

## Rules for Nordic Championships

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### 1 General Rules

Nordic Championships shall be governed by:

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

### 2 Sanction of a Nordic Championship

- 2.1 A Nordic Championship shall be organized by a club affiliated to the ISAF member national authority of the country in which the championship will take place, that is in one of the Nordic countries or Estonia. For a class championship, the ISAF class or the class recognized by NordicSF shall be part of the organizing authority.

Instructions how to apply for an Official Nordic Championship can be found at [www.nordicsailing.org](http://www.nordicsailing.org). The application shall be made at [www.nordicsailing.org](http://www.nordicsailing.org) at the latest May 31 or at least 2 months before the championship.

### 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' or 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 applications may be considered and decided by e-mail without the approval of the annual meeting of NordicSF.
- 4.3 The English text shall prevail in interpreting these rules.

### 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 host national authority may, with the NordicSF approval, grant the sound and picture rights to a third party.

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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 or 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 may, 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.

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 notice of race shall be issued on 15 April at the latest, and in any case at least two months before the first racing day.
- 7.3 The notice of race shall be sent to the national class associations and the national authorities in Group G for distribution within the country.
- 7.4 Entries shall contain the names of the helmsman and all crewmembers, nationality, sex and club. For a Nordic Youth Championship it shall also include the date of birth.
- 7.5 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.
- 7.6 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](http://www.nordicsailing.org).
- 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 after the event.

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.

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- 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 No person shall be a member of both the protest committee and race committee.
- 8.5 For dinghy classes, Appendix P of the Racing Rules of Sailing will apply, and propulsion shall be judged on the water.

## 9 Scoring and Reporting

- 9.1 When different fleets of the same class, e.g. men and women, are started together on the same course, they shall be scored together. Each fleets separate finishing places will then 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 may 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 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.
- 11.3 The Notice of Race shall specify the number of races scheduled, and whether or not there will be any discards. If discards are planned, RRS K13.3 provide consistent wording for describing this while leaving the number of discards to the organizers. If nothing is mentioned about discards in the Notice of Race, 1 race will be discarded in accordance with RRS A2.
- 11.4 Separate starts must be used for different classes sailing on the same course.
- 11.5 The course shape is to be decided in agreement between the organizing authority and the national class association.

## 12 Changes to the Nordic Championship Rules

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

## **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 two days.

## **Appendix B – Nordic Youth Championship**

When paragraph B11 (Optimist and Zoom8 class) applies, it takes precedence over any conflicting rules in this appendix.

### **B1 Classes**

No later than annual meeting 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 under 16 years of age on 31 December of the year of the championship.

(b) All other competitors shall be under 19 years of age on 31 December of the year of the championship.

**B2.3** Any national age limits 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 send 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 Group G country.

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 crewmember.

B9 Team Leaders

B9.1 Every country shall have a 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.

B10.2 A Nordic Youth Championship shall not take up more than four racing 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 racing 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.

(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.

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- (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, the team racing should be scheduled the third day of racing out of four. Fleet 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, the double-handed classes 29er. If fleets of boys and girls are of sufficient size, they are to be started separately.

## **Appendix C – Match Racing**

### **C1 Status**

A Nordic championship in match racing shall at least be a Grade 3 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**

C4.2 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 full round robin or a round robin in two groups.

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

C5.3 With a round robin in two groups, the best two teams in each group shall advance to the semi-finals. Each winner shall meet the number two from the other group.

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 at least 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.