



# International Topper Class World Championships 2024

Federación De Vela Region De Murcia, Spain  
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## NOTICE OF RACE

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## NOTICE OF RACE (NOR)

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of the Royal Spanish Sailing Federation will not apply.
- 1.3 The following documents will also govern the event:
  - 1.3.1 The Equipment Rules of Sailing
  - 1.3.2 The International Topper Class Rules
- 1.4 RRS 90.3(e) will apply with '24 hours' changed to '30 minutes'.
- 1.5 In all rules governing this event the notation [NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protest or request for redress by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a) and (b).
- 1.6 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.
- 1.7 An international jury will be appointed in accordance with RRS Appendix N. Decisions of the international jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.
- 1.8 Appendix P "Special Procedures for Rule 42" will apply.
- 1.9 [NP][DP] All sailors and support persons shall follow any reasonable instruction given by a race official.

### 2 ADVERTISING [NP][DP]

- 2.1 In accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20, boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.
- 2.2 Competitors may be invited to wear event sponsored race bibs over all other items of apparel.

### 3 ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 The event is open to all International Topper class dinghies.
- 3.2 There will be separate championships for competitors using 5.3m<sup>2</sup> sails and 4.2m<sup>2</sup> sails.

- 3.3 Every competitor must be a current member of a National Topper Class Association. Competitors that are not already a member of a National Topper Class Association may join ITCA (See NOR 4.2.3 for contact details).
- 3.4 All Spanish sailors, with legal residence in Spain or sailing in representation of a Spanish Club must be in possession of the Spanish Sailing Licence 2024.
- 3.5 Each competitor under 18 years of age on the 20<sup>th</sup> July 2024 shall submit a fully completed parent / guardian consent form to the Organising Authority at registration, naming and providing contact details for the adult that will be responsible for that competitor at the venue throughout the event ('responsible adult'). This consent form will be available on the ITCA website and may be automatically emailed to each sailor upon completing the online entry form.
- 3.6 Competitors under 18 years of age must be accompanied by their responsible adult (in person) when registering for the event.
- 3.7 Each responsible adult shall remain within the immediate vicinity of the venue at all times when any of the competitors for whom they are responsible are at the venue, whether afloat or ashore.
- 3.8 On 1 March 2022, World Sailing published the following recommendations in reaction to the situation in Ukraine: [www.sailing.org/2022/03/01/worldsailing-statement-6/](http://www.sailing.org/2022/03/01/worldsailing-statement-6/). After this, the Consejo Superior de Deportes of Spanish Government and Real Federación Española de Vela published recommendations in the same line. To help preserve the integrity and safety of this event the organising committee does not accept competitors holding only Russian or Belarussian nationality. The Organizing Authority will be monitoring the situation and will adapt recommendations and measures according to future developments for this event.
- 3.9 Only the person listed as the competitor on the entry form for a boat shall compete in that boat in the event.

#### **4 ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS [DP]**

- 4.1 All boats shall comply with the International Topper Class Rules, in particular only sails and spars supplied by the licensee Topper International shall be used.
- 4.2 Each boat shall display the 2024 Event Number of the competitor sailing the boat (unless otherwise agreed in advance with the Race Committee) in accordance with the International Topper Class Rules. Competitors who do not have an Event Number shall apply for allocation of a number:
  - 4.2.1 GBR sailors apply to GBR Topper Association ([secretary@itca-gbr.co.uk](mailto:secretary@itca-gbr.co.uk))
  - 4.2.2 IRL sailors apply to the IRL Topper Association ([membership.irl@gmail.com](mailto:membership.irl@gmail.com))
  - 4.2.3 Other nationalities should apply to the Secretary General ([secretary@itcaworld.org](mailto:secretary@itcaworld.org))
- 4.3 It is the responsibility of the competitor to obtain and fix the Event Numbers to the sail and boat in accordance with the Class Rules.
- 4.4 4.2m<sup>2</sup> sails shall not be used in the 5.3m<sup>2</sup> championship, and 5.3m<sup>2</sup> sails shall not be used in the 4.2m<sup>2</sup> championship.

#### **5 ENTRY APPLICATION & ENTRY PROCESS**

- 5.1 Application for entry shall be made at: <https://itcaworld.ourclubadmin.com/login.php>
- 5.2 Entry fees are shown below, there is a sliding scale of fees to encourage early entries
  - (1) £300 for entries received on or before May 22<sup>nd</sup> 2024
  - (2) £330 for entries received thereafter, up to and including June 19<sup>th</sup> 2024

(3) £360 for entries received thereafter. Entries in this case are subject to confirmation by the Secretary, and will only be accepted if, in the opinion of the Race Committee, there is adequate safety cover available.

5.3 The total number of entries is restricted to 300 boats.

5.4 If an entry is cancelled by the competitor their entry fee will be refunded as follows:

(1) 50% of the entry fee paid is refundable for cancellations received by July 1<sup>st</sup> 2024

(2) No entry fee is refundable after July 1<sup>st</sup> 2024.

5.5 In all instances refunds are processed on the credit or debit card used to pay for application or entry. Please ensure the expiry date of the credit card used for payment is after August 31<sup>st</sup> 2024. Credit card details are not retained by the entry system and refunds cannot be made to another card. If the card expires and a refund is required, the refund will be by another method at the expense of the sailor.

## **6 REGISTRATION**

6.1 Registration will be from 10:00 on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2024.

6.2 Each competitor shall register before racing and provide proof of current membership of a National Topper Class Association (or ITCA).

## **7 MEASUREMENT AND INSPECTION**

7.1 Measurement will start on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July at 10:00 but may open before for early arrivals.

7.2 No boat shall race in the championships before it has passed measurement. [DP]

7.3 Boats may also be required to be presented for Measurement and Inspection during the event. Information on measurement and inspection will be posted on the official notice board.

7.4 The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race.

## **8 SCHEDULE**

8.1 Championship racing is scheduled to take place for both classes (4.2m<sup>2</sup> and 5.3m<sup>2</sup>) on each day between Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July and Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July inclusive.

8.2 There will be an initial competitor briefing, that all competitors should attend at 17.30 on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July, outside the CAR Centre Race Office.

8.3 The warning signal for the first race on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July will be no earlier than 12.00.

8.4 On the last day of the event no starting signal will be made after 15:30.

### **8.5 For the 5.3 Championship**

8.5.1 A Qualifying series will be sailed followed by the Final Series in which the entry will be divided into two or three fleets, Gold, Silver, and (if numbers warrant) Bronze.

8.5.2 Races on each day will normally be back-to-back, with no opportunity to return to shore between races. The intention is that competitors are afloat for no longer than 6 hours on each day without a break ashore, but this time may be exceeded to allow a race in progress to be completed.

8.5.3 If four races have not been completed by the end of Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July the Qualifying series will continue to the end of the racing day when a fourth Qualifying race is completed.

8.5.4 A total of 15 races are scheduled.

### **8.6 For the 4.2 Championship**

- 8.6.1 If more than 70 boats enter, the championship may be split into a Qualifying series followed by a Final series in which the entry will be divided into two fleets, Gold and Silver. Otherwise, there will be a single championship series with all boats racing together in a single fleet.
- 8.6.2 Races on each day will normally be back-to-back, with no opportunity to return to shore between races. The intention is that competitors are afloat for no longer than 6 hours on each day without a break ashore, but this time may be exceeded to allow a race in progress to be completed.
- 8.6.3 Where there is a Qualifying series, if four races have not been completed by the end of Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July the Qualifying series will continue to the end of the racing day when a fourth Qualifying race is completed.
- 8.6.4 A total of 15 races are scheduled.

## **9 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 9.1 Sailing Instructions will be published on the ITCA website and the Official Event website prior to the event, and will be displayed on the Official Notice Board at the event. Paper copies **will not** be available at the Event

## **10 RACING AREA**

- 10.1 Racing will be held on the Mar Menor.

## **11 THE COURSES**

- 11.1 The 5.3 fleet will sail inner and outer loop trapezoid courses as specified in the Sailing Instructions.
- 11.2 The courses to be sailed by 4.2 fleet will be specified in the Sailing Instructions.

## **12 SCORING**

- 12.1 The championships will be scored in accordance with Appendix A as amended by the Sailing Instructions.

### **For the 5.3 World Championship**

- 12.2 At least four races must be completed in the Qualification Series prior to the fleet being split into Final Series fleets (Gold, Silver and possibly Bronze). A single race must be completed by the Gold fleet in the Final Series to constitute the Championship.
- 12.3 A boat's Championship score will be the total of her scores in all races in the Final Series after discards, together with a points score equal to her overall ranking at the end of the Qualification Series (which shall not be discarded). All boats in the Final Series Gold fleet will rank ahead of all boats in the Final Series Silver fleet, who will rank ahead of all boats in the Final Series Bronze fleet (if applicable).
- 12.4 For each of the Qualification Series and the Final Series:
- When 3 or fewer races have been completed all races will count;
  - When 4 to 7 races have been completed there will be one discard;
  - When 8 or more races have been completed there will be two discards.
- 12.5 When the Championship is not properly constituted (minimum one race completed by the Gold Fleet in the Final Series) prizes will still be awarded, however the Overall Championship Trophy will not be awarded.

### **For the 4.2 World Championship**

- 12.6 If the championship is split into a Qualifying series and a Final series then the championship will be scored in the same way as the 5.3 championship (see NoR 12.2 to 12.5).
- 12.7 Otherwise:

- 12.7.1 All boats will race together in a single championship series.
- 12.7.2 At least four races must be completed to constitute the Championship.
- 12.7.3 Discards will be as follows:
- When 3 or fewer races have been completed all scores will count
  - When 4 to 9 races have been completed there will be one discard
  - When 10 to 14 races have been completed there will be two discards
  - When 15 to 19 races have been completed there will be three discards
  - Where 20 or more races have been completed there will be four discards.

## **13 SUPPORT BOATS**

- 13.1 Only support boats registered with the Event Safety Officer will be permitted on the race course.
- 13.2 Support boats will need to be pre-registered at <https://itcaworld.ourclubadmin.com/login.php> and a fee of £50 paid prior to going on the water at the venue. Support boat drivers will need to show their power boat proficiency certificate and proof of insurance.
- 13.3 In addition, all support persons that may be in charge of a support boat will need to register with the organising authority at the venue before taking charge of a support boat during the event (ideally during the Registration and Measurement days).
- 13.4 All support persons will need to comply with all support person and support boat regulations included in the sailing instructions and/or published on the official notice board.
- 13.5 The organising authority reserves the right to reject or cancel the registration of any support boat or support person in charge for any reasonable reason.

## **14 PRIZES**

- 14.1 Prizes will be awarded at the conclusion of the event at the discretion of ITCA World, the host club and the event sponsor(s).

## **15 RISK STATEMENT**

- 15.1 Rule 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or continue racing 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 (and their parents / guardians in the case of competitors under 18 years of age) agrees and acknowledges that:

- 15.1.1 They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- 15.1.2 They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- 15.1.3 They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omission;
- 15.1.4 Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- 15.1.5 The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organisers does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- 15.1.6 The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;

- 15.1.7 It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

## 16 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per event or equivalent.

## 17 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

- 17.1 The FVRM aims to minimise the environmental impact of hosting the Championships and, in conjunction with the club's sustainability actions, we urge all competitors and visitors to bring re-useable water bottles. There are several 'rehydration stations' on site where water bottles can be replenished with fresh drinking water.

## 18 PHOTOGRAPHY CONSENT

- 18.1 By entering the Championships competitors accept that they may be photographed and/or videotaped participating in the race and/or using the Championship facilities and they consent to the taking of such images and to the use, reuse, publication and republication of such images in any media, in conjunction with the competitors name or not, without compensation and without the competitor's approval of such images or any use thereof.
- 18.2 Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment as specified by the organising authority.

## 19 PRIVACY STATEMENT

- 19.1 The personal information you provide to the organizing authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the event. If you have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the event (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is contract. If you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest. Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the organizing authority's privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the national authority of the host venue, your national authority and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

## 20 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 20.1 For information on local accommodation, campervan parking enquiries and things to do in the area, please visit <https://www.itcaworld.org/events/venue-information-for-the-topper-worlds-2024,-murcia-spain/>

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