J/22 REGATTA REGULATIONS (J22RR)

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1. INTENT

1.1. 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.

1.2. These J22RR may be amended by approval of the International J/22 Class Association (IJ22CA) Executive Committee. The current version at the beginning of an event's first scheduled day of racing is the binding version for that event.

1.3. Provisions of these J22RR may be altered for an event with approval of the IJ22CA Executive Committee; any such changes should be specified in the NoR and/or the SIs.

1.4. Any failure to follow these J22RR shall not be grounds for a request for redress by any boat. This changes RRS 61.1(a) and 61.4(b).

2. SCHEDULE OF RACES

2.1. For World Championships races should be scheduled over at least four days. For Continental Championships, races should be scheduled over at least three days.
For World and Continental Championships, a minimum of nine races will be scheduled if the fleet is not divided, and a minimum of seven races will be scheduled in the Championship Series if the fleet is divided. Four races must be completed to constitute a Championship when the fleet is not divided. Three races must be completed to constitute a Championship if the fleet is divided.

2.2. For National Championships, as many as nine races will be scheduled over three days of racing with no reserve day. Two races must be completed to constitute a Championship.

2.3. The Low-Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A, will apply with the following amendments: A) For World and Continental Championships, if two or fewer races are completed in the Qualification Series, no throw-outs will be permitted, and if five or fewer races are completed in the Championship Series (or in the regatta if no Qualification Series is held), no throw-outs will be permitted. B) For Midwinter Championships, if five or fewer races are completed, no throw-outs will be permitted.

3. DIVISION OF THE FLEET

3.1. If there are 60 or more boats at a World or Continental Championship, the fleet may be divided into two divisions through the use of a Qualification Series at the discretion of the Host Authority. Whether and at what number of boats a Qualification Series will be required will be specified in the Sailing Instructions and should be specified in the Notice of Regatta. For the Qualification Series the fleet will be split into four groups represented by different colored flags to sail against each other in a round-robin format. The procedures for conducting the Qualification Series will be left to the discretion of the Host Authority, with the advice and consent of the IJ22CA. The procedures for conducting the Qualification Series will be clearly set forth in the Sailing Instructions.

3.2. Based on the results of the Qualification Series, the fleet will be divided into two divisions: Gold (the top half) and Silver (the remaining half) for the Championship Series. If the total number of competitors in the fleet is an odd number, the Gold II Division will have the one additional competitor.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND MEASUREMENT

No boat will be eligible to enter any major championship unless she has, and produces upon request, a valid IJ22CA Measurement Certificate. The Host Authority may require measurement of the boat or equipment. At World and Continental Championships, the sails for each boat shall be measured and stamped by an IJ22CA measurer.

5. SUBSTITUTION OF CREW AND EQUIPMENT

5.1. Competitors must use the same boat, measured equipment and only one suit of sails throughout the entire regatta unless an item is so severely damaged as to render it unusable. All requests to replace damaged equipment must be submitted to the jury in writing and all replacement items shall be required to pass measurement.

5.2. Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the jury. Substitution will be permitted only in case of illness, accident or other exceptional circumstances. In the case of an emergency, permission may be granted retroactively.

6. COURSES, COURSE LENGTH & TIME LIMITS

6.1. In an event with a single fleet, the course shall be windward-leeward with four/five legs. RRS Appendix S shows these course designated as “Course LA 2/WA3”.

6.2. The weather mark (including after a change in course) will have an offset mark.

6.3. The leeward mark will be a gate of two marks set approximately 90m to 120m apart square to the wind direction. Higher wind conditions will require greater distances between gate marks. The leeward gate marks may be set after the start.

6.4. For fleets of 70 boats or less, the target time for races shall be 60 to 70 minutes. For fleets greater than 70 boats, the target time for races shall be 75 to 90 minutes. The course length will be set to give the first boat the best chance of achieving the target time. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 61.1(a).

6.5. The race time limit shall be 1.5 times the upper limit of the range of the target time for races in J22RR 6.6.

6.6. Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes shall be scored time limit expired (TLE) without a hearing. The score for TLE shall be the number of finishers plus two points, but not worse than the score for DNF. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

7. DECISION TO START A RACE

7.1. Races shall not be started when there is less than an average of five (5) knots of wind over the entire course area. This lower limit should be higher if there is a strong current in the racing area.

7.2. Races shall not be started when the winds exceed an average of 25 knots or are gusting to 28 knots or above. The RC will also consider sea conditions, as well as current and impending weather changes in any decision to race.

7.3. Races shall not be started if reduced visibility prevents the RC from sighting the starting line to identify premature starters.

8. GENERAL PRINCIPLES AND SAFETY

8.1. The PRO will implement RRS 40.2 when required by weather conditions or safety resources.

8.2. The operator of an official vessel, including support person vessels, will promptly advise the RC if he/she believes his/her vessel has substantially affected one or more boats racing.