

NOTICE OF RACE & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (NoR/SI)

2026 iQFOiL and iQFOiL YOUTH & JUNIOR ASIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS and iQFOiL INTERNATIONAL GAMES

7th > 13th December
Hong Kong, China

*Organising Authority: Windsurfing Association of Hong Kong, China
With the International iQFOiL Class Association*

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. The National prescriptions that will apply will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 1.3. RRS Appendix B will apply, however RRS B5 60.2(a)(1) and B8.A8 are deleted.
- 1.4. RRS Appendix T - Arbitration - will apply, however RRS T2, T3 and T4 are deleted.
- 1.5. Supplemental Sailing Instructions (SSI) will be published and may change or supplement rules in these NoR/SI
- 1.6. In all rules governing this regatta:
 - 1.6.1.[SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the Race Committee or Technical Committee without a hearing, or a discretionary penalty applied by the International Jury with a hearing. This changes A5.1.
 - 1.6.2.[NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a board. This changes RRS 60.1.
- 1.7. If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.
- 1.8. Decisions on protests concerning class rules: RRS 60.5(d)(1) and (2) will not apply.
- 1.9. For Finals, World Sailing Appendix MR – Umpired Medal will apply and takes precedence over any conflicting instructions.
- 1.10. An International Jury (IJ) may be appointed in accordance with RRS N1. Its decisions will be final as provided by RRS 70.3.
- 1.11. Add new RRS rule 27.4 as follows:

The race committee may signal that boards shall sail on a specific tack during the 10 seconds before and 10 seconds after the starting signal is made, by displaying a green flag for starboard tack or a red flag for port tack, before or with the warning signal.
- 1.12. For Sprint Slalom and Finals Races, add new RRS rule 29.3 as follows:

When, at the starting signal, the Race Committee identifies a board on the course side of the starting line, the Race Committee shall signal a general recall.
- 1.13. For the Finals only, RRS 30.4 is changed as follows:
 - (a) No part of a board's hull shall be on the course side of the starting line at its starting signal.
 - (b) If the race committee signals general recall after identifying such a board, it shall hail or display her sail number. In all subsequent restarts and resails of that race she shall not start within 5 seconds after her starting signal.
 - (c) A board that breaks RRS 30.4(b) and is identified shall be disqualified without a hearing, but not if the race is restarted or resailed.
 - (d) When all boards in their stage are subject to RRS 30.4(b), it ceases to apply.
- 1.14. Add new pre-start zone definition as follows:

Pre-start zone: The area formed by the starting line and the extensions of the lines from the first mark to the starting marks. During a starting sequence, the pre-start zone is part of the course area.
- 1.15. Add new RRS rule 23.4 as follows:

When, at the warning signal, the course to the first mark is approximately ninety degrees from the true wind, during the last 30 seconds before the starting signal:

 - (a) all boards sailing inside the pre-start zone shall sail in the direction of the starting line;
 - (b) a board approaching from outside the pre-starting zone is not entitled to room or mark-room and shall keep clear of boards inside the pre-start zone;
 - (c) a board that stops, slows down significantly, or one that is not making significant forward progress shall keep clear of all others, except when accidentally capsized.

When RRS 23.4 (b) and 23.4(c) apply between two boards Section A RRS do not.
- 1.16. Class Racing Policies (CRP) will apply except as changed in this NoR/SI or SSI.

2. [SP] ADVERTISING & SAIL INSIGNIAS & NATIONAL FLAGS

- 2.1. Sails and competitors may be required to carry advertising for event sponsors, which will be supplied by the local Organising Authority in accordance with [World Sailing Advertising Code](#).
- 2.2. On the sail the event sponsor's branding shall be placed immediately below batten #4 (on the 8.0 and 7.3 sails), below batten #3 (on the 7.0, 6.0 or 5.0 Junior sail), as close to the leech as possible but without overlapping the sail corner reinforcement. Competitors shall not cut or adapt the stickers in any way.
- 2.3. Competitors shall provide their own self-adhesive National Flags on the sail and any replacements.

3. [SP] [NP] ADDITIONAL IDENTIFICATION

- 3.1. For fleet or group identification, the Organising Authority may supply the event bib vests, the competitors shall wear it while racing.
- 3.2. When the Organising Authority supplies the ranking-coloured bib vests for event leaders (1st, 2nd, 3rd), the competitors shall wear it when they are racing for that day.
- 3.3. Bib vest shall be worn outside other clothing while racing. Competitors shall not deliberately cut or tear them.
- 3.4. When the Organising Authority supplies the coloured group ribbons the competitors shall apply it to the end of the second top batten of the sail or at the top of the mast.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY REGULATIONS

- 4.1. All entries shall meet the requirements of [World Sailing Eligibility Code](#).
- 4.2. The *2026 iQFOiL and iQFOiL Youth & Junior Asian Championships and iQFOiL International Games* shall be open to competitors of all nationalities within the limits of [World Sailing Neutrality Policy](#) – 23rd of July 2025.
- 4.3. **U23** age division shall be open to all competitors entered in the *2026 iQFOiL and iQFOiL Youth & Junior Asian Championships and iQFOiL International Games* but only if that competitor is under 23 years of age on 31 December 2026 (born on 2004 or later). They will race with the Senior fleet.
- 4.4. **U19** age division shall be open to all competitors entered in the *2026 iQFOiL and iQFOiL Youth & Junior Asian Championships and iQFOiL International Games* but only if that competitor is under 19 years of age on 31 December 2026 (born on 2008 or later).
- 4.5. **U17** age division shall be open to all competitors entered in the *2026 iQFOiL and iQFOiL Youth & Junior Asian Championships and iQFOiL International Games* but only if that competitor is under 17 years of age on 31 December 2026 (born on 2010 or later).
- 4.6. **U15** age division shall be open to all competitors entered in the *2026 iQFOiL and iQFOiL Youth & Junior Asian Championships and iQFOiL International Games* but only if that competitor is under 15 years of age on 31 December 2026 (born on 2012 or later). They will race with the U17 fleet.
- 4.7. Events shall run concurrently.
- 4.8. A minimum of 5 entries is required for each event to constitute a valid series.
- 4.9. The deadline for valid online entries is by 2400hrs (UTC) on **15th November 2026**.
 - 4.9.1. Entries may be accepted, subject to the quotas according to NoR/SI 4.2, after this deadline at the discretion of the International iQFOiL Class Association (ICA).
- 4.10. Competitors shall have a World Sailing Sailor ID before their entry.
- 4.11. A competitor shall be a member of a National Class Association (NCA) or a Member National Authority (MNA) which is a registered member of the International iQFOiL Class Association (ICA). Class membership formalities can be completed at the event venue at registration.
- 4.12. Eligible competitors shall [enter online](#) with payment in euros before the entry deadline, unless extended by the ICA. All bank charges are at the expense of the competitor.

- 4.12.1. An entry is not valid until paid.
- 4.12.2. 50% of entry fees may be refundable if accompanied by a medical certificate issued by a medical doctor stating a valid reason why the competitor cannot compete.
- 4.13. The following documentation will be required at Registration on site:
 - 4.13.1. Proof of valid third-party liability Insurance
 - 4.13.2. Proof of age (passport).
- 4.14. A completed [Parental Permission Form](#) for entries under the age of 18 years is required. This form may be completed online but a printed copy shall be brought to registration
- 4.15. Coaches shall [enter online](#). Payment in Euros is also possible at the venue on the day of registration by credit card or in cash. A registration is not valid until paid.

5. FEES

- 5.1. The Entry Fee for **iQFOiL sailors** is **250** euros.
The Entry Fee for **iQFOiL Youth & Junior sailors** is **200** euros.
- 5.2. The Entry Fee paid after **15th November 2026** shall be **300** euros for iQFOiL sailors.
The Entry Fee paid after **19th November 2026** shall be **250** euros for Youth & Junior sailors.
- 5.3. The Entry Fee for coaches is **80** euros.
- 5.4. Payment should be done online when entering through the website ([sailor](#), [coach](#)) or from the 'Pay now' button on the website [entry list](#).

6. CAMERAS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

- 6.1. **[DP] [NP]** Competitors may be required to carry on their board's cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment as specified by the Organising Authority. Those competitors competing in the same race that are not issued with such equipment shall carry an equivalent weight in the same position as issued by the Organising Authority.
- 6.2. **[SP]** Competitors shall collect the equipment stated in NoR/SI 6.1 from the Race Office
- 6.3. **[SP]** Competitors shall return the equipment stated in NoR/SI 6.1 to the Race Office within the time described in the SSI.
- 6.4. **[NP]** Personal Cameras and their attachments may be carried provided that they do not affect the function or use of any existing part of the board or associated equipment.
 - 6.4.1. Any footage or recording is to be made available to the iQFOiL Class Association upon request.
- 6.5. In accordance with CR C.4.2 and C 4.3.a (iv) (senior) or C 4.3.a.(iii) (youth&junior) the use of tracking and GPS devices is permitted.
- 6.6. The use of motion pictures by the LOA and the iQFOiL Class Association as referred to in NoR/SI 34 also relates to video taken by competitors.

7. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 7.1. Notices to competitors will be posted online on the [Official Notice Board](#)
- 7.2. The organisers will set up a **WhatsApp / WeChat** group where they intend to communicate complementary information. The link to join the group will be published in SSI.

8. CHANGES TO NOTICE OF RACE & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the Notice of Race & Sailing Instructions is subject to the approval of the Class Course Representative and will be posted no later than 60 minutes before the warning signal of the race on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2100 or by the end of protest time limit (whichever is later) on the day before it will take effect.

9. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE & AFLOAT

- 9.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Official Flagpole. The location will be described in the SSL.
- 9.2. When Flag AP is displayed ashore '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than **30 minutes** in the race signal AP. This changes RRS Race Signals.
- 9.3. Depending on which discipline will be sailed (Course Racing, Sprint Racing or Marathon) the RC will display the Discipline flag ashore at least **30 minutes** before Warning Signal or afloat not later than Warning Signal.
- 9.3.1 Discipline flags are as follows:

Discipline	Flag
Sprint Racing	Grey flag with white iQFOiL circle
Course Racing	Red flag with burgundy iQFOiL circle
Marathon	Blue flag with iQFOiL logo

- 9.4. A signal displayed at the finish vessel applies only to the fleet/group/heat that is finishing. This changes RRS Race Signals preamble.
- 9.5. **[SP] [NP]** When a D Flag is displayed ashore it means: "the warning signal will be made not less than **30 minutes** after D flag is displayed or not before the scheduled time, whichever is later." Boards shall not leave the venue or the assigned launching areas until the signal is displayed.

10. [DP] EQUIPMENT REGISTRATION AND INSPECTION

- 10.1. **[NP][SP]** Each competitor shall complete an online Equipment Registration Form (ERF) and submit it before the close of registration. An additional analogue registration system may be used.
Senior Form [HERE](#) / **Youth** Form [HERE](#) / **Junior** Form [HERE](#)
- 10.2. Only registered equipment shall be used at this event.
- 10.3. Registered equipment shall not be removed from the venue, the racing area and the waters leading to them, without prior written permission of the Technical Committee. The venue will be defined, and that definition placed on the Official Notice Board (ONB).
- 10.4. There will be an official inspection of equipment before the first race. The information on the inspection will be posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB).
- 10.5. Equipment may be inspected at any time during the event for compliance with the class rules and the NoR/SI according to the following procedures:
- 10.5.1. A competitor may be instructed by the Technical Committee, either ashore or on the water, to proceed immediately to the Inspection Area for inspection.
- 10.6. Until permission is given by the Technical Committee, a competitor once instructed to proceed for inspection, shall have no unauthorized contact with any support personnel, no person shall join or leave the board, no equipment or other item shall be taken on or off that board and the board shall not leave the Inspection Area.
- 10.7. On the last scheduled day of the Qualification Series, there will be a post-race equipment inspection to the **10 boards** that are ranked highest in the Qualification Series. The number of boards inspected may be increased or decreased, at the discretion of the Technical Committee. Any penalty imposed for any infringement arising from this inspection will apply in the race(s) of the Qualification Series sailed nearest in time to that infringement. This changes the last sentence of RRS 60.5(c).

11. [DP] REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT

- 11.1. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the

Technical Committee.

- 11.2. **Replacement ashore:** Requests for substitution of damaged or lost equipment shall be submitted [online](#) on the Event website, for Technical Committee's consideration. Any request shall be made at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 11.3. **Replacement afloat:** When an item of equipment is damaged or lost shortly before a race and is replaced, the competitor shall notify the Technical Committee or Race Committee before the warning signal. As soon as practicable after coming ashore and within the protest time limit, the competitor shall comply with NoR/SI 11.2 and the replaced item shall be presented to the Technical Committee.

12. FORMAT OF RACING

- 12.1. The event consists of a Qualification Series (which may include any or all of following disciplines: Course Racing, Sprint Racing, Marathon) and Finals. If the event is split into groups, the Qualification Series will be divided into Preliminary Series and Elimination Series.
- 12.2. The intention is to sail all three disciplines over the course of the event on the basis of wind conditions and forecast and it is at the discretion of Class Course Representative. This is not ground for redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b)(1).
- 12.3. Men and Women will start separately
- 12.4. Any other division(s) referred to in the NoR/SI will race in the fleets of the main event.
- 12.5. If the fleet is split into groups:

Preliminary Series

- 12.5.1. Boards will be assigned to Yellow, Blue and Red (if applicable) groups of, as nearly as possible, **equal size and ability**. Those assignments will be posted by 2100 on the day before the first scheduled race.
- 12.5.2. Boards will be reassigned to groups after each day of racing, except if on the first day of racing fewer than two races are completed by both groups. If all groups have completed the same number of races, boards will be reassigned on the basis of their ranks in the series. If all groups have not completed the same number of races, the series score for reassignment will be calculated for those races, numbered in order of completion, completed by both groups. Reassignments will be made as follows:

Rank in Series	Group Assignment (2 groups format)	Group Assignment (3 groups format)
First	Yellow	Yellow
Second	Blue	Blue
Third	Blue	Red
Fourth	Yellow	Red
Fifth	Yellow	Blue
Sixth	Blue	Yellow

and so on. If two or more boards have the same rank, they will be entered in the left column in the order of groups according to this NoR/SI.

- 12.5.3. Group reassignments will be based on the event ranking available at 2100 that day regardless of protests or request for redress not yet decided.
- 12.5.4. If all groups have not completed the same number of races by the end of a day, the groups with fewer races will continue racing the following day until all groups have completed the same number of races. All boards will thereafter race in the new groups. At the end of the Preliminary Series if all groups have not completed the same

number of races, the races not sailed by the groups shall be abandoned.

Elimination Series

- 12.5.5. Boards will be assigned to the Gold, Silver and Bronze (if applicable) groups on the basis of their ranks in the Preliminary Series (discards applied) but with no ties broken.
 - 12.5.6. The group lists shall be posted at least 2 hours before the first scheduled warning signal of the first race of the Elimination Series.
 - 12.5.7. When racing in two groups the top 50% of sailors will race in Gold group, with the rest in Silver group. When racing in 3 groups then top 34% will sail in Gold group, next 33% in Silver and last 33% in Bronze Group.
 - 12.5.8. In the case of an indivisible number of competitors Gold group shall be larger than Silver group and Silver group shall be larger than Bronze (if applicable).
 - 12.5.9. In the Elimination Series there will be the same number (and approximate size) of groups as in Preliminary Series
 - 12.5.10. Any recalculation of Preliminary Series overall rankings after competitors have been assigned to Final Series groups will not affect the assignments except that a redress decision may promote a competitor to a higher group.
- 12.6. Boards will be assigned to Sprint Racing heats based on the number of entries following the principles outlined in NoR/SI 12.5
- 12.6.1. When the event has been split into two or three groups, then the same groups will be used to seed into heats.
 - 12.6.2. The fleet/group will be divided into equal heats of up to a maximum 24 boards.
 - 12.6.3. Initially boards will be assigned to heats, as nearly as possible, of equal size and ability..
 - 12.6.4. Boards will be reassigned to heats after each day of racing and the reassignment will be as follow:
 - a) For the first two sprint races of the day based on the below table:

Rank in Series/rank in group	Heat Assignment (2 heat format)	Heat Assignment (3 heat format)	Heat Assignment (4 heat format)
First	Heat 1	Heat 1	Heat 1
Second	Heat 2	Heat 2	Heat 2
Third	Heat 2	Heat 3	Heat 3
Fourth	Heat 1	Heat 3	Heat 4
Fifth	Heat 1	Heat 2	Heat 4
Sixth	Heat 2	Heat 1	Heat 3
Seventh	Heat 2	Heat 1	Heat 2
Eight	Heat 1	Heat 2	Heat 1

Finals

- 12.7. The first **10** overall ranked boards from the Qualification Series will advance to the Finals
- 12.8. Assignments to the Finals will be based on the ranking available at 09.00 on the day of the Finals. The Protest Committee may extend this time limit.
- 12.9. Finals will be divided into three stages: Quarter-Final, Semi-Final and Grand Final. Boards

advance from one stage to the other until Final.

- 12.10. The race committee may cancel the Quarter Final and/or Semi Final stages when there are less than 15 entries in an event. In such case, boards seeded first and second in the canceled stage advance to the next stage.

13. SCHEDULE

13.1. Event Schedule:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Times</u>	<u>Event</u>
December 7 th	Monday	09.00 – 12.00 13.00 – 17.00	Registration & Equipment Check Registration & Equipment Check
December 8 th	Tuesday	09.30 11.30 16.00	Coaches/Skippers Meeting Qualification Series Races Opening Ceremony
December 9 th	Wednesday	09.00 10.30 18.30	Coaches/Skippers Meeting Qualification Series Races Welcome Party Night
December 10 th	Thursday	09.00 10.30	Coaches/Skippers Meeting Qualification Series Races
December 11 th	Friday	09.00 10.30	Coaches/Skippers Meeting Qualification Series Races
December 12 th	Saturday	09.00 10.30	Coaches/Skippers Meeting Finals Races and/or Qualification Series Races
December 13 th	Sunday	10.00 15.30	Victoria Harbour Windsurfing Race (not part of the event) Prize Giving & Closing Ceremony

13.2. A daily schedule will be published on ONB.

13.3. 20 Qualification series races are scheduled.

13.4. The maximum number of races sailed per day for each fleet/group/heat will be **5**, unless behind schedule or in order to complete Preliminary and Elimination series to move into Finals, then the maximum number of races per day will be increased to **6**.

13.5. Preliminary Series will consist of a maximum of 10 races and a minimum of 6 races, scheduled for a minimum of 2 days. If 6 races have not been completed by the end of the second scheduled racing day, the Preliminary Series will continue until the end of the racing day in which a sixth preliminary race is completed for each group in fleet.

13.6. Elimination Series will consist of a minimum of 2 races before progressing to Finals.

13.7. A single fleet Qualification Series will consist of a minimum of **9** races before progressing to Finals.

13.8. On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 17.30.

14. FLEETS, CLASS FLAGS & COLOURS

The description of Class flags and ribbons will be described in the SSI.

15. RACING AREAS

- 15.1. The map with the location of the Racing areas will be published in the SSI.
- 15.2. The racing area is defined as an area extending 150 meters beyond the entire course in which a competitor would normally sail while racing.
- 15.3. **[DP]** For reaching starts, a board not racing shall not be to windward of the area where boards may be racing.
- 15.4. **[DP]** Boards not racing shall avoid the racing area.

16. COURSES

- 16.1. For the Qualification Series: Course racing and Marathon courses will be, at the discretion of Class Course Representative, either Trapezoid or Windward-Leeward, with variations depending on venue specifics. Sprint racing courses will be either Sprint Slalom or Upwind Sprint.
- 16.2. For the Finals: the courses will be, at the discretion of Class Course Representative, either MR1, or downwind slalom MR2.
- 16.3. The courses to be sailed are shown in NoR/SI Addendum A. The diagrams will show the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. The course diagram for Marathon will be published on the ONB before the race.
- 16.4. If one of the gate marks is missing and has not been replaced by an object displaying the M flag, the remaining mark shall be left to port.

17. MARKS

- 17.1. The starting, finishing and rounding or passing marks will be described in the SSI.
- 17.2. A vessel that is a mark may not be anchored, but held in place by the use of an engine. This will not be grounds for request of redress, provided the vessel remains close to her correct position. This changes RRS 61.4(b)(1).

18. THE START

- 18.1. All races will be started by using the following signals:

<i>Minutes before Starting signal</i>	<i>Visual signal</i>	<i>Sound signal</i>	<i>Means</i>
3	Class flag displayed Heat number displayed (if applicable)	One	Warning signal
2	U or Black flag displayed	One	Preparatory signal
1	U or Black flag removed	One long	One-minute signal
0	Class flag removed	One	Starting signal

This changes RRS B3 26.1 and 26.2.

- 18.2. For Course races and Sprint races, the starting line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel and either
 - 18.2.1. The course side of the laid starting mark, or
 - 18.2.2. A staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee pin-vessel.

- 18.3. For Marathon races as an alternative a Rabbit start may be used: at the starting signal a Rabbit (object or vessel displaying the Marathon discipline flag) will proceed at high and constant speed from the starting mark to the race committee vessel. The starting line will be between the course side of the starting mark and the course side aftermost point of the Rabbit. To inform competitors that the Rabbit start will be used the notice will be published on ONB before the race.
- 18.4. **[DP]** When a starting sequence is in progress, competitors whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area. The starting area is defined as a rectangle 75 meters from the starting line and marks in all directions.
- 18.5. A competitor starting later than 2 minutes in Course Race or 1 minute in Sprint Race after its starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 18.6. The warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable after the finish of the previous race.
- 18.7. To alert boards that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed (with one sound) for at least 2 minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 18.8. For the purpose of RRS 30.4, NoR/SI 1.12 and RRS 36
- a) When the fleet consist of more than 24 boards, races sailed in different disciplines (course racing, marathon, sprint racing) are not considered as resailed or restarted of the previously attempted race.
 - b) When the fleet consist of 24 and less boards, races sailed in different disciplines are considered as resailed or restarted of the previously attempted race with the exception for the marathon.

19. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move a mark (or move the finishing line)

20. THE FINISH

The finish line will be between the staff displaying a blue flag on the finishing mark and the course side of the laid mark (or the flag staff on this mark if present) at the other end of the finish line.

21. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 21.1. Penalties for breaches class rules, RRS50 or rules in the NoR/SI marked [DP] or [SP], should the case go to a hearing, are at the discretion of International Jury.
- 21.2. For breaches of NoR/SI marked [SP] and breaches of the Class Rules: C.1.1.(a), C.3.2.(a) (i) (ii) (iii), C. 3.3.(i), C.3.4, C.10.2.(b)(c), D.2.(a), the race committee or technical committee may apply a standard penalty without a hearing to the race(s) closest in time to the incident. The scores of other boards shall not be changed; therefore, two boards may receive the same score. However, the race committee or technical committee may protest a board when they consider the standard penalty to be inappropriate. A board that has been penalized with a standard penalty can neither be protested for the same incident by another board nor can another board request redress for this race committee action. This changes RRS 60.1 and Appendix A5.1
- 21.3. Addendum C includes the list of breaches and the associated standard penalties

22. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

22.1. Time limits and target times for races are in minutes and as follows:

Qualification series		Target Time	Time Limit	Finish Window
Course Racing		16	23	6 (10 youth&junior)
Sprint Racing	Sprint Slalom	4-5	8	4
	Upwind sprint	7	12	5
Marathon		60	90	30
Finals		Target Time	Time Limit	Finish Window
MR1		6	10	5
MR2		4-5	8	4

22.2. Not meeting the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b)(1).

22.3. In all races but not the Final races, boards failing to finish within the time stated in the Finish Window, after the first competitor in that group sails the course according to RRS 28, will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

23. HEARING REQUESTS

23.1. Hearing request forms are available [online](#) on the Event website. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be submitted there within the protest time limit.

23.2. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last competitor has finished the last race of the day for that fleet or group or when the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.

23.3. Notices will be posted within 20 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

23.4. Hearings will be held in the Hearing Room.

23.5. On the last scheduled day of a competitor's Series (Preliminary or Elimination/Qualification), a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day, or no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 63.7(b).

23.6. On the last scheduled day of a competitor's Series (Preliminary or Elimination/Qualification), request for redress from an International Jury decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 61.2(b).

24. SCORING

24.1. A minimum of 3 races are required for a valid Championship.

24.2. Score for the age division U23 and U15 will be extracted from the overall score without recalculation.

24.3. A race will be scored as follows:

24.3.1. A Course racing race will be scored as one race in a Series;

24.3.2. A Sprint Racing Round (each Fleet or Group has sailed one Heat) will be scored as one race in a Series. When the Fleet or Group is divided into the Heats, the boards

will be scored as follows:

Finishing Position	Score	Finishing Position	Score
1	1	13	25
2	3	14	27
3	5	15	29
4	7	16	31
5	9	17	33
6	11	18	35
7	13	19	37
8	15	20	39
9	17	21	41
10	19	22	43
11	21	23	45
12	23	24	47

24.3.3. A Marathon race will be scored as two races in a Series.

- a) When the Marathon is sailed in the Preliminary series, the boards finishing position will be divided by the number of groups in the series and applied to each of these two races.

For example, an event of 90 competitors, where fleet has been split into two groups, and where a board finishes in 70th position, the board's score will be recorded as 35th for both races.

- b) When the Marathon is sailed in the Elimination series, the score will be the boards finishing position and applied to each of these two races.

24.4. A board's Qualification series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score(s) as follows:

24.4.1. When racing in a single fleet:

Qualification Series Races	Discards	Comments
1-2	0	No score excluded
3-7	1	One worst score excluded
8-15	2	Two worst scores excluded
16 or more	3	Three worst scores excluded

However no more than one BFD score in Sprint Racing may be excluded. This changes RRS A2.

24.4.2. When racing in a split fleet:

Preliminary Series Races	Discards	Comments
1-2	0	No score excluded
3-7	1	One worst score in Preliminary Series excluded
8-10	2	Two worst scores in Preliminary Series excluded
Elimination Series Races	Discards	Comments

1-2	0	No score excluded
3-7	1	One worst score in Elimination Series excluded
8 or more	2	Two worst scores in Elimination Series excluded

However, no more than one BFD score in Sprint Racing may be excluded from each the Preliminary and the Elimination Series. This changes RRS A2.

- 24.5. To request correction of an alleged error in posted results, a board shall complete a Scoring Enquiry Form available [online](#) on the Event Website.
- 24.6. For Preliminary Series, scores are based on the number of boards assigned to the largest group in that Series. This changes RRS A5.2.
- 24.7. When racing in heats, board that did not start, did not sail the course, did not finish retired or was disqualified shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boards assigned to the largest heat in the Series. This changes RRS A5.2
- 24.8. When racing in multiple groups, boards assigned to Gold group will be ranked higher in the regatta than boards assigned to Silver group and so for the Silver group over Bronze group.
- 24.9. **Finals**
 - 24.9.1. If a stage is cancelled, boards in that stage are ranked in order of their seeding.
 - 24.9.2. **Quarter and Semi Final**
 - 24.9.2.1. The sixth to tenth overall ranked boards from the Qualification Series will qualify to the Quarter Final race.
 - 24.9.2.2. The first 2 ranked boards in the Quarter Final race and the fifth, fourth and third overall ranked boards from the Qualification Series will qualify to the Semi Final.
 - 24.9.2.3. If there is a tie between two or more boards in Quarter or Semi Final, it will be broken in favor of the board which was ranked higher in the previous stage where the tied boards sailed together. This change RRS A8.
 - 24.9.3. **Grand Final**
 - 24.9.3.1. The first 2 ranked boards in the Semi Final race and the second and first overall ranked board from the Qualification Series will qualify to the Grand Final.
 - 24.9.3.2. The first and second overall ranked board from the Qualification Series carry forward to the Grand Final one match point.
 - 24.9.3.3. In each race of the Grand Final, the board with the lowest race score collects a match point.
 - 24.9.3.4. The Grand Final will continue until one board collects two match points
 - 24.9.3.5. Boards in the Grand Final will be ranked in order of the number of match points, from highest to lowest regardless if the Grand Final is completed or not.
 - 24.9.3.6. If there is a tie in match points between two or more boards in the Grand Final, they will be ranked according to their score in the last race of the Grand Final. If a tie remains, it will be broken in favor of the board that was ranked higher in the previous stage where the tied boards sailed together. This changes RRS A8.
- 24.10. **Overall standings**
 - 24.10.1. Boards assigned to compete in the Finals will be ranked highest in the event as per the table below, except for a board disqualified from the Finals under RRS 6 or RRS 69.

Event Rank	Results in the Finals
1	1 st place Grand Final
2	2 nd place Grand Final
3	3 rd place Grand Final
4	4 th place Grand Final
5	3 rd place Semi-Final
6	4 th place Semi-Final
7	5 th place Semi-Final
8	3 rd place Quarter-Final
9	4 th place Quarter-Final
10	5 th place Quarter-Final

24.10.2. If no race in the Finals is completed, the results of the Qualification Series will be event's final results.

25. [DP] [NP] SAFETY REGULATIONS

25.1. A competitor that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible and shall complete a declaration form available [online](#) on the Event website, within the protest time limit.

25.2. Competitors not racing for any of the racing days shall inform the Race Office.

25.3. [SP] Sign-out/Sign-in system may be used. The procedure will be described in the SSI.

26. LOCATIONS OF IMPORTANCE

The Location of importance will be described in the SSI.

27. OFFICIAL VESSELS

The identification of the Official vessels will be described in the SSI.

28. SUPPORT BOATS

28.1. Support boats and persons shall comply with the Support Team Regulations. See NOR/SI Addendum B.

28.2. The following documents shall be brought to the event Race Office before the First Race: Proof of valid third-party liability Insurance. Boat driving license (if applicable).

29. ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

29.1. It is recalled the Basic Principle which states: "Participants are encouraged to minimize any adverse environmental impact of the sport of sailing", it is recommended that care be taken to protect the environment at all times during and after the event. Especially attention is drawn to intentionally put trash in the water. This rule applies at all times while afloat. The penalty for a breach of this rule may be less than disqualification".

29.2. [DP] Trash may be placed aboard support and Committee vessels.

30. [DP] RADIO COMMUNICATION

30.1. While on the water, a competitor shall not carry equipment capable of making radio transmissions or receiving radio communications, except for equipment provided by the Organizing Authority. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

30.2. For purposes of safety, support vessels may monitor the Race Committee working channel,

but cannot transmit on this channel except in the case of an emergency. The official channel of the race committee will be published in the SSI.

31. PRIZES

- 31.1. Medals for the *2026 iQFOiL and iQFOiL Youth & Junior Asian Championships and iQFOiL International Games* will be awarded to the first 3 Men and Women and trophies/prizes to the 4th and 5th Men and Women events (U15, U17, U19, U23, Open).
- 31.2. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the iQFOiL Class Administration

32. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 32.1. Rule 3 of the RRS states: "The responsibility for a board's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone." Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:
 - 32.1.1. They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves and their board to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
 - 32.1.2. They are responsible for the safety of themselves and their board and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
 - 32.1.3. They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
 - 32.1.4. Their board is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
 - 32.1.5. The provision of a race management team, patrol vessels and other officials and volunteers by the race organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
 - 32.1.6. The provision of patrol vessel cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
 - 32.1.7. The fact that the Race Committee or Technical Committee conducts inspections, or not, of a vessel does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this NOR/SI.

33. INSURANCE

- 33.1. Each participating competitor shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of €1.500.000 per event or the equivalent.
- 33.2. Support vessel drivers shall also have valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of €1,500,000 per event or the equivalent.

34. TELEVISION AND MEDIA

In registering for the event, competitors automatically grant to the OA and the iQFOiL Class Association the right in perpetuity to make, use and show from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of them, taken during the period of the event as defined in the NoR/SI in which he/she participates, without compensation.

35. [NP] OFFICIAL CEREMONIES AND DRESS CODE

- 35.1. Competitors should attend the Opening Ceremony, Prize Giving and Closing Ceremony, if held.
- 35.2. Smart casual clothes shall be worn.

FURTHER INFORMATION (not part of NoR/SI)

For issues related to travel, transfers and accommodation, please contact:
wahk@windsurfing.org.hk

A TRAVEL, TRANSFER & ACCOMMODATION

For equipment transfers from airports to venue, please contact: wahk@windsurfing.org.hk

Neither the LOA nor International iQFOiL Class Association take responsibility for travel and accommodation arrangements made in error.

B PREVAILING CONDITIONS

The conditions that can be expected are:

- wind speed 10-15 knots,
- water temperature 24,2°C
- air temperature 22-24°C.

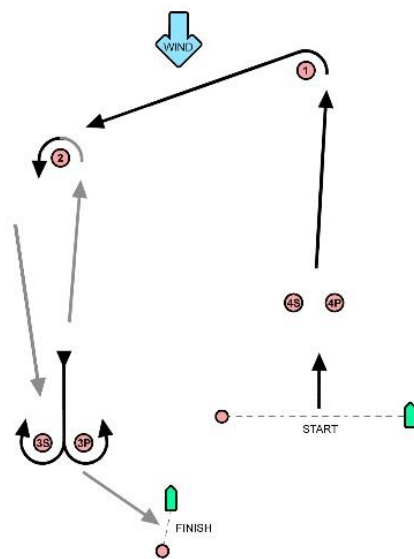
C EARLY ARRIVAL

Competitors arriving early are advised that support from the organizers can be arranged, in advance.

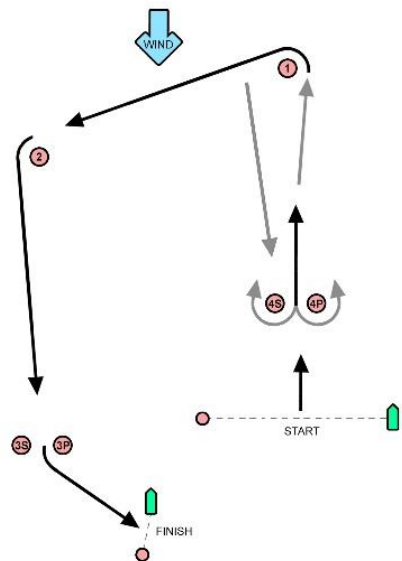
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ADDENDUM A - COURSE DIAGRAMS

Course racing – Trapezoid course

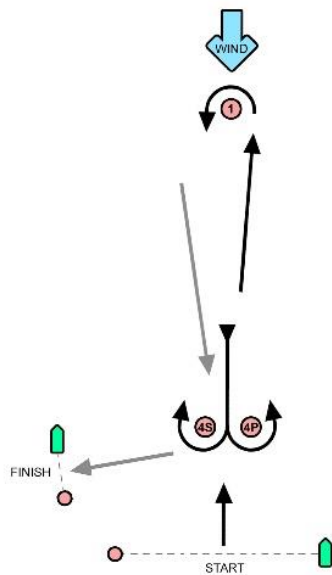


Signal	Mark rounding order
O2	Start-1-2-3S/3P-2-3P-Finish

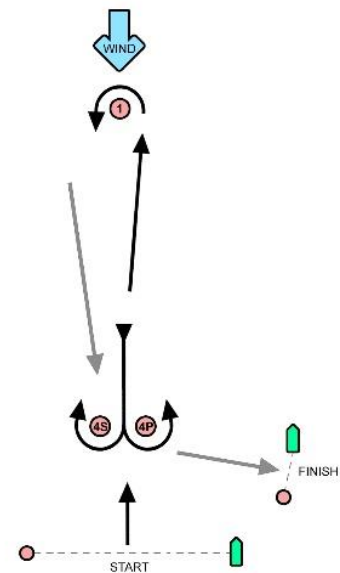


Signal	Mark rounding order
I2	Start-1-4S/4P-1-2-3P-Finish

Course racing – W/L course

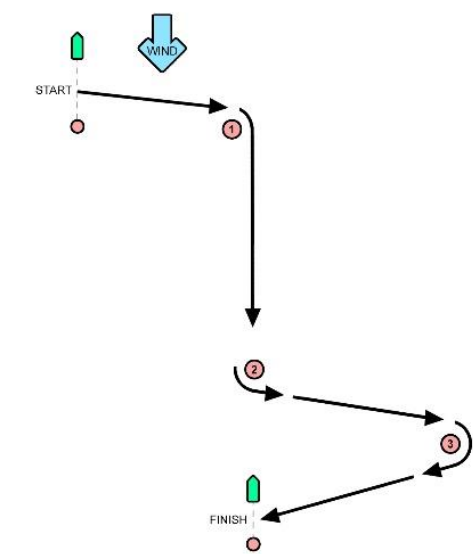


Signal	Mark rounding order
LG2	Start-1- 4S/4P-1-4S-Finish

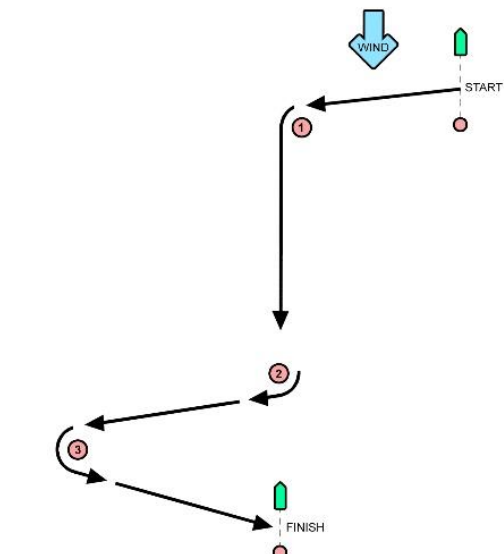


Signal	Mark rounding order
LR2	Start-1- 4S/4P-1-4P-Finish

Sprint racing - Sprint Slalom course (FINALSMR2)

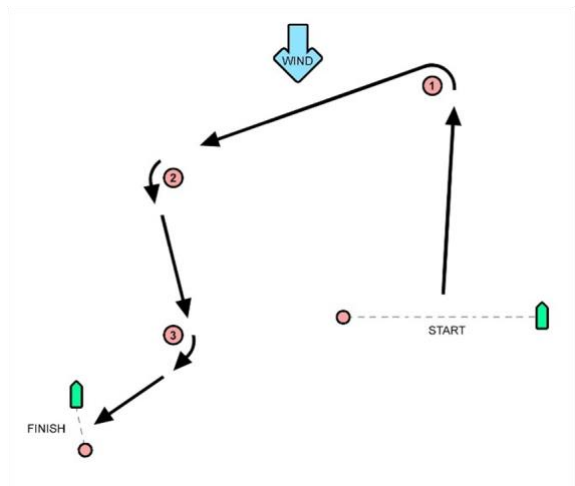


Signal	Mark rounding order
PD3	Start-1- 2-3-Finish

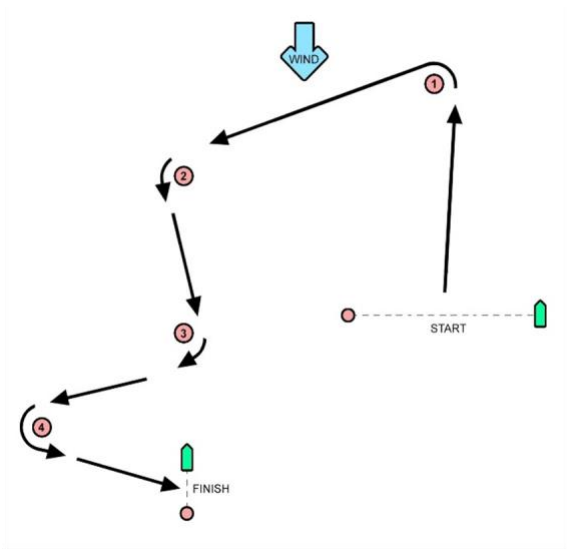


Signal	Mark rounding order
SD3	Start-1- 2-3-Finish

Sprint racing – Upwind sprint course

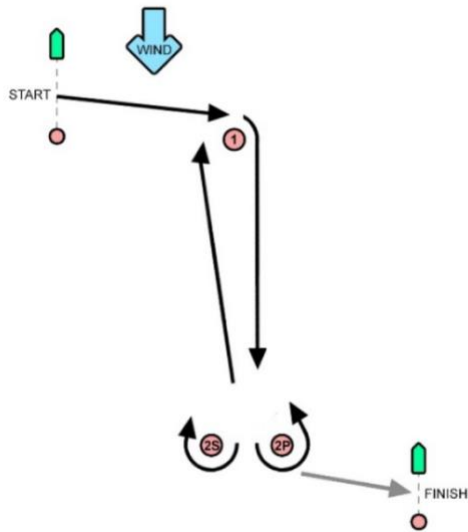


Signal	Mark rounding order
US3	Start-1- 2-3-Finish

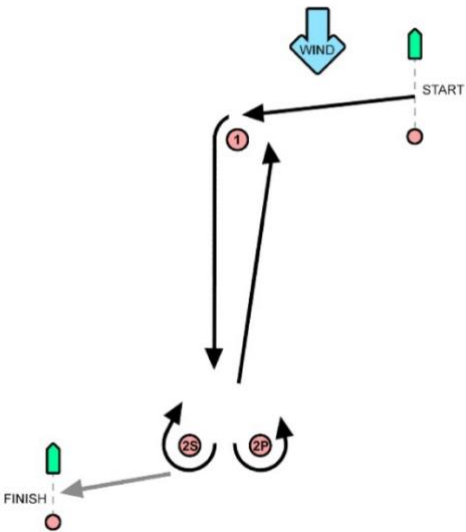


Signal	Mark rounding order
US4	Start-1- 2-3-4-Finish

FINALS MR1 Course



Signal	Mark rounding order
PM1	Start-1-2S/2P-1-2P-Finish



Signal	Mark rounding order
SM1	Start-1-2S/2P-1-2S-Finish

ADDENDUM B – SUPPORT TEAM REGULATION

1. GENERAL

1. This Support Team Regulations (STR) shall apply from 1700 on Tuesday 8th December until 1730 on Sunday 13th December 2026.
2. For the purposes of these regulations, a support vessel includes any boat that is under the control or direction of a person who is or may provide physical or advisory support to an athlete, including the gathering of data that may be used at a later time.
3. The Organizing Authority may inspect boats at any time to ensure that they comply with these regulations, and the person responsible for the boat shall facilitate such inspection.
4. An alleged breach of any of these regulations may be referred to the International Jury for a hearing. As a result of the hearing, the International Jury may instruct the Organizing Authority to withdraw accreditation and access rights from the offending party, with or without the option of substitution, either for a specified period or for the remainder of the competition.
5. The Organizing Authority may change these regulations at any time. Any changes will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
6. Support boats and designated drivers shall be registered at the Regatta Office either before leaving the venue by water for the first time or by 1800 on the day before the first race of a competitor that it is supporting, whichever is earlier.
7. Each boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of € 1,500,000 euro (or equivalent) per incident.
8. Only the registered person may be a designated driver.
9. The person registering the support boat shall sign to confirm that:
 - 9.1. he / she holds a valid insurance certificate showing proof of third-party liability coverage as required by SBR 1.7;
 - 9.2. the designated driver has a motorboat driving license recognized by a national authority appropriate to that boat;
 - 9.3. anyone who will be using a radio has an appropriate radio operation license recognized by a national authority.
10. Support boats shall be marked as follows:
 - 10.1. the three-letter NOC code shall be clearly displayed on both sides of the boat in strongly contrasting colors at all times while afloat;
 - 10.2. the minimum height for the letters shall be 200 mm. The letters will not be provided by the Organizing Authority.

2. SAILING VENUE

1. Support boats shall use the designated slipway/area for launching. Once launched, trailers shall be moved immediately to the trailer park or as otherwise directed by the Organizing Authority.
2. Only support boats that will be registered will be allowed into the sailing venue.
3. When not in use, support boats shall be appropriately berthed at the sailing venue in the allocated areas for support boats for the entire time that these SBR apply.

3. SAFETY

1. Support boats shall carry on board:
 - 1.1. Life jackets / buoyancy aid for all passengers and the driver (it is recommended that they are worn at all times when afloat);
 - 1.2. First-aid kit;
 - 1.3. VHF radio;

- 1.4. Device for making a sound signal;
- 1.5. Compass;
- 1.6. Adequate anchor and tackle for conditions and depth;
- 1.7. Tow rope (minimum 15m long and 10mm thick);
- 1.8. Operational engine kill cord (also known as a safety lanyard or automatic engine immobilizer);
- 1.9. Knife.
2. Kill cords shall be used at all times when the engine is running.
3. Team leaders are responsible for overseeing the safety of their support boats on the water, including knowledge of who is afloat and ensuring their safe return to the venue.
4. At all times, the registered driver(s) of a support boat shall comply with directions given by a Race Official. In particular, this includes assisting in rescue operations when requested to do so.

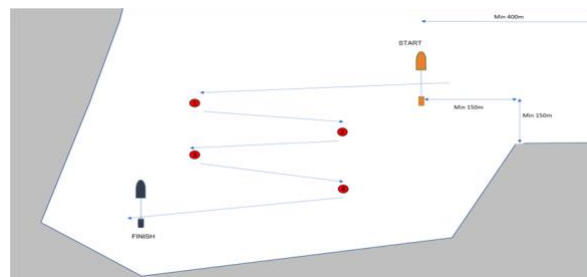
4. GENERAL RESTRICTIONS

1. The registered driver(s) of a support boat will be responsible for the control of the boat at all times and will be held responsible for any inappropriate behavior, dangerous actions or improper practices, or actions affecting the fairness or safety of competition.
2. Support boats shall not leave any device, piece of equipment, buoy, marker or similar item permanently in the water. Temporary use of floating objects is allowed for current measurement. These objects shall be removed as soon as the measurement has been taken.
3. Support boats should take particular care to minimize their wash when transiting the course areas.

5. SUPPORT BOAT ZONE

1. Support Boats shall not be positioned:
 - 1.1. Closer than 150 meters of any board racing;
 - 1.2. Within 150 meters of the starting line and marks from the time of the preparatory signal until all boards have left the starting area, or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment;
 - 1.3. Between any board racing and the next mark of the course;
 - 1.4. Between the inner and outer trapezoid courses when boards are racing on both courses;
 - 1.5. Within 150 meters of any mark of the course while boards are in the vicinity of that mark;
 - 1.6. Within 150 meters of the finishing line and marks while boards are finishing.
2. For reaching starts, support boats shall not be positioned to windward of any areas where boards may be racing and within 400m of the approach to the starting line.

Example:



ADDENDUM C – STANDARD PENALTIES

In accordance with the NoR/SI 21, the Race Committee will initially apply the following Standard Penalties:

Event bib/Leaders' bib not worn as instructed	One point scoring penalty for each race where instruction has been broken
Event advertising not displayed as prescribed	One point scoring penalty for each race where instruction has been broken
Coloured ribbon not displayed as instructed	One point scoring penalty for each race where instruction has been broken
No sign out or not collected a tracking module or camera or other electronic equipment if so prescribed	One point scoring penalty for the first race of the day
No sign in or not returned a tracking module or camera or other electronic equipment if so prescribed	One point scoring penalty for the last race of the day. (If no sign out and sign in, only one point scoring penalty will be applied for the last/first race of the day)
Leaving when D flag is not displayed ashore	Five points scoring penalty for the race closest in time.

In accordance with the NoR/SI 21, the Technical Committee will initially apply the following Standard Penalties:

Helmet - did not wear according with CR	Five points scoring penalty for the race where rule has been broken
Whistle - did not carry	Five points scoring penalty for the race where rule has been broken
Impact vest – did not wear according with CR	Five points scoring penalty for the race where rule has been broken
Harness above 4 kg according to Senior CR Harness above 2,5kg according to Youth & Junior CR	Five points scoring penalty for the race where rule has been broken
Personal Equipment above 6 kg according with CR	Five points scoring penalty for the race where rule has been broken
Sail Numbers/National letter not applied according to CR	Two points scoring penalty for the race where rule has been broken
National Flag not applied according to the CR	Two points scoring penalty for the race where rule has been broken
Not completing the Equipment Registration Form online (ERF)	Five points scoring penalty added to first race scored
QR Sticker missing	One point scoring penalty for the race where rule has been broken (*)
QR Stickers different than registered in the ERF	Five points scoring penalty for the race where rule has been broken (*)

(*) Standard penalty imposed for the issues arising from the post-race inspection as per Nor/SI 10.7 will apply to each race of the latest day of the Qualification Series when the races were sailed.