



# 2026 Gold Cup DN World & European Championships & EuroCup



## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Organised by: DN POLAND & IDNIYRA-EUROPE

Poland : February 14th - February 21st 2026

### 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 board. The racing course picture is a part of these Sailing Instructions

### 3. Marks

The Rounding marks are large orange tetrahedron-shaped (Triangular Pyramid).

Dolly marks will be used near windward and leeward marks and are considered part of the mark.

Flags and/or small sticks may be placed around the Marks and are also considered part of the Mark.

Sailors or any part of the yacht are not allowed to pass between a mark and a dolly mark.

Sailors are not allowed to hit either the Mark, the Dolly marks nor the flags or sticks close to it.

Failing to comply with these rules will lead to disqualification by the Race Committee without a protest hearing.



[idniyra.eu/wcec2026](http://idniyra.eu/wcec2026)

#### 4. Starting Times

First Day: 09.00 Skippers' meeting in harbour on the ice.

After: Opening ceremony.

12.00 First qualifier race

Next days: 09.00 Skippers meeting

10.00 Start of next races

The last race of the day will start no later than 45 minutes before sunset on a given day.

No races will be started after 14:00 on the last day of racing, Saturday, 2026.02.21.

All times are local time and may be subject to change by PRO. Changes affecting the 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 starter's/finisher's (chequered) flag, accompanied by a sound signal, after he raises his flag to signify the preparatory signal. The visual signal is the official 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. The flag will be raised by the Race Committee and will remain so until the race time limit expires.

#### 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 around the safety zone.

#### 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 is forbidden. Sailing in the safety zone may lead to 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

Sailors shall bring their iceboats to starting positions after the flag of their fleet is hoisted on the flagpole. There will also be verbal or a few short sound signals to convey information.

## 9. Primary schedule of races

Order of races of the World and European Championships :

C- qualifier

B- qualifier

A- final

B- final

A- final

C- final

A- final

B- final

C- final

A,B,C,A...etc. until WC & EC 2026 is finished - 7 races per fleet are scheduled for the World Championship, and 7 races per fleet are scheduled for the European Championship.

The World Championship 2026 will be sailed and managed according to RMA (II) 7.

The European Championship 2026 will be sailed and managed according to RMA (II) 8.

1 throw-out after 5 races.

No more than 5 races per fleet per day.

The fleet division will be done according to RMA (II) 7.

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

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)

The European Championship 2026 will be conducted according to the same schedule.

## 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 finishing system will be used as defined in RMA IV j) with the exception that the finishing line will be closed 10 minutes after the first yacht finishes a race.

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 finishing 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).

Sailors having been scored DNS, DNF, DSQ, DNE, or RET shall be assigned a starting position at the end 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 or/and windward mark above the starting line shall signal abandonment of the race. Reasons for a black flag include competitor safety or failure of the first boat to make the time limit.

When a race is abandoned the next fleet to start shall be the next fleet in the rotation, except qualification 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 the time posted on the physical noticeboard after the last race of the day, except the Qualifiers. They have to file a protest within 10 minutes after the Qualifier races.

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. Official Notice Board

The official information will be communicated on the official notice board on the ice and at the Race Office will be used by the Race Committee for official announcements to inform about starting positions, changes in race schedule, protest times, changes in sailing instructions etc.

The Online notice board will be available on the regatta webpage: [idniyra.eu/wcec2026/](https://idniyra.eu/wcec2026/)



Information will also be given on the WhatsApp group, link to the group:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/EhgY9Aroygt6QTujcDpBla>

WhatsApp info is non-official and purely informational.

### 16. Measurement

Random measurements will be conducted during the World Championships and the European Championships. Measurements will take place in a rectangular area marked with green flags in the central part of the safety zone ("Measurement Area").

After each race, the first three (3) boats to finish shall proceed immediately to the Measurement Area without stopping in the pits. In addition, the boats finishing in positions 8, 15, and 23 shall report for measurement as follows: after they have stopped safely and confirmed their finishing position, they shall proceed to the



Measurement Area without delay. During qualification races, the first twelve (12) finishers of each qualification race shall report for measurement in the same manner.

The Race Committee may also require any other DN to be measured at any time. Failure to proceed to the Measurement Area when instructed will result in DSQ for the boat concerned in that race. This procedure is intended to minimise delays and deter illegal adjustments or equipment changes.

All two-piece masts and all masts with internal stiffeners must be declared to the Measurer no later than before the first Gold Fleet race.

Icewise runner planks that have not been verified prior to the regatta may be subject to invasive testing in accordance with the method and requirements described in the Technical Committee announcement dated 3 October 2022, published here: <https://idniyra.eu/idniyra-technical-committee-icewise-runner-planks/>

Sailors who wish to have their planks tested before the regatta shall contact the Regatta Measurer or the nearest Technical Committee member to arrange validation in accordance with the same announcement. No measurement stickers will be applied until completion of the Qualification.

Measurement will be available on Saturday, 14 February 2026, 10:00–15:00, at the harbour/on the ice, for sailors who wish to check their equipment.

#### 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.

#### 17. 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 .

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