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|  | Irish Fireball Association  National Championships  19th – 21st July 2019  Hosted by  Howth Yacht Club | HYC Logo |

**NOTICE OF RACE**

**1. Organising Authority**

The Organising Authority is Howth Yacht Club CLG in association with the Irish Fireball Association

**2. RULES**

This event will be governed by the ‘Rules’ as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the International Fireball Class Rules in force at the time of the event, this Notice of Race (except as any of these are altered by the Sailing Instructions), and the Sailing Instructions. International Fireball Class Rule 23 'Limitations of Equipment' SHALL NOT apply to this event.

Rule 25 of the class rules, ‘propulsion’ may apply. Changes to this will be posted on the Notice Board.

**3. Identification**

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).

**4. 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.

**5. Eligibility and Entry**

**5.1 General**

All competitors shall comply with ISAF 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. Proof of membership shall be by means of a Fireball International membership card and boat sticker.

**5.2 Entry Procedure**

Competitors may enter online at hyc.ie

**5.3 Entry Fee**

The entry fee will be €90. Where the helm and crew of any boat are under the age of 25 on 19th July 2019 their entry fee will be €50.

**5.4 Entry Disclaimer**

It is the Competitor’s decision to enter the event or to start in any race. Competitors shall accept that their participation in the event is at their sole exclusive risk in every respect. By way of entry to the Regatta competitors shall indemnify Fireball International, the Fireball Association of Ireland, Howth Yacht Club, 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 Irish Fireball Association, Howth Yacht Club, 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.

**5.5 Insurance**

All boats shall have adequate third-party insurance cover of not less than €3,000,000 (or the equivalent thereof in any other convertible currency) for any accident. All owners / competitors who sign the entry forms or enter online are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover. Owners / competitors not holding this cover shall withdraw their entry.

**6. Measurement**

Measurement, examination of measurement certificates and / or measurement checking may take place prior to the start of the event. Each boat shall have a valid class measurement certificate, which must be available for inspection

**7. Race Schedule**

Nine races are scheduled: -

Friday 19th July – up to 3 races

Saturday 20th July - up to 4 races

Sunday 21st July - remaining races to complete series of nine races No race will be started after 15:30 hrs on the Sunday (except to restart a race which was subject to a general recall). There may be a Regatta Briefing on Friday 19th July at 12:00 hrs

**Warning Signal: 13:55 hrs on Friday, 10:55 hrs on Saturday and 10:55 hrs on Sunday. The schedule of all subsequent races as directed in the Sailing Instructions.**

**8. Scoring & Prizes**

The Low Point Scoring System Rule A4 will apply, modified so that each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores with her worst score discarded according to the table below.

Discards applied based on races sailed

1, 2 or 3 races sailed no discard

4, 5, 6 or 7 races sailed 1 discard

8 or more races sailed 2 discards

Prizes will be awarded to the winners of the event as designated by organising authority. Perpetual  
prizes remain the property of the Irish Fireball Association and must remain on the island of Ireland.  
Gold Fleet &amp; Silver Fleet, prizes appropriate to fleet size will be presented. A Classic trophy or prize  
may be presented to the top scoring classic boat as designated by the organising authority.  
Note - The winner of the title “National Champion” or “Classic Boat Challenge winner” can be a  
member of any International Fireball Association, not just the Irish Fireball Association and will be  
awarded the event prize/s. The Irish National Champion shall be the top scoring boat from the Irish  
fleet and will be awarded the Irish perpetual trophy.

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