Notice of Race

North Topper Series NT2
West Riding Sailing Club
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The Organising Authority is North Toppers in conjunction with West Riding Sailing Club

The notation [DP] in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.
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

1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

1.2 [DP] The prescriptions of ITCA (GBR) and rules of the host club (https://www.wrsc.org.uk/wrsc-2021-handbook) will also apply. The standard sailing instructions of the host club do not apply.

1.3 [DP] Competitors and their supporters should note that ITCA (GBR) implements the RYA Racing Charter and that by entering this event they undertake to compete in compliance with the Charter, which can be found on the RYA website *www.rya.org.uk*.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 Sailing Instructions will be published on the ITCA (GBR) website at least 5 days prior to the event. Printed copies will not be provided.

3 COMMUNICATION

3.1 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make electronic voice or data transmissions and shall not receive electronic voice or data communications not available to all boats.

3.2 The OA will establish a WhatsApp group for the purpose of communicating to competitors, parents and coaches. A joining link will be issued to entrants.

3.3 The Official Notice Board may be online.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 The event is open to boats of the International Topper class using a 5.3 or 4.2 sail. 6.4 sails are not permitted. Sailors may not change from 4.2 to 5.3 or 5.3 to 4.2 sails during the event.

4.2 There will be one fleet for boats using both 5.3 sails and 4.2 sails.

4.3 Every competitor must be a current member of ITCA. Competitors that are not already a member of ITCA (GBR) should join ITCA (GBR) before registration.

4.4 Competitors shall be under 18 on the 31st December 2022.

4.5 [DP] Each boat shall display the Championship Number of the competitor sailing the boat (unless otherwise agreed in advance with the Race Committee) in accordance with ITCA (GBR) prescriptions. Each boat trolley shall have a tag attached to the handle clearly displaying the Championship Number

of the boat to which it belongs. It is the responsibility of the competitor to obtain and fix the Championship Numbers to the sail and boat in accordance with the prescriptions of ITCA (GBR)**;** using class legal digital 8's and to obtain and attach a suitable tag to the handle of the boat's trolley.

4.6 For organisational and safety reasons all entries should be made on the event on-line entry form at https://gbrtopper.ourclubadmin.com/ at least 10 days before the event. Entries after this date will only be accepted at the discretion of one of the area reps. Entry on the day will not be possible.

4.7 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees before racing.

4.8 [DP] To register, each competitor shall provide a completed entry form (signed by their parent or legal guardian in the case of a competitor under 18 years of age). and proof of current membership of ITCA (GBR). The entry form can be downloaded from the ITCA website.

4.9 There are a limited number of entries. Entries will be taken in the order that they are received.

4.10 [DP] All boats shall comply with the International Topper class rules; in particular, only sails and spars supplied by the licensee Topper International shall be used.

4.11 The Organising Authority may cancel the event, cancel classes and reject or cancel entries in its absolute discretion, subject to RRS 76.

4.12 Should the Organising Authority cancel a class or reject an entry they shall refund the entry fee in full.

4.13 Should the Organising Authority cancel the event at least 36 hours prior to the scheduled start of race 1, the entry fee will be refunded less any costs incurred.

4.14 Should the Organising Authority cancel the event within 36 hours of the scheduled start of race 1 any refunds will be at the sole discretion of the Organising Authority.

4.15 If an entry is cancelled by a competitor, the entry fee will be refunded as follows:

a. Cancellation more than 14 days before the event: entry fee less £5 admin charge.
b. Cancellation more than 7 but less than 14 days before the event if the place can be resold: entry fee less £5 admin charge.
c. Cancellation within 7 days of the event: no refunds.

5 FEES

5.1 The entry fee is:

a. £14 for early entries, received at least 6 weeks before the event.
b. £16 for entries received at least 2 weeks before the event.
c. £20 for entries after this date

6 CREW LIMITATIONS

6.1 Changes of crew will not be permitted during this event. Each boat shall be helmed by the same competitor throughout the event.

7 ADVERTISING

7.1 [DP] Boats may be required to display advertising chosen by and supplied by the organising authority.

8 QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

8.1 The event will comprise a single series of races.

9 SCHEDULE

9.1 Registration: **0915 to 1000** on the first day of the event.

9.2 Racing is scheduled to take place on one day.

9.3 There will be a competitor briefing, which all competitors should attend, the scheduled time will be detailed in the sailing instructions. The launch signal for the first race is expected to be made shortly after the end of this briefing. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

9.4 No starting signal will be made after 15:00, unless fewer than three races have been completed by a class by that time in which case this time limit may be extended to 15:30.

9.5 It is intended that four races will be sailed over the one day.

9.6 Races may be sailed back-to-back.

9.7 The intended schedule of racing and of any breaks ashore will be announced at the briefing before racing.

9.8 It is intended that races will be around 30-40 minutes in duration.

10 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

10.1 There are no scheduled equipment inspections.

10.2 The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race.

11 CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

11.1 RRS 40.1 shall apply at all times while afloat. Wetsuits and drysuits are not considered personal flotation devices.

12 VENUE

12.1 The sailing area will be at Wintersett Reservoir

13 COURSES

13.1 Courses to be sailed will be trapezoid type courses.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 The Post Race Penalty and the RYA Arbitration Procedures of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures are available on the RYA website. Arbitration decisions can be referred to the protest committee but cannot be reopened or appealed.

14.2 RRS Appendix P applies.

14.3 RRS P2.3 does not apply and RRS P2.2 is changed so that it applies to any penalty after the first one.

15 SCORING

15.1 The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply, amended as follows:

15.2 Race scores will be excluded as follows:

a. When fewer than four races have been completed, no race score will be excluded.
b. When between four and eight races have been completed, one race score will be excluded.

16 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

16.1 [DP]Only support boats authorised by the Event Safety Officer will be permitted in the racing area.

17 CHARTERED OR LOAN BOATS

17.1 A chartered or loaned boat may carry a championship number allocated by the race office.

18 BERTHING

18.1 Boats should be kept in the allocated area in the dinghy park

19 HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

19.1 Does not apply

20 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOL

20.1 Does not apply

21 DATA PROTECTION

21.1 Detailed in the NoS

22 RISK STATEMENT

22.1 Rule 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or 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 (and their parent(s) or guardian(s) in the case of a competitor under 18 years of age) 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 organisers 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 competitor briefing held for this event.

22.2 [NP] [DP] **COVID Statement**

By taking part in any of the events covered by this notice of race, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that they are responsible for complying with any regulations in force from time to time in respect of COVID-19 and for complying with the venue/OA/sailing club COVID-19 procedures. Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Failure to comply may be misconduct. Reasonable actions by event officials to implement COVID-19 guidance, protocols, or legislation, even if they later prove to be unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions.

23 INSURANCE

23.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £ 3,000,000 per incident or equivalent.

24 PRIZES

24.1 Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of North Toppers, the host club and the event sponsor(s).

24.2 It is intended that prizes will be awarded for both 5.3 and 4.2 results

25 FURTHER INFORMATION

25.1 For further information please contact:

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