

Irish Fireball Association

End of Season Championship

October 25th & 26th, 2025

NOTICE OF RACE

- The Organising Authority (OA) is Howth Yacht Club CLG.
- The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1. RULES

The Event will be governed by the 'Rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the Irish Sailing Prescriptions to the Racing Rules of Sailing for 2025–2028, the International Fireball Class Rules in force at the time of the event, this Notice of Race (except as any of its provisions are altered by the Sailing Instructions) and the Sailing Instructions (SIs).

2. LIMITATIONS OF EQUIPMENT

International Fireball Class Rule 23 'Limitations of Equipment' SHALL NOT apply to this event. Subject to the approval of the Race Committee a boat chartered or loaned for the event may declare at the time of entry or registration a sail number which may be different from the registered number of the hull provided that the number declared shall not be the sail number of any other boat competing in the regatta (References RRS 77, Appendix G).

3. ADVERTISING

The event is designated a Category C event in accordance with Appendix 1. The Organizing Authority may require competitors to display Event Sponsors advertising material as prescribed under Appendix.1 and International Fireball Class Rule 24.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 General

All competitors shall comply with WS Eligibility Rules (RRS Appendix K1). The Regatta is open to boats of the International Fireball Class whose helm and crew are members of a National Fireball Class Association recognised by Fireball International.

4.2 Entry Procedure

Entries will be accepted through the Howth YC web site (<https://www.hyc.ie/open-events>). The entry fee will be €80. A discounted entry fee of €40 is offered when both helm and crew are under 25 years of age on the first day of the regatta. The closing date for entries is COB October 17th 2025. Subject to numbers, late entries may be accepted at any time after the closing date but will be required to pay a late entry fee of plus €15 and no discount will be available for junior entries.

4.3 Entry Disclaimer

It is the Competitor's decision to enter the Regatta or to start in any race. Competitors shall accept that their participation in the Regatta is at their sole exclusive risk in every respect. By way of entry to the Regatta competitors shall indemnify Fireball International, the International Fireball Association of Ireland, Howth YC, their officers, members, servants and agents in respect of all claims and demands of whatever nature which may be made upon them in connection with or howsoever arising from their participation or intended participation in the Regatta. Competitors shall acknowledge that Fireball International, the International Fireball Association of Ireland, Howth YC, their officers, members, servants and agents accept no responsibility in respect of loss of life, personal injury or loss or damage to property which may be sustained by reason of their participation or intended participation in the Regatta or howsoever arising in connection with these events.

4.4 Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid and adequate third-party liability insurance.

5. COMMUNICATION

5.1. The SI will specify the location of the official notice board.

6. SCHEDULE

6.1 Six races are scheduled.

6.2 Briefing **10:30am** Saturday, October 25th at Howth YC forecourt.

First Warning Signal: 11:55

6.3 Saturday - up to 4 races - First warning signal 11:55 subsequent races to follow

Sunday – remaining races up to a max of 3 races - First warning signal 10:55

6.4 No race shall start after 15:00 on Sunday unless it is a race which has been abandoned or subject to a general recall.

6.5 The Race officer may run extra races on any day if conditions are suitable but may not be more than one race ahead of schedule unless a Sea Area forecast indicates that one or more days of racing may be lost.

6.6 One race is required to constitute the event.

7. SAILING AREA & RACING

Racing will take place north west of Howth Harbour. Courses shall be a mixture of Triangle and Windward-Leeward type courses, as per the Sailing Instructions.

8. SCORING & PRIZES

8.1 Scoring

The Low Point Scoring System, Appendix A, will apply. When fewer than four races have been sailed a boat's score shall be the total of her race scores. When four or more races have been scored, a boat's worst score may be discarded, subject to RRS 90.3(b).

The fleet may be divided into Gold and Silver fleets, subject to the wishes of the Association.

Prizes will be awarded to the first three places overall and additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority. Perpetual prizes remain the property of the Irish Fireball Association.

9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions shall be available on the 'events section' of the Howth YC website (www.hyc.ie) from October 22nd, 2025.

10. DATA PROTECTION

10.1. Competitors give their consent to the OA to use or to license the use of their name, comments, photographs and likeness as it sees fit for the promotion of the event, Howth YC or the Irish or International Fireball Class Associations. The OA reserves the right to use or to license the use of any images and sound recording during the Event free of charge.

11. RISK STATEMENT

11.1. Rule 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.' Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- a. They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- b. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- c. They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- d. Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- e. The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f. The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- g. It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

12. FURTHER INFORMATION

12.1. Boat storage

Entrant's boats may be stored on the boat deck of Howth YC from Friday, October 24th and shall be removed at the conclusion of the event on October 26th. Boats are left on the premises at the owner's risk. Boats and trailers shall be stored where directed by the Club staff.

12.2 Temporary membership

Eligible competitors are granted temporary membership of Howth Yacht Club for each race day, subject only to the provisions of the Club rules for withdrawing or withholding such membership. All competitors are invited to avail of the facilities of the Club on the days of the event.

12.3. Car Parking

The attention of participants is drawn to the harbour area car parking regulations in the vicinity of the Club. The Harbour Authority rigidly enforces these regulations.

The Regatta Organising Committee and Organising Authority may be contacted at:

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