



**2022 J/24 European Championships**  
**30 August 2022 to 3 September 2022**  
**Howth Yacht Club, the International J/24 Class Association**  
**and the Irish J/24 Class Association**  
**Dublin, Ireland**



<https://hyc.ie/j24-european-championships-2022>

## **Notice of Race**

*Preamble: The notation [DP] in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the international jury, be less than disqualification. The notation [NP] in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for a breach of this rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).*

### **1. Rules**

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 No national prescriptions shall apply.
- 1.3 The Regatta Regulations of the International J/24 Class Association (IJCA) shall apply,
- 1.4 Support Vessels- RRS 41 shall apply from the time a boat leaves her berth for the first race of each day and until she returns to her berth after racing. If RC displays Race Signal AP over H, RRS 41 restrictions are suspended until she leaves her berth again. This changes the preamble to Part 4 rules.
- 1.5 [NP] [DP]Bow numbers may be assigned to each boat and, if in use, will be used as identification for the boat during the event. Bow numbers shall be applied in accordance with the instructions supplied and shall remain affixed until after a boat hauls out at the end of the event.
- 1.6 In accordance with RRS G3, a boat chartered or loaned for this event may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of the Class rules.
- 1.7 RRS 61.1(a) will be changed so that the red flag displayed by a protesting boat shall have a hoist of not less than 150mm and a fly of not less than 200mm.
- 1.8 RRS Appendix T shall apply to this event and may be further modified in the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.9 The Protest Committee may impose penalties less than disqualification (DPI) for violation of the Class rules and / or Racing Rules other than those of Part 1 and Part 2.
- 1.10 Class rule C.2.1(b) is replaced with Class rule J.4.3 that allows limited, declared crew substitution.

- 1.11 Class rule C.10.2 is replaced by Class rule J.2 that allows a spare spinnaker with restrictions.
- 1.12 Additional public health measures may be necessary and required by the Government due to COVID-19 and its variants. Further information will be posted on the event website and, where possible, emailed to entrants.
- 1.13 RRS Appendix P shall apply to this event and may be further modified in the Sailing Instructions.

## **2. Sailing Instructions:**

- 2.1 The Sailing Instructions (SI) will be available before 28<sup>th</sup> August 2022 on the event website <https://hyc.ie/j24-european-championships-2022>. A hardcopy will be available at the event.

## **3. Communication:**

- 3.1 The Sailing Instructions will specify the location of the Official Notice Board. There may also be an online notice board.
- 3.2 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on international VHF Channels.
- 3.3 The race committee may choose to make VHF radio communications to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be announced in the Sailing Instructions.
- 3.4 Except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. This shall apply from the time she leaves her berth for the first race of the day until racing for the day is completed.

## **4. Eligibility and Entry**

- 4.1 The European Championship is open to J/24 Class boats as defined by the IJCA Class rules, that qualify as prescribed in the IJCA Regatta Regulations and whose entries are accepted by the OA.
- 4.2 Championship helms must be either nationals or residents and members of the National J/24 Class Association of the country that they represent.
- 4.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing the required form at the event page on <https://hyc.ie/j24-european-championships-2022> and paying the required fee by 1000 hours on Monday, August 22, 2022. Entry is not complete until all requirements of Eligibility, Fees, Registration and Inspection have been satisfactorily completed
- 4.4 Late entries will be accepted under the following conditions: Entries received after May 31, 2022 will be accepted with a €100.00 additional late fee, making the total entry fee €700.00, providing the restrictions in NoR 4.5 have not been reached.

- 4.5 The following restrictions on the number of entries shall apply: A total of fifty (50) boats will be allowed to enter. There will be a wait list of up to ten (10) additional boats. The order of acceptance of wait listed boats will be based on the order of online entry, subject to compliance of such boats with any requirements about the deadline for payment.
- 4.6 A Corinthian Division will be offered. To be considered an entry in the Corinthian Division, each member of the crew shall provide proof of a valid World Sailing Group 1 status at the time of registration.

## **5. Fees:**

- 5.1 The required entry fee is €600.00 which must be paid by 31 May 2022. Boats entering after 31 May 2022 will be required to pay the late fee described in NoR 4.4.
- 5.2 Fee includes inspection, launching, hauling, storage/berthing while at the event, racing, scheduled social functions for all crew and prizes.
- 5.3 Additional individual social function tickets or passes may be purchased at registration for an additional fee.
- 5.4 All fees shall be payable at the event website. Payment is by credit card.  
<https://hyc.ie/j24-european-championships-2022>
- 5.5 Refunds may be requested via email to [j24@hyc.ie](mailto:j24@hyc.ie) .

Full refund may be requested until 15 July 2022. Refunds requested from 16 July until 15 August may be issued less a €100.00 processing fee. Refunds requested after 15 August will only be considered in extenuating circumstances.

## 6. Schedule:

Date	Day	Time	Activity
27-Aug	Saturday	0900 - 1800	Registration/Inspection/Crew Weigh-in
28-Aug	Sunday	0900 - 1800	Registration/Inspection/Crew Weigh-in
	Monday	0900 - 1200	Registration/Inspection/Crew Weigh-in
29-Aug		1400 - 1600	Practice race
		1800	All Boats Afloat
	Tuesday	0800 - 0900	Crew weigh-in*
30-Aug	2 races	0900 - 1000	Opening Ceremony / Competitors Meeting
		1100	Warning for the first race of the day
	Wednesday	0800 - 1930	Crew weigh-in*
31-Aug	2 races	1100	Warning for the first race of the day
	Thursday	0800 - 1930	Crew weigh-in*
01-Sep	2 races	1100	Warning for the first race of the day
	Friday	0800 - 1930	Crew weigh-in*
02-Sep	2 races	1100	Warning for the first race of the day
		1800	Buffet & Entertainment Included
	Saturday	0800 - 1930	Crew weigh-in*
03-Sep	2 races	1100	Warning for the first race of the day
		1430	No starts after this time
		1800	Prize Giving Ceremony

A social programme will be announced in due course.

- 6.1 \*These scheduled crew weigh-ins are only for race committee approved replacements or crews specified per NOR 1.10.
- 6.2 Ten races are scheduled over five consecutive days.
- 6.3 Two races are scheduled per day. One extra race per day may be sailed provided that the event does not become more than one race ahead of schedule and the change is made according to the provisions of the Sailing Instructions. If the event is behind schedule, extra races, to a maximum of four races in a single day, may be sailed.

## 7. Advertising

- 7.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.
- 7.2 Boat advertising shall comply with WS Regulation 20.

## 8. Registration and Inspection:

- 8.1 At registration each boat shall present:
- 8.1.1 A valid, IJCA issued Measurement Certificate, Including Part C: Inventory of Required and Optional Equipment. Only Equipment Inspection will be carried out at the event. Measurement for certification must be successfully completed prior to the event. RRS 78.2 shall not apply.
  - 8.1.2 Proof of valid, third-party marine liability insurance with a minimum coverage of **(insert amount and currency)** per incident or the equivalent (property and injury) **(see note in the instructions regarding insurance and liability)**
  - 8.1.3 Proof of J/24 Class Association membership in the country they represent for the boat owner and the helm.
- 8.2 All competitors will be weighed during registration. Competitors must have photo identification at weigh-in.
- 8.3 Boats will be subject to inspection at any time for compliance with Class rules during the event.
- 8.4 Equipment Inspection will be carried out on all boats in accordance with the Class rules.

## 9. Venue:

- 9.1 Howth Yacht Club, Dublin.

See event website <https://hyc.ie/j24-european-championships-2022> for location of the regatta harbour and racing areas.

## 10. The Courses:

- 10.1 The courses to be sailed will be windward/leeward with 4 or 5 legs
- 10.2 The target time for each race is approximately 60-80 minutes.

## 11. Penalty System:

- 11.1 Decisions of the International Jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.
- 11.2 The first two sentences of RRS 44.1 are changed to: 'A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or RRS 31 in an incident while racing. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.'
- 11.3 Except if the course is shortened to finish at the windward mark, penalties while in the zone of the windward mark or on the offset leg may be delayed and taken as soon as possible on the downwind leg. This changes RRS 44.2

- 11.4 Virtual hearings are permitted. All competitors are advised to have their own device capable of transmitting and receiving audio and video data through a Wi-Fi connection. See Addendum B for additional information. The selection of the type of device and its use is the responsibility of the entered boat.

## **12. Scoring:**

- 12.1 Four races are required to be completed to constitute a Championship.
- 12.2 When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 12.3 When five or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.
- 12.4 The Corinthian Division shall be scored as a subdivision of the whole fleet using the competitor's actual whole fleet score for each race.

## **13. Support Vessels:**

- 13.1 Visiting support vessels should contact [j24@hyc.ie](mailto:j24@hyc.ie) to make arrangements.

## **14. Berthing:**

- 14.1 [DP][NP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned berth, as directed by the OA. These must be strictly adhered to. Registered boats will be assigned their berthing location before their arrival. The entry fee includes berthing for the period 27 August 2022 to 4 September 2022.

## **15. Haul-out Restrictions:**

- 15.1 [DP][NP]Boats shall be afloat by 1800 on Monday, August 29, 2022 and shall not be hauled out during the event, except in accordance with the prior written permission and terms of the Technical Committee Chair. This restriction applies to rudders.

## **16. Diving Equipment, Plastic Pools and Other Prohibited Actions:**

- 16.1 [DP] Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used between the time the boat is afloat and the end of the event. The hull may be cleaned at any time by swimming or keelhauling using ropes, cloth or other equipment designed for that use.
- 16.2 [DP] Careening by any means for the purpose of cleaning or inspecting the hull is prohibited during the event.
- 16.3 [DP] Use of dehumidifiers or electric fans is prohibited at all times while boats are afloat.

## **17. Prizes:**

- 17.1 Prizes will be awarded to at least the top 15% of boats entered.
- 17.2 Prizes will be awarded to the top three placing Corinthian boats.
- 17.3 A prize will be awarded to the top youth entry comprised of a helm and crew under the age of 25.
- 17.4 A prize will be awarded to the top entry in which the helm and crew are women.
- 17.5 A prize will be awarded to the top entry in which the helm is over the age of 50.

## **18. Risk Statement:**

- 18.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The OA, Howth Yacht Club and / or personnel supporting this regatta will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event.
- 18.2 By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of Howth Yacht Club equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes
- 18.3 All competitors will be required to sign a Competitor Liability Waiver form to be provided in the registration package.

## **19. Insurance:**

- 19.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party insurance with a minimum coverage of €3,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

## **20. Media Rights:**

- 20.1 Competitors give absolute right and permission to the IJCA, the Irish J/24 Class Association, Howth Yacht Club and the event sponsors to use, publish, broadcast or otherwise distribute for promotional, advertising or any other purpose, any images and sound recorded during the event of persons and boats free of any charge.

## **21. Further Information, contact the following:**

Event Chair: Richard Kissane

Email: [j24@hyc.ie](mailto:j24@hyc.ie)

Event Website: <https://hyc.ie/j24-european-championships-2022>

## **ADDENDUM B – VIRTUAL HEARING REQUIREMENTS**

Please be aware that protest and redress hearings conducted pursuant to the rules of RRS Part 5, Section B [Hearings & Decisions], and that misconduct hearings conducted pursuant to the rules of RRS Part 5, Section D [Misconduct] may be conducted virtually using Zoom or equivalent.

It is necessary that people participating in these hearings and meetings [parties, party representatives in misconduct hearings, and witnesses] have access to a device that has internet accessibility with audio and video capability. If someone participating does not have such a device, s/he will have to obtain access to and use of such a device from another person or have another person appear before the hearing committee in his/her place and stead in the case of protests or redress requests.

Note that people participating in virtual hearings must use audio and video in the presence of the hearing committee unless otherwise advised by the hearing committee. If a party or witness does not comply with this rule, the hearing committee may nevertheless decide the protest or request for redress as if the person did not come to the hearing [See RRS 63.3(b)], or take such action as is provided in rule 69 for a misconduct hearing [See RRS 69.2(f) and 69.2(k)].

Virtual Hearings may be conducted in accordance with the instructions provided below, a copy of which will be provided to the parties when a case is filed:

1. On the date of the hearing, and at least 10 minutes before the hearing is scheduled to begin, the parties, party representatives for misconduct hearings, and any witness a party intends to have testify during the hearing (collectively the “Parties”) are to join the virtual meeting.
2. All parties who will participate in a hearing are to have access to, and the use of, a device [computer, tablet, or mobile phone] that has internet accessibility with audio and video capability
3. The parties to a virtual hearing are responsible for having their witnesses, if any, and party representatives for misconduct hearings, present in the virtual meeting at least 10 minutes before the time of the hearing on the date of the hearing.
4. At that time, the hearing panel will tell everyone what the procedure will be for having parties, party representatives for misconduct hearings, and witnesses participate in the hearing. Note: Parties and witnesses must be in separate locations when party testimony is being given: if a witness is present when party testimony is being given, the witness will not be permitted to testify.
5. No audio or video recording of the hearing is to be made by anyone other than the hearing panel; the hearing panel will advise the parties if a recording of the proceeding will be made.
6. Parties must use audio and video when in the presence of the hearing panel unless advised otherwise by the hearing panel.
7. Parties and witnesses shall not communicate or share information with anyone other than the hearing panel by any means or technology during the pendency of the hearing except to testify or question a party or a witness.”