

IRISH SAILING



eSailing Team Racing Championships 2020

Supported by kSail

The Organising Authority is Irish Sailing

Combined Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions

1. Rules

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as explained in The Virtual Racing Rules of Sailing dated 22nd January 2019 http://esailing-wc.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/Virtual_Racing_Rules_220119.pdf
- 1.2. Rule infringements will be decided by the VR system and its decisions are final and are not appealable.
- 1.3. The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and RRS Appendix D shall not apply except where specified
- 1.4. Outside help - a boat may receive help from another boat on her team or help in the form of information freely available to all boats.
- 1.5. RRS Part 5 - Protests, Redress, Hearings, Misconduct and Appeals shall apply
- 1.6. The right of appeal is denied in accordance with RRS 70.5(a).

2. Entry

- 2.1. Entry is open to all Irish Sailing Affiliated Clubs, Training Centres, Classes, ISSA Schools and IUSA Colleges.
- 2.2. Entries to be submitted to Irish Sailing using the online entry form available at <http://events.ksail.co.uk/2020/IrishSailing> by 23:59 on 29th May 2020.
- 2.3. The event is for three boat teams with three virtual sailors from each team competing in any race.
- 2.4. All sailors must be bona-fide members of the organisation that they represent. A sailor may not represent more than one organisation that is entered into the competition.
- 2.5. Entries are invited to two divisions
 - a) Open Division
Team Members may be of any age.
 - b) Under 17 Division
All Team Members must be under 17 years old on 31st December 2020.
- 2.6. Teams shall nominate a Team Captain who will be the main point of contact for all communication with the Organising Authority. The Team Captain need not be a competitor. For entries in the U17 Division, the Team Captain shall be a non-sailing responsible adult who shall also be a member of organisation the team represents.
- 2.7. There will be a maximum entry of 20 teams in each division, entries will be accepted as follows:
 - a) One team per affiliated organisation per division
 - b) The order received
 - c) Additional teams from affiliated organisations if the maximum entry number is not reached.
- 2.8. At least one member of each team shall have the ability to host Custom Races on the VR System.

3. Notices to Competitors and Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 3.1. The Official Notice Board is located online at <http://events.ksail.co.uk/2020/IrishSailing>
- 3.2. Notices to Competitors and Changes to Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

4. Event Format

4.1. The Championship will consist of:

- a) Stage 1: A modified HLS league of matches, each match will consist of 3 races.
 - i. In Stage 1 teams will not sail each other more than once.
- b) Stage 2: Semi Finals – the winner of a Semi Final will be the first team to score 3 race wins
 - i. Semi Final 1 will be between the teams ranked 1st and 4th from Stage 1
 - ii. Semi Final 2 will be between the teams ranked 2nd and 3rd from Stage 1
- c) Stage 3a: Petit Final – the winner of the Petit Final will be the first team to score 3 race wins. The petit final will be between the losers of Semi Final 1 and Semi Final 2.
- d) Stage 3b: Final – the winner of the Final will be the first team to score 3 race wins. The Final will be between the winners of Semi Final 1 and Semi Final 2.

4.2. Every match shall be assigned a match number in the match schedule.

4.3. The teams for each match will be selected randomly. Teams will not sail any other team more than once in Stage 1.

4.4. The format may be modified during the event in a fair and practical way as solely determined by the race committee taking into account the entries, time constraints and any other relevant factors.

5. Schedule of Matches

5.1. Each match will be scheduled to take part during a specific weekly window (0000 Monday to 2359 Sunday) by Irish Sailing.

a) The first week of Stage 1 Matches will be from Monday 1st June 2020

b) The last week of Stage 1 Matches will be week ending Sunday 9th August 2020

5.2. The initial schedule of matches will be displayed on the official notice board located at <http://events.ksail.co.uk/2020/IrishSailing>

5.3. Each Stage 1 match will be organised and run by the teams at a mutually convenient time as agreed by their team captains, during the week scheduled. The exact timing of the match and the VR race access code will be determined by the competing teams.

5.4. Results for Stage 1 matches must be submitted to kSail by no later than 0959 on the first Monday following the Match using the Results Submission Form available at <http://events.ksail.co.uk/2020/IrishSailing>

5.5. Stage 2 Matches will take place during the evening of 13th August 2020

5.6. Stage 3 Matches will take place during the evening of 14th August 2020

5.7. Should a team who has qualified for Stage 2 or 3 not be able to compete for any reason, it's place will be awarded to the next ranked team from Stage 1.

5.8. If a Stage 1 match does not take place within the scheduled time window then both teams will score 0 match wins. Only in exceptional circumstances will the race committee reschedule a match.

6. Equipment

6.1. The equipment to be sailed will be the Star Dinghy

7. Course

7.1. The course will be 'Upwind Long' and sailed as follows:

1P, 1aP, 2P or 2S, 1P, 1aP, Finish

8. Scoring

8.1. Each race will be scored in accordance with RRS D3.1(a) and D3.3, all other sections of D3 shall not apply.

8.2. The winner of a match shall be the team with the greatest number of race wins. Should a match be tied for any reason, both teams shall score ½ Match Win. Teams will be ranked in order of their percentages of match wins. Any ties shall be broken in the following order in favour of:

a) If all tied teams have met, the highest number of match wins when the tied teams met.

b) If all tied teams have met, the highest number of races won when the tied teams met.

c) The sum of races won in all matches divided by the number of matches sailed.

d) For each tied team, the sum of the percentages of matches won by the teams they beat, calculated as above, divided by the number of matches they won.

e) A sail-off if possible, otherwise a game of chance

8.3. If a tie is partially resolved by one of the above, then the remaining ties shall be broken by starting again at 8.2(a)

8.4. When a completed match has been abandoned and the result would not affect which teams qualify for a further stage, the race committee may cancel the match.

9. Starting Races

Races shall be started by using the following signals. This is

Minutes before the starting signal	Visual signal	Sound	Means
1:15	P and Virtual Regatta flag	One	Warning signal
1	P removed	One	Preparatory signal
0	Virtual Regatta flag removed	One	Starting signal

10. Protests, Requests for Redress and Penalties

10.1. Protests and Requests for Redress shall be dealt with using the RRS Part 5.

10.2. Protests and requests for redress that have not been decided as per SI 1.2 shall be notified to the race office by 2359 on the Sunday at the end of the week that the match was scheduled for.

10.3. When the outcome of a protest or request for redress would not affect which teams qualify to a later stage, the protest committee may refuse to hear it. This amends RRS 63.1.

11. Technical Failure

11.1. When a boat suffers a technical failure of the eSailing Platform such that it is removed from the race, it shall request a score change by informing its own Team Captain as soon as possible after the failure; and shall ensure that it's Team Captain informs the Team Captain of the other team immediately.

11.2. When the technical failure occurs and the team's finishing position was made significantly worse, the team coaches shall make an equitable decision as possible. This may be to abandon and resail the race or, when the boat's finishing position was predictable, award it points for that position. Other boat positions may be adjusted accordingly.

11.3. Should the team captains be unable to agree an equitable outcome, the race shall be abandoned and not resailed with each team being awarded 1/2 race win.

12. Prizes

12.1. Prizes will be awarded by Irish Sailing to the first overall Team Open and the first overall Team Junior

12.2. Irish Sailing may award further prizes at their discretion

13. Data Processing

13.1. Irish Sailing will collect only the required information for the running of the competition.

13.2. By entering the competition you consent that any data given on the entry form can be shared with the team captains of other teams entered.

13.3. No participants will share contact details of other participants provided to them by Irish Sailing for the running of this competition.

13.4. Any data provided to Irish Sailing during this competition will be deleted at the end of the competition.

13.5. By entering the competition all team members consent to Irish Sailing taking photos of the virtual racing and publishing these along with names and results.