



WORLD / NATIONAL O'PEN CUP Standard Event Rules, 05 FEB 2010

The following rules must be included by the organizing authority in either the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions for all World or National O'pen Cups.

1. RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Introductory Rules of Sailing V1*, attached to this document, except where modifications/additions are stated below:

- 1.1 HAVE FUN, SAIL FAIRLY, AND RESPECT YOUR FELLOW COMPETITOR!**
- 1.2 Competitors must remain on or near their vessels at all times.
- 1.3 When capsizes or freestyle moves are required, you must make sure you are clear of all other sailors during this manoeuvre. Failure to do so may result in a penalty.
- 1.4 Sailors may only be disqualified from a race (or event) as a result of Gross Misconduct, which is determined at the discretion of the Jury (see below section 7 for further detail).
- 1.5 All judging will be conducted on-the-water by the Jury, and Rule 10 of *ISAF's Introductory Rules of Sailing V1* does not apply. See below section 7 which outlines the Penalty System in further detail.
- 1.6 Pumping is not allowed except when conditions exist for planing or surfing (from 12 knots). The Race Committee will fly a flag when such conditions exist (Flag as per ISAF Regulations).
- 1.7 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 O'pen Cups are open to all boats of the O'pen BIC Class.

3. SCHEDULE

- 3.1 The number of races will be decided by the Race Committee according to the actual and forecasted wind and water conditions. See below additional comments under "The Courses".



4. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 The Sailing Instructions will be explained during the Race Briefing at the start of the event, and posted on the Race Notice Board as advised in the Notice of Race.

5. THE COURSES

- 5.1 The attachment shows the style of courses that can be expected during an O'pen Cup : speed, speed slalom, O'pen Cross (including compulsory 360° turns, capsizes, freestyle moves), double triangle or adventure races between different locations.
- 5.2 The courses are simply examples, and the final course for each race will be presented on the day during the Race Briefing.
- 5.3 Except for the Adventure Race, it is expected that the first placed sailor will finish each race after 20 minutes.

6. START SEQUENCE

- 6.1 The start sequence as described in ISAF's RRS 2009-2012 will be simplified as follows :
- "Individual Recalls" as per Rule 29.1 will be addressed directly on-the-water by the Jury.
 - The Jury will at their discretion penalise according to the length of the early start : 720° or "re-start".

7. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 7.1 No protests will be accepted. O'pen Cup's will be decided on the water by the Jury, not in the protest room.
- 7.2 The decision of the Jury is final.
- 7.3 An on-the-water Jury will carry "Penalty Flags". The number of Jury boats will be decided according to the number of competitors. Guideline = 1 jury boat per 20-25 competitors.
- 7.4 Any boat seen to be committing a penalty, will be identified by sail number, shown the penalty flag, and asked to do a penalty turn including one 360° turn (one tack and one gybe in any order). Failure to complete this penalty turn at the first safe opportunity will result in another penalty turn (total 720°).
- 7.5 Gross Misconduct may include, but is not exclusive to :
- Repeated infringement of these basic rules,
 - Non-respect of the "Black Flag" if flown during the starting sequence,
 - Non-respect of the decisions of the Jury, or
 - Sailing that is considered "dangerous" by the Jury.
- Gross Misconduct may result in exclusion from the race and/or regatta.



- 7.6 The sailor should approach the Jury, at any time outside the running of an actual race, if they are unclear about the rules or need clarification.
- 7.7 In the true spirit of fair competition sailors are expected to govern their own sailing. That is, if you know you have broken one of these simple rules, then you should make a penalty turn whether or not your infringement was seen by the jury boats.

8. SCORING

- 8.1 The Low Point System will apply.
- 8.2 In general, 1 result may be discarded for every 4 races completed.
- 8.3 3 races are required to be completed to constitute a valid result.

9. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 9.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See ISAF RRS Rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

10. INSURANCE

- 10.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover per event fixed according to local regulations and currency.

11. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 11.1 For further information please contact class@openbic.com .

Remember : **HAVE FUN, SAIL FAIRLY, AND RESPECT YOUR FELLOW COMPETITOR!** We recommend that all those sailors new to sailing events study the website <http://www.newtosailing.com/> for more information.