

Rules for Nordic Championships

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1 General Rules

Nordic championships shall be governed by

- (a) *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, with the prescriptions of the Nordic Sailing Federation, (abbreviated NordicSF), and
- (b) these Rules for Nordic Championships.

2 Sanction of a Nordic Championship

- 2.1 An ISAF class or a class recognized by NordicSF can, together with a club affiliated to an ISAF national authority in one of the Nordic countries or in Estonia, organize a Nordic championship. Bids shall be received by the national authority by 1 November of the year before the intended event. The bid document shall include the class(es), dates, venue, organizing authority, e-mail address and website. The national authority shall inform NordicSF and ISAF Group G of its decision before next 1 January. NordicSF will publish this information on www.nordicsailing.org.
- 2.2 The championship shall be organized for both men and women when applicable.
- 2.3 A class with a class association in at least three Group G countries but without ISAF or NordicSF recognition may apply for a Nordic championship and get approval for a test period.
- 2.4 Applications according to paragraph 2.3 shall be submitted to NordicSF via the national authority by 1 September of the year before the intended event. The application shall contain at least the time and place for the intended event, the organizing authority and information on the class, describing its popularity and class organization in the relevant countries. One requirement is that the class has the same class rules in those countries. The national authority shall submit this information to NordicSF before 1 October.

3 Name of the Event

- 3.1 The names 'Nordic Championship' and 'Nordic Youth Championship', and their equivalents in other languages, may be used only for approved championships.
- 3.2 The national authority may use the name of a sponsor combined with 'Nordic [Youth] Championship' and its equivalent in other languages.

4 Administration

- 4.1 The Rules for Nordic Championships are composed and administered by NordicSF. Any changes shall be approved at the spring meeting of NordicSF.
- 4.2 A national authority may apply to NordicSF for an exemption from these rules. Such an application can be considered and decided without the approval of the annual meeting of NordicSF.
- 4.3 The English text shall prevail in interpreting these rules.

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5 Ownership of Sound and Picture Rights

- 5.1 Commercial sound and picture rights of a Nordic championship are the property of the host national authority.
- 5.2 Any national regulations concerning sound and picture rights shall apply.
- 5.3 The national authority may grant the sound and picture rights to a third party.

6 Requirements on Competitors and Boats

- 6.1 The championship is open to boats from outside Group G. Such boats may win the title of Nordic Champion
- 6.2 All competitors (including crew members) shall be members of a club affiliated to its ISAF national authority.
- 6.3 To constitute a Nordic Championship the event shall have
 - (a) at least 15 competing boats (in Olympic classes 10) and
 - (b) competing boats from at least three countries in Group G. If there are only two countries, there shall be at least three boats from each.

Rules governing the number of competing boats in a Nordic Youth Championship are stated in paragraph B7.

- 6.4 The organizing authority can, in consultation with the national class association and the national authority,
 - (a) limit the number of entries and
 - (b) limit entries to members of Group G.
- 6.5 If a competitor cannot complete the series, the race committee may permit substitution when requested in writing. In such a case the award of any prizes will be decided by the protest committee.

7 Conduct of a Championship

- 7.1 A Nordic Championship shall take place during the period 1 May – 31 October and shall be held alternately in the countries of Group G.
- 7.2 The organizing authority shall be affiliated to the national authority.
- 7.3 The notice of race shall be issued on 15 April at the latest, but in any case at least two months before the first racing day.
- 7.4 The notice of race shall be sent to the national class associations in Group G and to the Group G national authorities for distribution within the country.
- 7.5 Entries shall contain the name, nationality, sex and club of all competitors, and for a Nordic Youth Championship also the date of birth.
- 7.6 The organizing authority is responsible for checking measurement or rating certificates, any licences, club membership and other formal documents before the first race of a championship.
- 7.7 The organizing authority shall open an event website, where at least the notice of race, sailing instructions, entries and results are published. The website should be linked to www.nordicsailing.org.

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7.8 The event website should give news of the event, a photo gallery and the complete results as they evolve. The website should remain active for at least one year.

8 Protest Committee, Umpires and Race Officers

8.1 The protest committee shall consist of at least three members. The chairman shall be at least a National Judge recognized by the national authority of the organizing authority.

8.2 Each country with entries has the right to appoint, at its own expense, one member to the protest committee. Such a member must have attended a national judging seminar. The organizing authority shall be informed of the appointment no later than 15 January of the year of the event. The person may not be a team leader, a parent of a competitor, a coach or otherwise an interested party.

8.3 The conduct of races shall be led by a person who is at least a National Race Officer.

8.4 The same person shall not be a member of the protest committee and race committee.

8.5 Propulsion of dinghies shall be judged on the water in compliance with Appendix P of the racing rules.

9 Scoring and Reporting

9.1 When fleets of the same class competing among themselves, e.g. men and women, are started together on the same course, they shall be scored together. Their separate finishing places will be extracted from the common list.

9.2 No later than a week after the close of the championship, the organizing authority shall send the final results, with nationality and club shown, to the national authorities and national class associations and to NordicSF.

10 Prizes

Gold, silver and bronze plaques of NordicSF shall be awarded to the best three crews. Plaques can be ordered from NordicSF.

Note: The Finnish Sailing Federation administers and distributes the plaques. Group G national authorities normally keep them in stock at their offices.

11 Number of Races, Courses, etc.

11.1 Races should be scheduled for a minimum of two days, but preferably for three days plus a reserve day. The conditions for using the reserve day must be stated in the notice of race and sailing instructions.

11.2

(a) A minimum of one-third (rounded upward) of the scheduled races, but in any case at least three races, must be completed to constitute a Nordic [youth] championship.

(b) When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.

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(c) When four or more races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

11.3 The course length shall be set for a target time of 90 minutes for keelboats, 60 minutes for dinghies and 40 minutes for boards except when the international practice of a class dictates otherwise.

11.4 A separate start must be used for different classes sailing on the same course.

11.5 The course shape is to be decided jointly by the organizing authority and the national class association.

11.6 Other formats of racing may be used to follow the international practice of a class.

11.7 If the national class associations and the organizing authority so decide, racing rule 42 can be changed by using [sailing instruction 17.5 of Appendix LE, Expanded Sailing Instructions Guide, on the ISAF website] [racing rule P4].

Note: Rule P4 in The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2009–2012 will replace instruction 17.5 in Appendix LE.

12 Changes to the Nordic Championship Rules

Changes to these rules can be made only at the annual meeting of NordicSF.

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Appendices

The following appendices contain rules for Nordic championships in special kinds of sailing. When the rules of an appendix apply, they take precedence over any conflicting general rules.

Appendix A – Windsurfing

A1 Fleets

A Nordic championship shall be sailed with the current international division into fleets according to weight and sex.

A2 Funboard

When establishing the heats of the first round the organizing authority shall take into account the boards' national ranking lists.

A3 Duration of the Event

To constitute a Nordic championship the event shall be scheduled to last at least three days.

A4 Scoring

- (a) When fewer than four races have been completed, a board's series score shall be the total of her race scores.
- (b) When four or more races have been completed, a board's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. However, a minimum of one elimination series shall always be included.

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Appendix B – Nordic Youth Championship

When paragraph B11 (Optimist class) applies, it takes precedence over any conflicting rules in this appendix.

B1 Classes

No later than 1 July of the year before the events considered, NordicSF will decide which classes may sail a Nordic Junior Championship.

B2 Age Limits

B2.1 All competitors shall be at least 12 years of age on 31 December of the year of the championship, unless they have been selected on the basis of sailing competitions; Selection procedure to be accepted by the MNA. However, in Norway a national regulation takes precedence.

B2.2

(a) Competitors in the Optimist class shall be at most 15 years of age on 31 December of the year of the championship.

(b) All other competitors shall be at most 18 years of age on 31 December of the year of the championship.

B2.3 Any national age limits of a country will be applied to competitors from that country except that the maximum ages in paragraph B2.2 shall not be changed.

B3 Keelboats

B3.1 The organizing authority shall provide boats for competitors in a keelboat Nordic Youth Championship.

B3.2 The provided boats shall be fully equipped with sails, rig and racing gear. As far as possible, the boats shall be equal in performance.

B4 Deadlines

B4.1 The organizing authority of a Nordic youth championship shall inform the national authority of the time, place and types of boat before 15 September of the year before the event.

B4.2 The national authority shall transmit this information to NordicSF before 1 October the same year.

B5 Venue

B5.1 The Nordic youth championships of all classes in a given year shall be sailed in the same country.

B5.2* The national authority is to agree with an organizing authority on a Nordic youth championship event for all classes or with different organizing authorities on divided or separate championships.

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B5.3 A Nordic Youth Championship in match racing can be organized in a country other than the host country of the other youth championships.

B6 Competitors

Every competitor shall be a citizen or an ordinary resident of a Nordic country or Estonia.

B7* Restrictions on the Number of Boats

Numbers of boats shall be restricted as follows:

Boat type	Minimum number of competing boats	Maximum number of competing boats from each country
Single-handed dinghy	15	20
Double-handed dinghy	12	20
Keelboat	8	3

B8 Entry Fee

The entry fee shall not exceed €100 per boat.

B9 Team Leaders

B9.1 Every country shall have a responsible team leader.

B9.2 The team leader shall be authorized by the national authority and may not be a competitor in the championship.

B10 Scheduling and Duration

B10.1 A Nordic Youth Championship shall be held in the last whole week of July during the school holidays in Group G countries.

B10.2 A Nordic Youth Championship shall not take up more than five days.

B10.3 There shall be no reserve day.

B11 Nordic Youth Championship of the Optimist and Zoom8 class

B11.1 Individual championship

(a) A maximum of nine races shall be scheduled for the individual championship.

(b) Three races must be completed to constitute a championship.

B11.2 Team championship

(a) The team of a country shall consist of five boats.

(b) Any four of the five boats may race in any race. Replacement may be made only when the team is not racing.

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- (c) Every country may enter one team for boys and one for girls.
- (d) If a country cannot enter separate boy and girl teams, it may enter a mixed team to compete as a boy team.
- (e) The composition of a team shall be reported to the organizing authority no later than 1800 on the day before the first team race. The teams shall be published no later than two hours before the first scheduled warning signal.
- (f) In overall scheduling, individual races shall have precedence over team racing.

*Note for paragraphs B5.2 and B7

When a Nordic Youth Championship is organized as a joint event for all classes, it should include the single-handed classes Optimist, Zoom8, Europe, Laser 4.7 and Laser Radial (possibly Laser for boys), the double-handed classes 29er and 470, and the board RS:X. If fleets of boys and girls are of sufficient size, they are to be started separately.

It may be desirable to divide the event between nearby venues, possibly with different organizing authorities. In case of two venues NordicSF recommends the following grouping:

Venue 1:

Optimist

Optimist team racing

Zoom8

Laser 4.7

Venue 2:

Europe

Laser Radial

(Laser, boys)

29er

470

RS:X

C1 Status

A Nordic championship in match racing shall be a Grade 2 event.

C2 Scheduling

The event shall take place during the period August–October.

C3 Competitors

C3.1 Every country may enter two teams.

C3.2 To constitute a Nordic championship the event shall have teams from at least three Group G countries.

C3.3 Additionally, the organizing authority can give four wild cards to sailors on the ISAF World Ranking List.

C4 Boats

C4.1 Boats shall be keel boats with spinnaker.

C4.2 The organizing authority shall decide the class of boat and inform NordicSF of the decision no later than 15 May.

C4.3 The organizing authority shall provide boats for competitors.

C5 Format

C5.1 There shall be a single or double round robin.

C5.2 With a single round robin, the best four teams shall advance to semi-finals. The winner of the round robin shall choose its opponent.

C5.3 With a double round robin, the best two teams of each shall advance to semi-finals. The winner of one round robin shall meet the number two of the other.

C5.4 In the finals, the semi-final winners shall compete for places one and two and the losers for places three and four.

C5.5 In both semi-finals and finals, the winner is the team that first scores two points.

C6 Umpires

Umpires shall be appointed by the organizing authority. Half of them shall be at least National Umpires. The umpires should be from different Group G countries.