



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

DN European Championship & EuroCup 2023
February 18th & February 25th 2023

Organising Country: Latvia & IDNIYRA-EUROPE

1. Rules

All races will be sailed in compliance with the EPIC and RMA agreement, Specifications, Constitutions and By-Laws of the International DN Ice Yacht Racing Association and the Racing Rules of 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. Racing course picture is a part of this Sailing Instructions

3. Marks

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

4. Starting Times

First Day: 09.00 skippers meeting in harbour on the ice .

10.00 Opening ceremony.

12.00 first qualifier race

Next days: 09.00 skippers meeting

10.00 start of next races

All times are local time and may be up to change by PRO or Commodore. Changes affecting next day's racing will be posted on the official notice board no later than 20:00 the evening before.

5. Starting and finishing signals

The starting signal will be the swift lowering of the starters 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 raising of the flag by the Race Committee.

6. Race Course, Starting- and Finish line

The NIA Darling Race Course will be used.

The starting line will be marked by red flags. The „wire“ starting line system will be used. All sailors have to put the leeward runner next to the starting position indicated on the starting line. Sailing over the starting line means disqualification by the Race Committee without a protest hearing.

Sailors have to go right or left after finishing the race , there will be no open gate (!) in the starting line.

7. Safety zone

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

8. Fleet flags

- Gold Fleet (A) - yellow flag with letter A
- Silver Fleet (B) - white flag with letter B
- Bronze Fleet (C) – dark red flag with letter C
- Aluminium Fleet (D) – grey flag with letter D

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

9. Primary schedule of races

Order of races of European Championship:

D-qualifier
C- qualifier
B- qualifier
A- final
B- final
A- final
C- final
A- final
D- final

B- final

C- final

D- final

A,B,C,D,A...etc. until EC 2023 is finished - 12 races are scheduled .

1 throw out after 5 races, 2 throw outs after 12 races.

No more than 5 races per fleet per day.

If time and conditions permitted the last 5 races , i.e. races 5 to 9 or i.e.8 to 12, would count for the EuroCup with one throw out.

3 races in the Gold Fleet are necessary for a valid regatta.

The Race Committee may change the order of races (Point might be to get a regatta in and getting 3 races for GOLD)

10. Time limit

The lap time limit 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 Race Committee would keep records of the lap time first lap first boat. In case it was 200 sec or less the next race would not be started unless a change in conditions promised a longer lap time first lap first boat. This change must be due to at least one of the following : longer distance between marks, less wind, slower ice.

11. Grand Prix system

The Grand Prix system will be used. Ten minutes after the first yacht finishes a race, the finishing line will be closed and black flag displayed at the leeward mark.

All remaining sailors that have not finished their race will be given the place from their last lap, except those that have not finished their first lap, they will score DNF.

Sailors having been scored DNS, DNF, DSQ, DNE or RET shall be assigned a starting position at the of the line by the Race Committee for the next race as described in NIA Part II, E 2. and amended by this Sailing Instruction.

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 in line with RMA (V.). A written protest must be filed with the Protest Jury Chairman (PJC) within one hour after the last race of the day, except the Qualifiers. They have to file a protest within 10 minutes after the race.

In addition to normal Protest procedure from racing incidents, any disagreement with the Measurer MUST be referred to the PJC and if not resolved satisfactorily, a written Protest must be submitted within the time limit (after the race or within two hours of the finish of the day's racing).

14. Talking to the scorers

A skipper who attempts to speak to the scorers while a race is in progress may be 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 etc.

Online notice board will be available on the regatta webpage: <https://idniyra.eu/ec2023/>

16. Measurement

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

The first five boats in each race (and twelve first in qualifier races) must go immediately to the measuring area without stopping by the pits. Race committee can also decide to measure any other DN 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 pieces 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 Gold Fleet race.

Icwise planks not verified prior to the regatta will be subject for invasive testing according to the method and requirements described in Technical Committee's announcement from October 3, 2022 published here:

<https://idniyra.eu/idniyra-technical-committee-icewise-runner-planks/>

Sailors who decide to test their planks before the regatta shall contact class / regatta Measurer or nearest Technical Committee member to arrange the process of validation in accordance with TC announcement.

No stickers will be applied until completion of the Qualification.

Measurement will be available on Saturday, February 18th 09.00 – 15.00 in harbour on the ice for those who wish to check their equipment .

17. Propulsion

In line with NIA Racing Rules, 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 the pushing is according to that rule and the present wind conditions/directions on the course. Other pushing shall be cause for disqualification.

18. Other

Parking brakes 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 previous race or the whole regatta.

Sailing on the race course by non-participants of the current race is forbidden and means DSQ without protest hearing .

