



# **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**



## **European Championships in DN Junior and Ice-Optimist Classes**

**December 9<sup>th</sup> -December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

### **1. Rules**

All races will be sailed in compliance with the EPIC and RMA agreement, Specifications of the International DN Class, Constitution, and Organisation Rules of the International DN Ice Yacht Racing Association - Europe, and the Racing Rules of the National Iceboat Authority as modified herein. The Sailing Instruction may be modified at the skippers' meeting by written or verbal notice. In the situation of conflict between rules, the Sailing Instructions will prevail.

### **2. Course location**

The racing area will be indicated on a map posted on the official notice board.

### **3. Marks**

Marks will be displayed at the skippers' meeting. Dolly marks will be used near windward and leeward marks. Dolly mark will be part of the mark. Sailors are not allowed to pass between the mark and dolly mark. Crossing the line between mark and dolly mark means disqualification by the Race Committee without a protest hearing.

### **4. Starting Times**

First Day Saturday: 10.00 skippers meeting in harbour on the ice. Opening ceremony.

11.00 first DN Junior race

Second day Sunday: 9.00 skippers meeting

10.00 start to next races

All times are local time and may be changed by Race Committee or JPM.

### **5. Starting and finishing signals**

The starting signal will be the swift lowering of the starter's flag after he raises his flag to signify the preparatory signal. If the start is to be delayed after the preparatory signal the starter will slowly withdraw his flag. The finish of the first boat will be indicated by the raising of the flag by the Race Committee.

### **6. Starting line**

The starting line will be marked by red flags. The „wire” starting line system will be used or stands with numbers for each sailor. All sailors have to put leeward runner next to the starting position indicated on the starting line. Sailing over starting line means disqualification by Race Committee without a protest hearing. Sailors have to go right or left after finishing the race, there will be no open gate at the starting line.

## 7. Safety zone

The safety zone is the rectangular area leeward from starting line marked by blue flags in the corners. Sailing in the safety zone means disqualification by Race Committee without a protest hearing. Safety signals will be displayed at the skippers' meeting.

## 8. Fleet flags

- **DN Junior Fleet** - **yellow** flag with letter **A**
- **Ice-Optimist Fleet** – **white** flag with letter **B**

Sailors have to bring their iceboats to starting positions after the flag of their fleet is placed on the notice board. There will also be verbal information.

## 9. Primary schedule of races

Order of races of World DN Junior and Ice-Optimist Championships:

- 1) DN Junior
- 2) Ice-Optimist
- 3) DN Junior
- 4) Ice-Optimist
- 5) DN Junior
- 6) Ice-Optimist
- 7) Junior, Ice-Optimist, Junior, Ice-Optimist...etc. Seven (7) races in each class are scheduled for JEC 2023. Minimum of three (3) races in each class have to be sailed for a valid regatta.

There will be a maximum of 5 races per fleet per day in both classes.  
The Race Committee may change the order of races.

The order of races of European Championships will be announced by the Race Committee.

## 10. Time limit

The lap time limit for **DN** is **8 minutes per kilometer** distance between the marks. (e.g.: distance between marks is 1,00 km Laptime = 8'00" Minutes. Distance = 2,10 km Laptime = 16'48"). The lap time limit for **Ice-Optimist** is **12 minutes per kilometer** distance between the marks.

## 11. Grand Prix system

"Grand Prix" system will be used. The first yacht finishes her race after completing the scheduled number of laps. Any following yacht finishes the race when she crosses the Finish Line after the finish of the first yacht. In each race, a yacht will be scored ahead of all yachts with fewer laps. Any yacht not finished within 10 minutes of the first yacht will be scored according to her finish in the previous lap ( if no laps have been completed she will be scored DNF. After finishing, yachts should make every attempt to approach the parking area (Safety Zone) by sailing around the end of the starting line.

## **12. Race abandonment.**

A black flag displayed at the leeward mark shall signal abandonment of the race.

## **13. Protests**

Intention to protest must be reported to the Race Committee immediately after the race. A written protest must be filed with the Race Committee Chairman within one hour after the finish of the last race of the day.

## **14. Talking to the scorers**

A skipper or coach/parent who attempts to speak to the scorers and judges while a race is in progress may be (competitor) liable to disqualification from the regatta.

## **15. Notice board**

The notice board on the ice will be used by the Race Committee to inform about starting positions, changes in race schedule, changes in sailing instructions, protests, etc.

## **16. Measurement**

There will be random measurements during the event. The measuring area will take place on a rectangular area marked by green flags in the central part of the safety zone.

The first five boats in each race must go immediately to a measuring area without stopping by the pits. The race committee can also decide to measure any other DN or Ice-Optimist at any time. Failure to do this will result in DSQ for the boat concerned for that race. This procedure will minimise delays and deter illegal adjustments and changes by the participants.

All two-piece masts and masts with stiffeners inside must be declared by sailors at the check-in and then marked and /or signed by the measurer latest before the first DN-Junior race.

The parking brake must always be available for immediate use. Any unattended boat must always have a parking brake on! Failure to do this will result in DSQ for the last race or all regatta.

Measurement will be available in harbour on the ice for those who wish to check their boats.

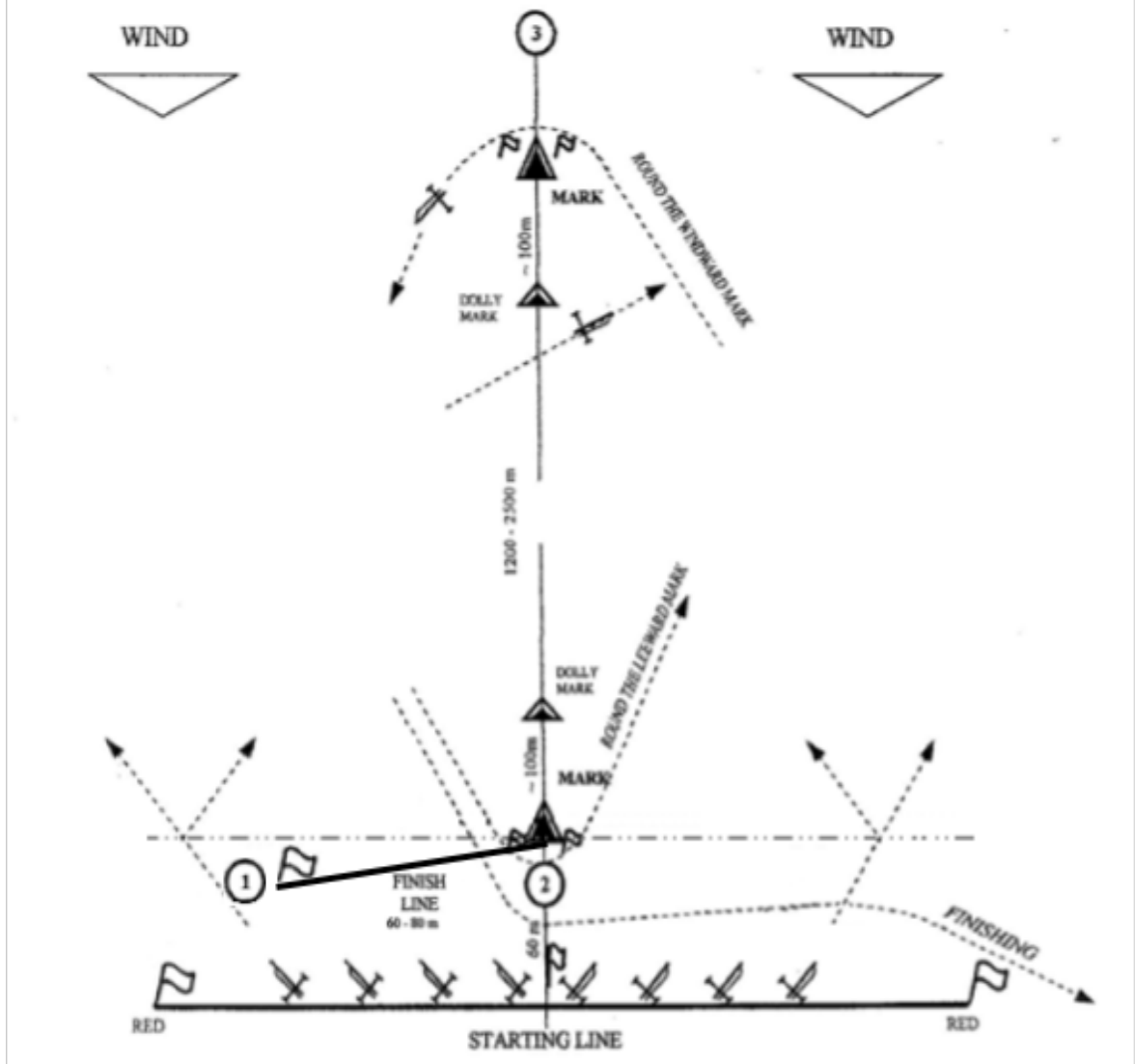
## **17. Propulsion**

A yacht may not employ any means of propulsion other than the action of the wind on the sails. However, the crew (unassisted by anyone except for reasons of physical disability as authorised by the Judges) may push the yacht to leave the starting line or to return the yacht to wind propulsion when necessary. This especially but not only means that pushing around marks or pushing across the finishing line is forbidden. The race committee will watch closely if any pushing is according to that rule and the present wind conditions/directions on the course. Any other pushing shall be cause for disqualification.

Sailing on the racecourse by non-participants during a race is forbidden and means DSQ without protest hearing.

RACING

COURSE



SAFETY ZONE



WAITING ZONE



① SCORERS

② STARTER

③ SCORER