Boat".

23 SUPPORT BOATS

- 23.1 Support boats shall keep at least 100 m clear of the course area during racing, except when asked to assist by the Organising Authority. All support boats shall comply with SI 1.5.

24 RUBBISH DISPOSAL

- 24.1 Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats.

25 HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 25.1 Boats shall be afloat by 13:00 on Thursday, 8 January 2015, and shall not be hauled out during the regatta. Rudders shall remain affixed to the boat in their normal position during this time.
- 25.2 The Race Committee may approve a written request for a boat to be hauled out at any time provided that it is satisfied that this is required for essential repairs. When approval is given no other work shall be done other than work that could not have been done while afloat.

26 OTHER PROHIBITED ACTIONS

- 26.1 Careening by any means for the purpose of cleaning or inspecting the hull is prohibited during the regatta.
- 26.2 Underwater breathing apparatus (including snorkels), plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used between the time the boat is to be afloat and the end of the regatta. The hull may be cleaned at any time by swimming or keelhauling using ropes or cloth.

27 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 27.1 Except in an emergency, upon retiring from a race or at the request of the Race Committee, a boat shall neither make radio or other data transmissions while racing nor receive radio or data communication not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

- 27.2 In accordance with RRS 41, the Race Committee may broadcast on VHF Channel 77 information of interest to competitors. Any failure of, or defect in, such a broadcast will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 60.1(a) and 62.

28 PRIZES

- 28.1 Prizes will be awarded to all boats placed first to third on scratch and first to third on PHS handicap.
- 28.2 Results and prizes will be announced after the final race on Sunday, 11th January 2015.

29 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Warning

Sailing and activities associated with it involve risks of personal injury, loss, damage and even death. The risks include, but are not limited to, the risk of injury from collision, capsizing, falling overboard, being trapped under a sail or boat after capsize and impact with equipment. The risks involved in this activity are increased by adverse weather conditions, inadequate training, fatigue, inexperience, failure to maintain the boat, failure to supply and use the recommended safety equipment and failure to observe the RRS, YA Prescriptions and the Sailing Instructions.

- 29.1 The Organising Authority relies upon the provisions and limitations of the South Australian *Civil Liability Act 1936* and notifies all race participants who engage in recreational activity that they do so at their own risk. Competitors are referred to RRS 4, Decision to Race, **“The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone”**.
- 29.2 Having given this risk warning, the Organising Authority will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after racing.

30 INSURANCE

- 30.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of AUS \$10,000,000 per event or the equivalent.

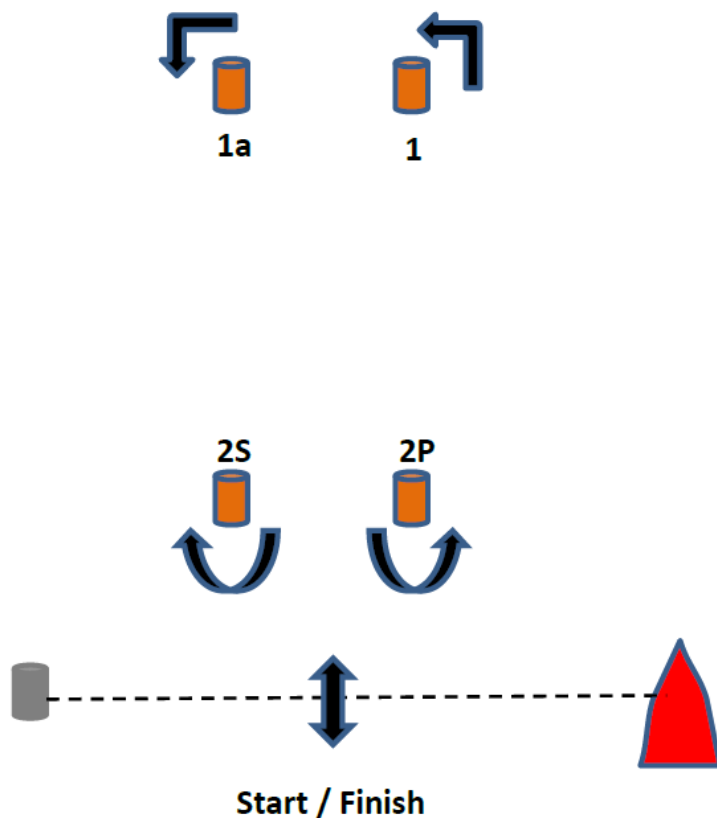
ATTACHMENT 1

MAP OF LOCAL AREA SHOWING LOCATION OF COURSES (Not To Scale)



ATTACHMENT 2

COURSE DIAGRAMS



Signal:	Mark rounding order:
Pennant 1	Start, 1(port), 1a(port), Finish
Pennant 2	Start, 1(port), 1a(port), 2S/P, 1(port), 1a(port), Finish
Pennant 3	Start, 1(port), 1a(port), 2S/P, 1(port), 1a(port), 2S/P, 1(port), 1a(port), Finish
Note:	On the last leg to the finish the gate 2S/P is not a mark.

Appendix D and E

IJCA REGATTA REGULATIONS

APPENDIX F: Alternative Penalties for Breaking Some Class Rules

This appendix shall be included as an appendix in the Sailing Instructions for World Championships, Continental Championships and other World Qualifier regattas. See the Class Standard Sailing Instructions for the appropriate references.

Alternative scoring penalties shall apply for breaking certain class rules. All of these scoring penalties shall be calculated as described in rule 44.3(c) and shall be applied to all races for which the boat was in non-compliance.

CLASS RULE	INFRINGEMENT	SCORING PENALTY
2.5.6	A copy of the Measurement Certificate and the Inventory of Required and Optional Equipment (Rule 3.7.3) are to be kept aboard the yacht one or both items are not on board.	20%
2.6.1	Advertising does not conform to the restrictions	20%
3.8.5	A bailing bucket of minimum capacity 9 liters fitted with a lanyard is not on board.	40%
3.8.9	2 liters or more of motor fuel is not on board when the boat crossed the finish line for the last race of the day	20%
4.1.3	The compass is installed but inoperable.	20%
4.1.8	The throwable lifesaving device and attached sea anchor not on deck and ready for use.	40%
4.1.10	The required first aid kit and manual are not on board	20%
4.3	Any of anchor(s), outboard motor, battery and fuel container are not secured against movement.	20%
3.6.10 o)	The luff and/or foot of the mainsail set outside the distinguishing bands as defined in Rules 3.5.2(d) and 3.5.5(c).	20%
7.1.19	Elastic (shock) cord is used in the standing or running rigging.	20%
8.1.2	The stowage of required or optional equipment other than unbagged sails on the cabin sole over the keel.	20%
8.1.3	Use of other than normal sailing gear in normal, designed and proper storage areas to attain sailing weight.	20%
8.1.4	The connection to the mast heel of any adjustment device or equipment.	20%
8.4	The removal of the rudder from the transom during the period the Sailing Instructions stipulate that the boat shall remain afloat.	20%

If a boat receives one of the above penalties, the protest decision shall include whether the same penalty can or will be applied to subsequent infringements. The protest decision may also specify that the boat cannot be protested again under the same class rule for a time period specified by the jury.

Amended to include Class Rule Changes Effective February 1, 2007