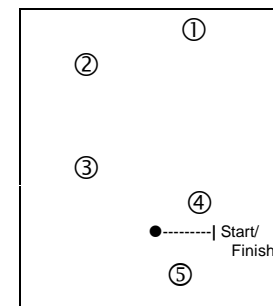


1. **RULES**
The event will be governed by the 'Rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). The prescriptions of the Irish Sailing Association will apply. The host club for the respective event is the organising authority and events are run in conjunction with the Irish Laser Association.
2. **ALTERATIONS TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS OR SCHEDULE**
Any alterations to the Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be posted on the Official Notice Board not later than one hour prior to the scheduled start of the first race on the day it will take effect except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 20.00 hrs. on the day before it will take effect. It is the sole responsibility of each competitor to ensure that they have apprised themselves of any such alterations.
3. **SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**
In addition to RRS 'Race Signals', when Int. Code Flag 'D' is displayed ashore boats of the designated class(es)/ Fleet(s) shall not go afloat. The Warning Signal will be made not earlier than 45 minutes after this signal is lowered.
4. **FLEETS AND CLASS FLAGS**
All boats will use the Laser Class Flag as their Class Flag
5. **ELIGIBILITY**
All entrants shall be members of the Laser Class Association.
6. **SAFETY**
(a) Personal flotation devices shall be worn at all times when afloat. This amends RRS 40.
(b) All boats shall have a painter of at least three metres of suitable line made fast at the bow.
7. **SAIL NUMBERS**
Except as permitted by this SI, boats shall use their correct sail numbers, which shall be clearly readable on both sides of the sail. RRS G4 shall not apply (breach of this SI will result in disqualification). Permission to sail under any other number shall be sought in writing from the Race Committee before going afloat and will be granted only in exceptional circumstances. Duplication of sail numbers in the same or different Fleets is not permitted under any circumstances and will result in all relevant boats being scored DSQ without a hearing (amends RRS 63.1).
8. **STARTING LINE**
The Starting Line shall be between the main mast on the Committee Boat and a Starting Mark. An Inner Limit Buoy may be moored approximately on the Starting Line and, if so, no boat shall pass between the Inner Limit Buoy and the Committee Boat after her Warning Signal.
9. **STARTING SIGNALS AND ORDER OF STARTS**
All boats shall start together, irrespective of the Rig that they are using.
10. **GENERAL RECALLS**
General Recalls will be made in accordance with Rule 29.2.
11. **U FLAG PENALTY RULE**
If flag U has been displayed as the preparatory signal, no part of a boat's hull, crew, or equipment shall be in the triangle formed by the ends of the starting line and the first mark during the last minute before her starting signal. If a boat breaks this rule and is identified, she shall be disqualified without a hearing but not if the race is restarted or resailed, or postponed or abandoned before the starting signal. This changes RRS 26.
12. **BLACK FLAG PENALTY RULE**
If a general recall is signalled the sail numbers of boats identified infringing RRS 30.3 will be displayed on the Committee Boat for a minimum period of three minutes. A long sound signal will be made when the numbers are initially displayed.
If the Race Committee decides that a boat or boats have been materially prejudiced by the application of RRS 30.3 through an action or omission of the Race Committee, it may give redress by not displaying the sail numbers of boats identified and not disqualifying them. This SI amends RRS 30.3 and 63.1.
13. **COURSE AND MARKS**
The course will be laid using marks positioned approximately as shown in the accompanying diagram.
After starting the marks shall be rounded to port in the following order:-
1 - 4 - 1 - 2 - 3 - 5 - Finish Line

Note – "Inner Loop" will be sailed
14. **Not Used**
15. **FINISHING LINE**
The Finishing Line shall be between the main mast on the Committee Boat and a Finishing Mark.
16. **TIME LIMIT**
In amendment of RRS 35 any boat which fails to finish within 20 minutes of the leading boat in her Fleet shall be scored as 'Did not finish'. The Time Limit for the leading boat in each Fleet shall be 2 hours.
17. **IMMEDIATE PENALTIES FOR BREAKING RULE 42**
Appendix P will apply.
18. **PROTESTS, PROTEST TIME AND HEARINGS**
In addition to the obligations in RRS 61.1(a) protesting boats shall, immediately after finishing, inform the Race Officer (on the Committee Boat at the Finish) of the sail number(s) of any boat(s) against which she intends to protest. Protest Forms will be available from the Race Office and all protests shall be delivered to the Race Office within Protest Time. Protest Time will begin as soon as possible after the finish of the last boat in the last race each day and will last for 60 minutes. The end of Protest Time will be published on the Official Notice Board. The sail numbers of boats involved in protests together with the schedule of protests will be posted on the Official Notice Board 15 minutes after the end of Protest Time.
In amendment of RRS 66 any request for re-opening a hearing shall be made within 30 minutes of the party being informed of the decision.



19. **SCORING SYSTEM**

Six races are scheduled of which three shall be completed to constitute a series. The low-point scoring system, RRS Appendix A, will apply, except that:

If only three races are sailed all shall be counted.

The Standard and Radial Fleets shall each be scored separately.

Category prizes will only be awarded to those whose correct category is shown in the results.

20. **TEAM AND SUPPORT BOATS**

Team Leaders, Coaches and other support personnel shall not go afloat during the championship except in boats under the direct control of the Race Committee. Furthermore, except when engaged in a specific rescue such support boats shall not enter the racing area while any race is in progress, or be less than 100 metres from any boat that is racing. The penalty for failing to comply with this SI may be the disqualification of all boats associated with the infringing support personnel, or such other penalty as is considered appropriate.

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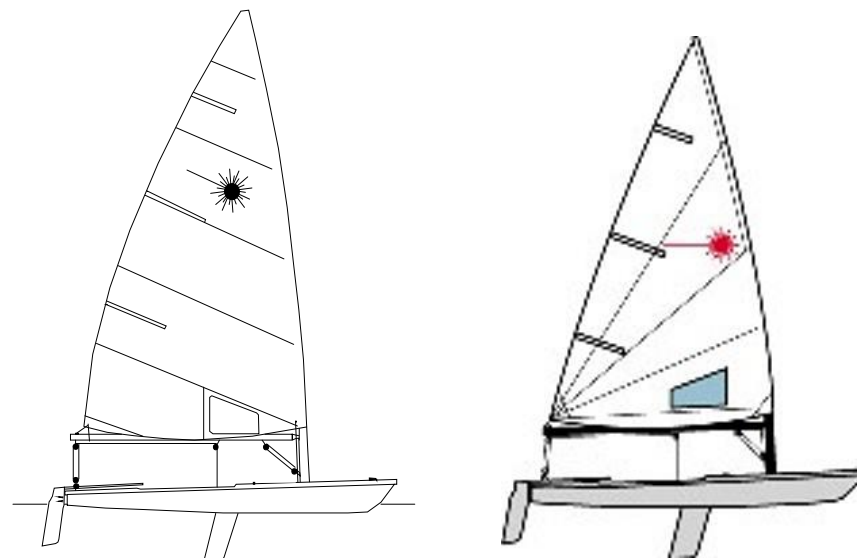
MARKS

The Rounding Marks will be YELLOW Inflatable Marks

The Starting Mark will be a CANDY STRIPED Inflatable Mark

The Finishing Mark will be a DAN BUOY displaying an ORANGE flag

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