



## European Laser Master Championship June 28 to July 4, 2014



### Notice of Race

#### Organizing Authority:

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#### 1. Rules

1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). The prescriptions of the National Authority will not apply.

1.2. Add to rule RRS A11: ARB means scoring penalty after arbitration, PTS scoring penalty for a yellow flag after finish.

1.3. Sails shall have the full sail number AND NATIONAL LETTERS in accordance with the Class Rules and RRS. The national letters shall denote the National Authority of which the sailor is a member in accordance with RRS 75.2, RRS77 and with 2.1 Entry regulations below. This changes RRS Appendix G 1.1.

1.4. Laser class rule 7 (a) is restricted as follows “only one person shall be on board whilst racing. The person shall be named on the entry form.

1.5 Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices at all times when afloat, except when briefly changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation device. This changes RRS 40. A boat that violates this rule may be warned or punished at the discretion of the Jury.

#### 2. Eligibility requirements

2.1. Only current fully paid members of the International Laser Class Association and of an ISAF National Authority may enter the Championship. These memberships shall be with the Laser Fleet/District Association and with the ISAF National Authority of the country, where the sailor normally sails, even though such place may not be his permanent residence; but such member, for valid reason and with the approval of both District Chairmen, may select instead the Fleet/District and the ISAF National Authority in which he has permanent residence in accordance with the ILCA constitution article 10 (3) and ILCA rule part two article 9. The sailor can only be member of one Laser Fleet/District Association. If a sailor is unable to present this, he/she will be charged a fee of € 70 (payable in local currency), € 10 of which will be retained by the collecting club and € 10 by ILCA, to cover administration. € 50 will be passed on to the sailor's district, who may refund it to the sailor if he/she is already a current member, or may put it towards that sailor's membership fee if he/she is not a member.

2.2. Crew substitution of the registered sailor is not permitted.

2.3 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance, with the minimum cover of €700.000.

2.4 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organising 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 (see also: 16. Liability and 17. Indemnifications).



2.5 Competitors shall reach the following age during the year 2014:

LASER STANDARD (men only):

35 - 44 to compete in the Apprentice

45 - 54 to compete in the Masters

55 - 64 to compete in the Grand Masters

LASER RADIAL (men and women):

35 - 44 to compete in the Apprentice

45 - 54 to compete in the Masters

55 - 64 to compete in the Grand Masters

65 or older to compete in the Great Grand Masters

LASER 4.7 (women only): 35 years or older to compete in 4.7

2.6 Any sailor who has not, by the closing time for registration, completed registration at the venue will be removed from the list of sailors for that event and will not be scored at that event. This also applies to sailors who have complied with all other entry requirements.

### 3. Entries

3.1. Eligible boats may enter by completing the Official Entry Form available on the website

[www.lasermasterseuropeans2014.com/](http://www.lasermasterseuropeans2014.com/). Your entry can only be official and confirmed after paying the entry fee.

3.2 Entry Forms and Fees shall be received by the Organising Authority no later than the 29<sup>th</sup> of June 2014 14 hours.

3.3 The Entry Fee is 210€ if received before the 28<sup>th</sup> of May 2014. As of 29<sup>th</sup> May 2014 the Entry Fee is 310€. The payment of the entry fee can only be made online on our website [www.lasermasterseuropeans2014.com](http://www.lasermasterseuropeans2014.com/) by secure banking.

3.4 The Entry Fee is non-refundable.

### 4. Registration and measurement checks

#### 4.1 Registration:

Each competitor shall personally register and sign the registration form at the Race Office from **09:00 to 18:00 on 28<sup>th</sup> of June or 09:00 to 14:00 on 29<sup>th</sup> of June.**

During registration all participants will be required to show evidence of current membership of their national Laser Association and the ISAF National Authority.

#### 4.2 Measurement / Inspection:

Measurement / Inspection will take place at the boat park between the following dates and times: from 09:00 to 18:00 on 28<sup>th</sup> of June or 09:00 to 14:00 on 29<sup>th</sup> of June. Measurement / Inspection outside these times will only be possible at the discretion of the regatta measurer and on payment of € 30. Boats shall be presented with all equipment that shall be used in the championship, with the bottom mast, boom, and all control lines rigged and with the sail and top section derigged ready for the inspection. Boat and equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, wet clothing rules and sailing instructions at the discretion of the class representative, race committee or international jury.

### 5. Sailing Instructions

5.1 The sailing instructions will be posted on RBSC site on the first of June. Sailing Instructions will not be distributed on registration. Sailing Instructions will be displayed on the Official Notice board and can be printed from Internet

### 6. Time schedule

6.1 Programme:

Measurement, Safety Inspection, Registration:

Saturday – Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> -29<sup>th</sup> June.

Practice Race:

29<sup>th</sup> June warning signal 15:00.

Opening ceremony:

29<sup>th</sup> June 19:00.

Time for the first warning signal:

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June 12:00.

6.2 Any race for which a warning signal is not given by 15:00 on July 4<sup>th</sup>, the last day of the regatta, will be abandoned and not re-sailed. Prize giving ceremony as soon as possible after the last race.



## 7. Boats and equipment

7.1. All competitors shall use only one hull, sail, mast, boom, centreboard and rudder.

7.2. In the event of damage, boats and equipment may only be substituted with the written permission of the Race Committee. If the damage occurs later than 90 minutes before the first scheduled start on a racing day and before the start of the last race of the day provisional verbal permission shall be obtained from the Jury or Race Committee and the written permission of the Jury or Race Committee shall be applied for before the end of protest time at the end of the day in which the substitution takes place.

7.3. Female competitors shall place a red diamond on each side of their sail (back to back).

The diamond shall be 240mm high and 180mm wide +/- 5 mm and shall be located in the centre of the sail immediately above the top batten. Please see:

[http://www.laserinternational.org/sites/default/files/Sail\\_Numbers\\_2013.pdf](http://www.laserinternational.org/sites/default/files/Sail_Numbers_2013.pdf) for more information.

7.4. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

7.5. Boats may be required to display bow numbers

7.6. Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment as specified by the organizing authority.

7.7. When ashore boats shall be kept in their assigned places at the venue.

## 8. Race format / Courses

8.1 Trapezoid courses will be used with inner and outer loops. The target time for the first boat in each race will be 60 minutes.

8.2. Two races will be scheduled per day, back to back for a total of maximum 10 races. The Race Committee has the right to add one extra race per day if the number of races is behind schedule.

8.3 Women sailing Radial start together with the men in the Laser Radial.

8.4 The Laser Standard, Laser Radials and Laser 4.7's respectively will have separate starts if there are 5 boats or more. For 4 or less boats respectively the Laser Radials and/or Laser 4.7's start with the Standard or Radial fleet. In this case there are still separate fleet rankings for the Laser Radial and Laser 4.7.

8.5 If there are a large number of participants in the Standard fleet or in the Radial fleet or in the 4.7 fleet, they will be divided into further fleets, according to the Sailing Instructions. The Organizing Committee has the right to determine the number of participants to create the fleets. These fleets will be composed of one or several age categories of the same Rig, in order to form fleets of approximately 20 to 60 participants. The Sailing Instructions will describe the fleet's composition procedure. There will be no qualifier and final series.

## 9. Racing area

9.1 The racing areas will be directly outside the Beach of Duinbergen.

## 10. International Jury

An international jury may be appointed in accordance with RRS Appendix N and perform the duties listed in RRS Appendix N2. Their decisions will be final as provided in rule 70.5 RRS.

## 11. Whistle System

To encourage boats to take penalties afloat, jury/protest committee members may blow a whistle when they see what they believe to be a breach of a rule.

## 12. Radio Communication

A boat shall neither make radio communication while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile phones.

## 13. Anti-Doping and Drug Testing

Competitors shall comply with rule 5 and ISAF Regulation 21 Anti-Doping Rule and Anti-Doping Code, which ban the use of drugs. Drugs testing may take place during the event.



## 11. Protests and penalty systems

11.1 Appendix P will apply, with the following amendments:

- (a) If a first penalty is signalled after she has finished, a boat will be given a scoring penalty of 8 points without a hearing.
- (b) Appendix P3 is modified to read: 'If a boat has been penalized for the first time under Appendix P1 and the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment, the penalty is cancelled, but it is counted to determine the number of times she has been penalized during the regatta. If a boat has been penalized for the second or subsequent time under Appendix P1 and the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or the race is abandoned, the boat shall not sail in this race if it is restarted or re-sailed. If she does, she shall be disqualified without a hearing and her score shall not be excluded.'
- (c) Action by the jury under Appendix P shall not be grounds for a request for redress by a competitor. The jury however may initiate redress. This changes rule 60.1(b), 60.2(b) and Appendix P4.

## 12. Alternative Penalties

For protests where only a rule of Part 2 is alleged to have been broken, an arbitration hearing may be offered prior to any formal protest hearing.

## 13. Scoring

- 13.1. The regatta will be scored using the Low Point System according to RRS Appendix A.
- 13.2. A total of three races are required to be completed to constitute a championship.
- 13.3. When from four to eight races have been completed one race score will be excluded.
- 13.4. When from nine to ten races have been completed two races scores will be excluded.
  
- 13.5. The ranking will be extracted from the overall position in the Laser Standard, Laser Radial and Laser 4.7 fleet unless there is more than one start in the Laser Standard or Laser Radial or Laser 4.7 when the ranking will be extracted from the overall position in the starting fleet.
- 13.6. A separate ranking will be extracted from each age category for the Laser Radial women.
- 13.7. The Laser 4.7 fleet is only open to women.
- 13.8. If a points scoring penalty for a breach of rule 42 or under the Arbitration System would result in a score worse than DSQ, the penalty will be that corresponding to DSQ. The scores of other boats will not be changed

## 14. Prizes

14.1. Prizes for each Regatta will be awarded in the following categories:

Standard Fleet:

- Laser Apprentice Standard (35 to 44 years)
- Laser Master Standard (45 to 54 years)
- Laser Grand Master Standard (55 to 64 years)

Laser Radial Fleet:

- Laser Apprentice Radial Men (35 to 44 years)
- Laser Apprentice Radial Women (35 to 44 years)
- Laser Master Radial Men (45 to 54 years)
- Laser Master Radial Women (45 to 54 years)
- Laser Grand Master Radial Men (55 to 64 years)
- Laser Grand Master Radial Women (55 to 64 years)
- Laser Great Grand Master Radial Men (from 65 years)
- Laser Great Grand Master Radial Women (from 65 years)

Laser 4.7 Fleet:

- Laser 4.7 Women Overall

## 15. Photography Consent

By entering the Championships competitors accept that they may be photographed and/or videotaped participating in the race and/or using the Championship facilities and they consent to the taking of such images and to the use, any media, in conjunction with the competitors name or not, without compensation and without the competitors approval of such images or any use thereof.



## 16. Liability

The Royal Sailing Club, the National Authorities, the European Region ILCA and the International Laser Class Association, their officers, members and volunteers do not accept liability for loss of life or property, personal injury or damage caused by or arising out of the Euro Masters Series regattas. All those taking part in an event do so at their own risk and responsibility. Attention is drawn to the RRS Fundamental Rule 4 – Decision to Race, which states: “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone”. The establishment of the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions in no way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibilities of a competitor being solely and entirely responsible for the management of a boat he or she is sailing. A competitor shall maintain their boat in a safe and seaworthy condition.

A competitor is wholly and exclusively responsible for third party liability insurance on the boat that he or she is sailing and for his or her personal accident and health insurance. Insurance requirements details for each regatta can be found in the regatta information below.

## 17. Indemnification

To the fullest extent permitted by law, each competitor agrees to indemnify and hold the Sailing Clubs, the National Authorities, European Region ILCA and the International Laser Class Association, owners, affiliates, officers, employees, agents, committee persons and race officials acting in their official capacities harmless, from any third party claim to the extent arising from a competitor's acts or omissions.

## 18. Changes

This Notice of Race may be subject to amendments which will be identified in the Notice of Race and noted on the “ILCA-European Region” website.

## 19. Additional information

Additional information will be notified either from the European Region of the International Laser Class Association or from individual organising clubs.

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