



**Irish Fireball Association
Leinster Championships
3– 4th Jul. 2021
Hosted by
Skerries Sailing Club**



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 Organising Authority and Rules

- 1.1 The Organising Authority is the Irish Fireball Association and Skerries SC
- 1.2 The Regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of Irish Sailing and the International Fireball Class Rules, the Notice Of Race (NOR) (except as any of these are changed by these Sailing Instructions), and these Sailing Instructions and any amendments thereto.
- 1.3 This championship is designated as a category C Event.

2 Notices to Competitors

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official Notice Board located at S. S.C.

3 Changes to the Sailing Instructions

- 3.1 Changes to the sailing instructions and/or Notices to competitors will be posted on the official Notice Board before 10.30 hrs on the day the change will take effect except that, any change to the schedule of races will be posted not later than 21:00 hrs on the day before it will take effect.
- 3.2 Rule 25 of the Class Rules 'Propulsion' will apply.

4 Signals made ashore

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on Club Flagpole.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 20 minutes' in the race signal AP.

5 Class flags

- 5.1 The Class Flag will be International code Flag Numeral 1.

6 Sailing area

- 6.1 The sailing area will be advised at the regatta briefing.

7 The Course

- 7.1 See Appendix A for a description of the courses. A flag (as described in Appendix A) identifying the course to be sailed for each race will be flown from the committee boat in accordance with RRS Rule 27.1

8 Marks

- 8.1 Marks will be described at the briefing.

9 Schedule of races

- 9.1 Six races are scheduled of which one shall be completed to constitute a series. Up to four races may be sailed on the Saturday with the remaining races on Sunday.
- 9.2 The Regatta Briefing will take place at 10:30hrs on Saturday
- 9.3 The schedule time for the warning signal for the first race on Saturday is 11:55hrs.
- 9.4 The schedule time for the warning signal for the first race on Sunday is 10:55hrs
- 9.5 Remaining races to be started as soon as possible after preceding race.
- 9.6 No races will be started after 15:30hrs on Sunday (except to restart a race which was subject to a General Recall)

10 Black Flag Penalty Rule

- 10.1 In amendment of RRS 30.3, if a start using the Black Flag Penalty Rule is recalled, the sail numbers of the boats identified infringing the SI will be displayed on the Starting Line Committee Boat prior to the next preparatory signal for a minimum of three minutes. A long sound signal will be made as the numbers are initially displayed.

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 and a starting mark at the port-end. 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. A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting Signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes Rule A4.

12 Changing the 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. The change will be signalled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the moved mark may not then be in position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the moved mark may be re-located without further signalling to maintain the original course configuration.
- 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 to port and the race committee boat to starboard. This changes Rule 28.1.

13 Shortening the course

- 13.1 If the race committee signals a shortened course (displays flag S with two sound signals), the finishing line shall be:
 - a) at a rounding mark, between that mark and a staff displaying flag S in a Mark or Committee boat.
 - b) at a gate, between the gate marks.
 - c) If the race will be shortened at the start/finish line, the signal shall be the display of flag F with repetitive sounds at Mark 3 on Course 1, and at Gate Marks 2a and 2b on Course 2.

14 The Finish

- 14.1 The finish line will be between the main mast of the Committee Boat and the Finishing Mark.

15 Time limit

- 15.1 The time limit for the first finisher in each race will be 90 minutes from their valid start. Boats will be timed up to 20 minutes after the first boat sails and finishes the course. Boats still racing at the expiry of this 20 minute period will be scored Did Not Finish. After the first boat has finished, the Race Officer may offer a finishing position to the boat still racing 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 35 and A4.

16 Retiral

- 16.1 A boat, which retires from a race, shall make every effort to inform one of the following, the Race Committee Boat, a Mark Boat, a Safety Boat or the Race Office as soon as possible.

17 Protests

- 17.1 In addition to the obligations in RRS 61.1 (a) protesting boats shall, immediately after finishing, inform the Race Officer of the sail number(s) of boat(s) protested against. Protest Forms will be available from the Race Office and all protests shall be delivered to the Race Office within the Protest Time. A schedule of Protest Hearings will be posted on the Official Notice Board as soon as practicable each day.
- 17.2 The Protest Time Limit is 60 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race each day. This changes RRS 61.3 and RRS 62.2

18 Safety Regulations

- 18.1 Lifejackets or other adequate personal flotation devices shall be worn by all competitors at all times while afloat. We suits and dry suits are not adequate flotation devices.

19 Scoring

- 19.1 The Low Point Scoring System Appendix A2 will apply.
- 19.2 Appendix A9 will apply to this Fireball Championships, as it will be counted as a regatta series.
- 19.3 A minimum of one race constitutes a series.
- 19.4 Discards to be applied based on races sailed

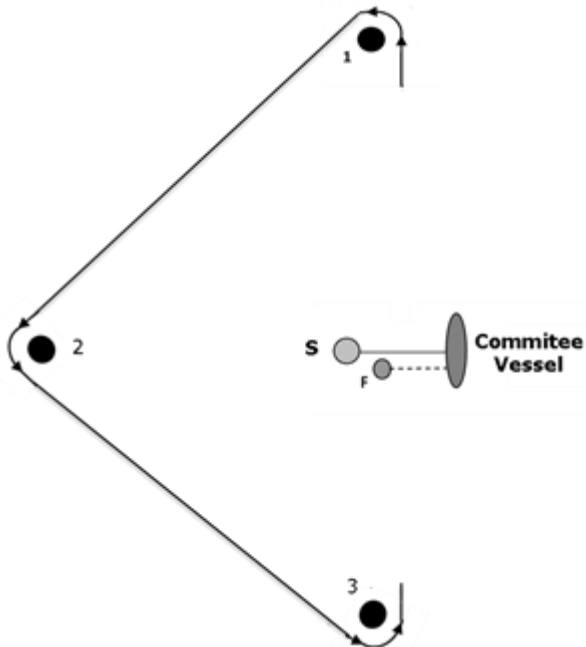
1 – 3 Races completed	No Discard
4 – 6 Races completed	One Discard

20 Prizes

- 20.1 For the purpose of prize giving all fleets will be scored. Perpetual prizes remain the property of the Irish Fireball Association and must not leave the island of Ireland. Prizes will be awarded based on fleet and class size (i.e. Gold, Silver Etc).

Appendix A - COURSES

COURSE 1 Olympic Triangle



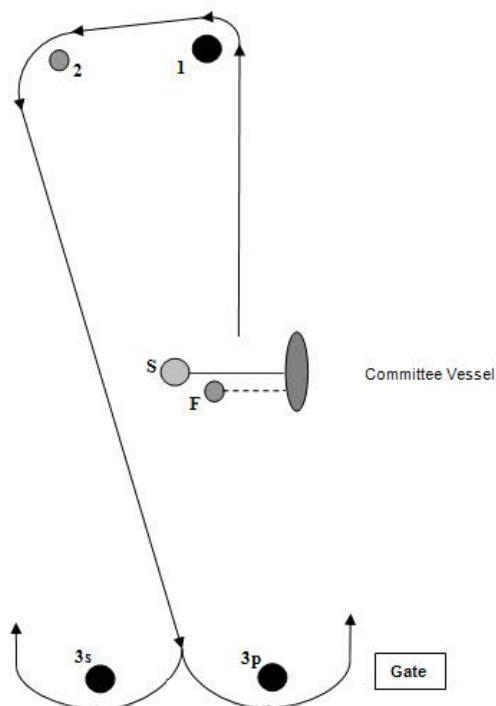
Course Flag – Flag “O”



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



Course Flag – Flag “W”



All marks to be rounded to port
except Gate mark 2a, which is
to be rounded to starboard,
and in the following order

START-1-2-3s/3p-1-2-3s/3p-1-2-3s/3p-Finish