

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

DN World Championships 2024
DN European Championships 2024
Ice-Optimist World and European Championships 2024
Lithuania : February 3rd - February 10th 2024.

1. Rules

All races will be sailed in compliance with the EPIC and RMA agreement, Specifications, Constitutions 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 boards online & physical (idniyra.eu/wcec2024).

Racing course picture is a part of this Sailing Instructions. NIA-Darling race course configuration will be used.

3. Marks

Marks will be described 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 mark and dolly mark. Crossing the line between the mark and the 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.
11.00 IceOptimist first race
12.00 DN first qualifier race

Next days: 09.00 skippers meeting
10.00 start to next races

All times are local time and may be changed by PRO or Commodore by 21.00 the day 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. Starting line

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 signals 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

Ice-Optimist 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 World DN Championship 2024

- 1) C- qualifier
- 2) B- qualifier
- 3) A- final
- 4) B- final
- 5) A- final
- 6) C- final
- 7) A- final
- 8) B- final
- 9) C- final
- 10) - A,B,C,,A,B,C,... etc. until WC 2024 is finished - 7 races are scheduled .
1 throw-out after 5 races.

Iceboaters without ranking start regatta in the C-qualifier race.

DN Juniors start according to their ranking together with seniors .

DN Juniors have a chance to qualify to higher groups.

Two parallel scoring for DN Juniors will be provided :

- 1 – their place in all competition together with DN Seniors ,
- 2 – their place in Juniors competitions as if it were one fleet according to RMA para 13.

That means, if there is a different number of races between fleets, for final scoring, the lowest number of races from all fleets will be counted. If DN jun. gets DNF, DNS, DSQ and ... sailor gets points as usual in the big fleet and also max points in the DN jun. fleet.

Additional Junior races may be sailed time permitted and if agreed upon at the skippers' meeting.

Ice-Optimist sailors race in their own fleet, possibly on a separate race course.

The PRC can decide about special schedule for Ice-Optimist races

There must not be more than 5 races per fleet per day.

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

The Race Committee may change the order of races.

EC 2024 will be played according to the same schedule.

10. Time limit

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

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 (this change RMA -IV 18 j) , the finishing line will be closed and black flag waving at the leeward mark.

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

12. Race abandonment.

A black flag waving at the leeward mark or/and windward mark, above the starting line 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 Protest Jury Chairman (PJC) within one hour after last race of the day, except the Qualifiers. They have to file a protest immediately 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 one hour 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. Other notice board will be in the harbour as well as online.

16. Measurement

There will be random measurement during World Championships and European Championships. The measuring area 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 a 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.

Icewise 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 / national Measurer or nearest Technical Committee member to arrange the process of validation in accordance with TC announcement.

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 regattas.

No stickers or sail stamps will be applied until completion of the Qualification.

Measurement will be available on **Saturday February 3rd 09.00 – 15.00** 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. Other pushing shall be cause for disqualification.

Sailing on the race course by non-participants of the fleet during a race is forbidden and means DSQ without protest hearing!

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