

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Fireball National Championships.

8th – 10th June 2018

SKERRIES SAILING CLUB

1 The Rules

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the Rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020, the prescriptions of the Irish Sailing Association and the current International Fireball Class Rules, except as any of these are changed by these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 This championship will be designated as a Category C Event.

2 Notices to Competitors

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the entrance lobby of the clubhouse.

3 Changes in sailing instructions

- 3.1 Changes to the sailing instructions and/or Notices to competitors will be posted on The Official notice board before 09.30 hrs on the day the change will take effect, except any change to the schedule of races which will be posted not later than 20.00 hrs on the day before it will take effect.

4 Signals made ashore

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Club Flag pole outside the Race Office.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in the race signal AP.

5 Schedule of races

- 5.1 9 races are scheduled of which 3 shall be completed to constitute a series.
- 5.2 Warning Signal:

Friday 8 th	:	13:55
Saturday 9 th	:	11:55
Sunday 10 th	:	10:25
- 5.3 Up to 4 races may be sailed each day, and the remaining races on Sunday 10th.
- 5.4 Changes to Schedule of Races. At its discretion, the Race Committee reserves the right to change the number of races on each day to facilitate a full program of races.
- 5.5 Briefing will take place in the Clubhouse building at approximately 12:45hrs on Friday 8th.
- 5.6 Final Day. On Sunday 10th no warning signal will be made after 15:30hrs, except to restart a race which was subject to a General Recall.

6 Class Flags

- 6.1 The Class Flag will be International Code Flag Numeral 1.

7 Sailing Area

- 7.1 Racing will take place in the bay area north of Skerries harbour.

8 Courses

- 8.1 The diagrams in *Appendix A* show the courses, the order in which the marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be rounded.
- 8.2 A flag identifying the course to be sailed for each race will be flown from the committee boat in accordance with RRS 27.1.

9 Marks

- 9.1 Course marks will be inflatable type and will be large Yellow Buoys.
- 9.2 The Start mark and the Finish Mark will be a Red Spherical Buoy.

10 Areas that are Obstructions

- 10.1 The area between the RED navigation buoy with a Red Light and the shore closest to it is out of

bounds. Boats shall not pass between it and the mainland.

11 The Start

- 11.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS26. The starting line will be between the main mast of the committee boat displaying an Orange flag and the starting mark at the port end, which shall be a Red Buoy.
- 11.2 An inner limit mark may be laid approximately on the starting line, and if so, boats shall not enter the triangle formed by this buoy and the bow and stern of the Committee Boat.
- 11.3 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting Signal will be scored DNS. This changes RRS A4.

12 Change of next leg of the Course.

- 12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or finishing line) to a new position. Changes will be signalled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the mark may not yet be in the new position. Subsequent legs may be changed without further signalling to maintain the course shape. Minor changes in mark positions, in order to maintain the integrity of the course will not be signalled. This changes rule 33.
- 12.2 Except at a Gate, boats shall pass between the race committee boat signalling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark leaving the mark on the required side. This changes RRS 28.1.

13 Shortening the course

- 13.1 The Race Committee may shorten the course according to Rule 32. Boats shall finish between a boat displaying flag S the signal and the nearby mark.
- 13.2 An alternative shorten course procedure may be used. If the race committee displays flag F (with repetitive sound signals), boats shall round the mark at which the signal is displayed and then sail directly to the finish line. SI 12.2 will apply. This modifies rule 32.

14 The Finish

- 14.1 The finish line will be between the main mast of a Race Committee Boat and the Finishing Mark
- 14.2 Except when finishing, boats shall not cross the finish line in either direction when the blue flag is displayed.**

15 Time limit

- 15.1 The time limit for races will be 90 minutes.
- 15.2 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored "Did Not Finish". This changes rule 35 & A4
- 15.3 After the first boat has finished, the race officer may offer a finishing position to the boat that is still racing and in last place. The finishing position offered to a boat will be the number of boats ahead of it (both finished and still racing) plus 1. A boat is not obliged to accept such an offer unless it is the last boat still racing. The race officer is not obliged to make such an offer. A boat that accepts the place offered will immediately cease to race and the race officer may repeat this process with the next boat. The offer may be made via rescue or support boat personnel. This amends the definition of the word "Finish". This changes RRS 28.1, 35 and A4.

16 Protests

- 16.1 Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests shall be delivered there within the Protest Time limit.
- 16.2 The Protest Time limit is **60 minutes** after the last boat finishes the last race of each day. The same time-limit applies to protest by the race committee and protest committee about incidents they observe in the racing area and to requests for redress. This changes RRS 61.3 and RRS 62.2.
- 16.3 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. The notice will indicate where hearings are to be held, and the approximate time at which they will begin.
- 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 Breaches of instructions 10, 11.2,19 will not be grounds for 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.

- 16.6 On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:
- (a) within the protest time-limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day.
 - (b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes rule 66.

17 Scoring

- 17.1 The Low Point Scoring System Appendix A2 will apply.
- 17.2 A minimum of three races constitutes a series.
- 17.3 Discards to be applied based on races sailed:
- 1- 3 races completed – no discard
 - 4- 7 races completed – 1 discard
 - 8 or more races completed – 2 discards

Equipment and Measurement Checks.

- 17.4 A boat or piece of equipment may be inspected by the Race Committee for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions at any time.

18 Replacement of Crew or Equipment.

- 18.1 Substitution of competitors will not be permitted without written permission of the Race Committee. Substitution of damaged/lost equipment must be approved by the Race Committee. Notice of such change of equipment must be notified to the Race Committee at the earliest possible opportunity.

19 Prizes

- 19.1 Prizes appropriate to the fleet size will be awarded in addition to perpetual trophies which shall remain the property of Fireball Ireland always.

20 Safety Regulations.

- 20.1 Boats must check-in with the Committee Boat before the start of the 1st race on each day.
- 20.2 A boat which has capsized may be instructed to take assistance if so directed by the attending rescue personnel and/or Race Officer. Such boats shall subsequently be scored DNF.
- 20.3 A boat which retires from a race shall make every effort to inform the Race Committee Boat, a Mark Boat, a Safety Boat, or the Race Office as soon as possible.

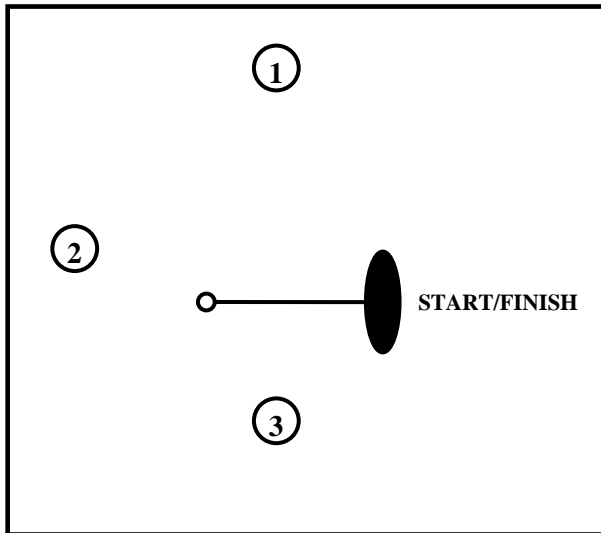
22. Disclaimer of Liability.

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

23. Temporary Membership.

All competitors, race officials, safety boat crew and volunteers are deemed to be members of Skerries Sailing Club for the duration of the Regatta. As such they are expected to observe the rules of the club.

Appendix A - COURSES



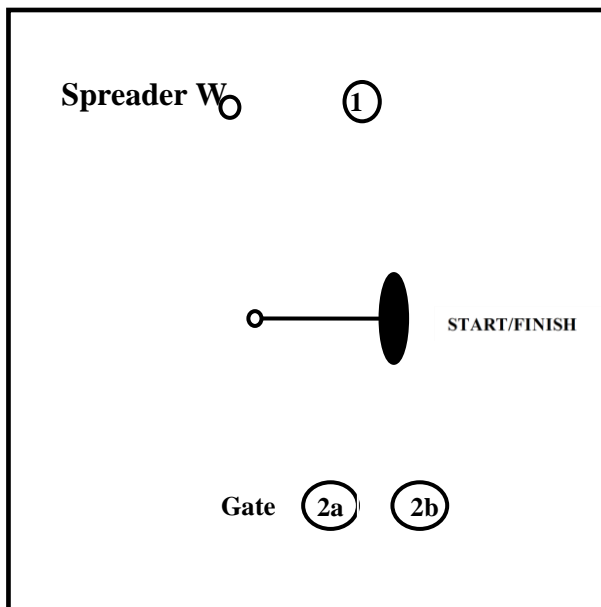
COURSE 1

Olympic Triangle

Code Flag "O"

All marks to be rounded to port in the following order

START-1- 2- 3 -1 -3 -1 -2 -3 -FINISH



COURSE 2

Windward-Leeward (2 Laps)

Code Flag "W"

Marks 1 and W to be rounded to port

Mark 2 (Leeward): Pass through the 'gate' and exit to port or starboard.

START-1-W-2 Gate -1-W- 2Gate - FINISH