



**STANDARDS FOR MAJOR CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTAS
01/07/2026**

INTENT

In order to promote consistency, all major championship regattas, including World, Continental and National Championships, will be conducted according to the RRS, the International J/22 Class Rules, and the IJ22CA Constitution and By-Laws. In any cases of conflict, the International J/22 Class Rules take precedence over the RRS. Except for World Championships, the RRS prescriptions of the national sailing authority with jurisdiction over the Host Authority will also apply.

SELECTION OF HOST AUTHORITY

In considering a location for these events, no award will be made to any Host Authority (normally a local J/22 fleet or Yacht Club with ties to the local J/22 fleet) unable to comply fully with the RRS the International J/22 Class Rules and these standards. The understanding, willingness and ability of the Host Authority to comply fully with these standards are presumed in good faith when a letter requesting permission to host the event is submitted.

A prospective Host Authority of a World or Continental Championship must submit a letter to the IJ22CA requesting permission to host the event. In the case of a National Championship, the request letter must be sent to the respective National Class Association (NJCA). The letter should include:

- A) The event sought to be hosted;
- B) The name of the prospective Hosting Authority;
- C) The approximate dates for the event;
- D) A description of the facility and sailing venue at which the prospective Hosting Authority proposes to conduct the event;
- E) the availability of charter boats;
- F) Information regarding the prospective Host Authority's background in hosting similar events; and G) Any other information which might bear on the decision regarding the location of the event.

The World Council will designate the Host Authority of the World and Continental Championships and in making its decision will consider the development and promotion of the J/22, the suitability of the proposed host facilities, the availability of charter boats, racing conditions at the proposed venue, and may consider other factors. The respective NJCA will designate the Host Authority of any Midwinter Championship applying the same criteria.

The World Championship will not be held on the same continent for more than two consecutive years, nor in the same hemisphere for more than three consecutive years. The hemisphere is considered divided by longitude 20 degrees W and 160 degrees E. The responsibility for arranging and providing proper facilities, prizes and entertainment shall rest with the Host Authority. In this regard it will cooperate with and be guided by the World Council.



OVERSIGHT BY THE CLASS ASSOCIATION

An official J/22 Class Association Representative will be appointed to ensure that the regatta is conducted in full accordance with this section. The Representative will assist all committees in an advisory capacity and will be consulted in any disputes concerning International J/22 Class Rules, but need not be a formal member of any committee. The Representative will be available during measurement and registration and attend the competitors' meeting, and will have the option to be present on the main Race Committee boat. The designation of the Representative will be as follows:

World Championships	Appointed by World Council
Continental Championships	Appointed by World Counsel
National Championships	Appointed by the respective NJCA

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS AND NOTICES OF REGATTA

The Sailing Instructions and Notice of Regatta (RRS Appendices J, K and KE) will conform to the pattern Sailing Instructions and Notice of Regatta published from time-to- time by World Sailing, with only those amendments necessary to conform those pattern documents to the International J/22 Class Rules. Copies of Notices of Regatta and Sailing Instructions for recently sanctioned events may be obtained by contacting the IJ22CA Class Office.

PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the top five skippers and crew in the Gold Division, and to the top five skippers and crew in the Silver Division. If the fleet is not divided, prizes will be awarded to the top ten skippers and crew.

JURY REQUIREMENTS

An International Jury per RRS Appendix M will be appointed by the Host Authority for World Championships.

For Continental Championships, a jury of not less then three members will be appointed by the Host Authority. The jury must include at least two certified judges and at least one of the certified judges must not regularly compete or judge at the Host Authority's sailing venue.

MISCELLANY

The official language of all World Championships will be English.

At all Championship regattas the World Sailing Advertising Code is applicable.

The 720 degrees Turns Penalty, RRS 44.1 and 44.2, will apply.

References in this section to particular provisions of the RRS are for guidance only and are to be construed as references to the actual versions of the racing rules of sailing by World Sailing.