2.4mR World and Continental Championship Management Manual

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This Manual is a guideline for the Organizing Authority and Yacht Club/Organization to plan and manage 2.4mR World or Continental Championships including Para Sailing Championships. Our objective is to assure fair and safe racing for all competitors with a friendly atmosphere.

Abbreviations used in this manual:

WC	World Championship for the 2.4mR Class
CC	Continental Championship for the 2.4mR Class
ICA	International 2.4mR Class Association
EC	Executive Committee of the ICA
NCA	National 2.4mR Class Association
WS	World Sailing
MNA	National Authority
OA	Organizing Authority
RC	Race Committee
RO	Race Officer
RRS	Racing Rules of Sailing
ERS	Equipment Rules of Sailing
NOR	Notice of Race
SI	Sailing Instructions

1. Rules

a. The following documents in their most recent versions shall govern World or Continental Championships including Para Sailing Championships:
   i. World Sailing Regulations
   ii 2.4mR Class Rules, 2.4 NOD Class Rules
   ii. RRS (prescriptions of the National Authority do not apply)
   iii. ERS
   iv. The Constitution of the ICA
   v. ICA Championship Hosting Guidelines

b. This manual is a set of guidelines and is not a rule. However, where the word “shall” is used, the guideline is a requirement. The use of “should” means the guideline should be followed if possible, and “may” means it is up to the OA or RC to decide.

c. The official language of the class is English, all competitor communication shall be in English.

2. Organizing Authority and Host Yacht Club/Organization

a. The World Council of the ICA shall select the host Yacht Club/Organization.

b. The ICA shall be the OA in conjunction with the host Yacht Club/Organization.

c. The EC shall represent the ICA in organising the WC or CCs.

3. Selection of a Host Yacht Club/Organization

a. The intention is that the WC or CCs should be held annually.

b. The WC shall alternate between continents and nations.

c. The WC or CC shall be managed by a Yacht Club or MNA.

d. Yacht Clubs/Organizations wishing to host a WC or CC shall apply to the ICA normally at least 2 years beforehand, and in accordance with WC application criteria.

e. The ICA World Council shall decide which Yacht Club/Organization will be selected to host the WC or CC and the date for the event in accordance with ICA Constitution.

f. After being selected as a host Yacht Club, the OA shall apply to WS for approval to conduct the WC or CC in accordance with WS regulations.

g. The OA should make a progress report to the ICA World Council at the ICA eAGM the year before the event.

4. Official Documents and Communication Requirements

a. Website – The OA should establish a WC or CC website at least one year prior to the event for the purposes of posting regatta information and communicating with competitors. The website shall be a dedicated championship website with naming as follows - www.24worlds2027.com, www.24worlds2028.com etc.

b. NOR – The NOR shall be drafted by the OA and approved by the EC and shall be posted on the WC or CC website at least 1 year prior to the event. The WC or CC entry fee, with supporting budget, shall be reviewed with the ICA prior to publishing the NOR. The NOR may be amended with approval of the designated EC representative. WC or CC entry fee payments shall include a secure credit card option in addition to any proprietary OA payment system – the use of electronic bank transfers is not preferred due to high transfer costs.

c. SI's – Preliminary SI's shall be drafted by the OA and approved by the EC and shall be posted on the WC website at least two months prior to the event. Final SI's, approved by the designated representative of the EC and the Chairman of the International Jury, shall be distributed at event registration.

5. Accomplishing the Event

a. Registration and Inspection

i. All inspection shall be supervised by a Certification Measurer with 2.4mR measurement experience.

ii. Every skipper shall provide evidence that he/she is a current member of an NCA or the ICA. The annual MNA membership fee to ICA shall be paid prior to acceptance of the skipper's entry.

iii. At Registration every boat shall present the following documentation:
- Evidence of adequate liability insurance.
- A valid Rating Certificate as stated in Class Rule B.1.1
- A valid ICA Buoyancy Certificate as stated in Class Rules B.1.1

iv. The inspection checks that are to be carried out shall be clearly stated in the NOR. Inspections shall be in accordance with the current ICA Event Equipment Inspection Plan.

b. Schedule of Races

i. The event should conform to the racing schedule that follows. Inspection and tune-up days are to be scheduled at the discretion of the OA. The time schedule may be altered subject to approval by the EC (e.g., number of days, number of races each day).

ii. 11 races shall be scheduled with 5 races required to constitute a WC. The following schedule may serve as an example.

Day 1 registration and inspection
Day 2 registration and inspection, ICA Sailor's Forum
Day 3 registration and inspection, practice race (unless there is a regatta just prior to the WC at the same venue), Opening Ceremony
Day 4 race session
Day 5 race session
Day 6 race session
Day 7 race session, Prize Giving Ceremony, Championship Dinner

iii It is intended to complete three races per day. If the regatta falls behind schedule, a fourth race can be sailed any day except the last day to catch up. It is recommended that a racing day should not last longer than 6 continuous hours afloat.

iv. It is the strong preference of the ICA that all races shall be held as fleet races. If there are more than 100 entries and the sailing area is restricted, the regatta may be split into "gold" and "silver" divisions subject to approval by the EC. The Race Committee should use the following starting system:
1. start and pin boats.
2. 30.1 I Flag shall not be used.
3. 30.2 Z Flag shall not be used.
4. 30.3 U Flag should be used when appropriate at the discretion of the RO.
5. 30.3 BLACK flag may be used when appropriate at the discretion of the RO.

c. Race Management

i. Courses shall be set according to RRS. A Windward-Leeward Course shall be used, and it is recommended to have a windward mark, an offset mark, and a leeward gate in accordance with the following preferred course diagram. The length of the course shall be set to provide a race duration between 60–80 minutes. Alternative course configurations may be considered subject to approval by the EC.

ii. The RC shall post a compass bearing to the first weather mark prior to the warning signal and shall signal any change of course in accordance with RRS rule 33.

iii. The length of the starting line in meters should be about 5 times the number of entrants.

iv. The length of the first weather leg should be 0.8 to 1.2 nautical miles subject to wind and sea conditions.

v. The length of the offset leg should be 30–50 meters.

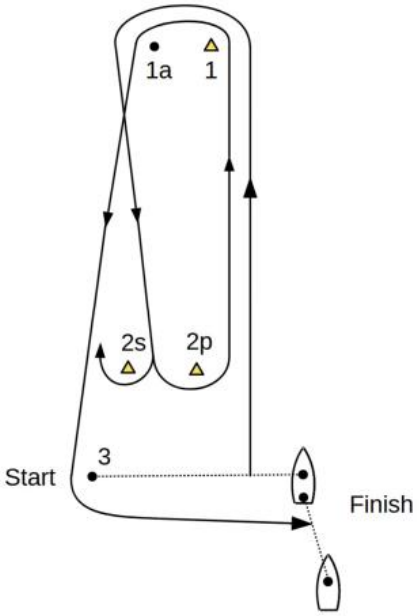
vi. The width of the leeward gate should be about 30 meters.

vii. The finish line should be astern of the start boat in accordance with the following preferred course diagram to facilitate sail number recording.

viii. The time limit for all races should be 120 minutes. If no boat has reached the first windward mark within 30 minutes, the race may be abandoned.

ix. The minimum length of time between the last boat to finish and the warning signal for a subsequent race should be 10 minutes.

x. If the average wind speed (determined over a five-minute period) exceeds 25 knots, or the combination of wind and sea conditions are judged by the RO to be dangerous enough that swamping is likely, the race shall be postponed or abandoned. Race area wind speed and sea conditions should be recorded.



Preferred Course Diagram

d. Judging/Penalty System

i. The WC regatta requires an international jury of at least five judges, comprised appropriately per RRS Appendix N. A CC requires a jury of at least five judges, and the chief judge shall be a certified international judge. In a CC, the rulings of the jury may be appealed.

ii. There shall be no changes to Rules 44.1 or 44.2.

iii. Arbitration shall be used for protests involving rules of part 2 and no more than two boats, RRS Appendix T applies.

iv. Discretionary penalties may be imposed subject to ICA approval of discretionary penalty guidelines prior to commencement of the WC.

e. Security/Safety

i. A sufficient number of rescue vessels shall be provided, no less than one for every 20 entries. Coach support boats may be designated rescue vessels by the RC. Vessels should be clearly marked with a coloured flag and so designated in the SI's.
ii. One rescue vessel for every 40-50 entries shall be provided with a powered pump with suitable hosing and suction to rescue a swamped boat.
iii. There shall be a designated VHF channel for safety communications. The NOR and SI's shall indicate the channel frequency and require that all rescue vessels and support boats carry a working VHF radio.

f. Scoring and Trophies

i. The Low Point scoring system, RRS, APPENDIX A shall apply.
ii. If six to eight races are completed, one race shall be discarded. If nine or more races are completed, two races shall be discarded.
iii. To be valid as a WC or CC, the number of boats representing various nations should fulfil WS regulations.
iv. Divisional trophies are to be awarded to the first boat in each division taken from the overall results (individual divisions do not need to be scored separately).
v. Trophies
    - The first prize of the World Championships is the so called "World Cup Trophy". The Trophy is perpetual, and it was donated in 1989 by Lasse and Yngve Thörn. The Trophy is a golden cup on a wooden fundament with the inscription "Skärgårdskryssarpokalen".
    - The first 2.4 Norlin One Design sailor is awarded the 2.4 NOD Trophy.
    - The first sailor who is a minimum of 55 years of age at the time of the first race is awarded the Master's Trophy.
    - The first sailor who is a minimum of 65 years of age at the time of the first race, is awarded the Grand Master's Trophy.
    - The first woman sailor is awarded the Woman's Trophy.
    - The first para sailor is awarded the Para Trophy.
    - The first youth sailor who is under 30 years old at the time of the first race, is awarded the Youth's Trophy.
    - The first sailor who is competing in their first 2.4mR World Championship, is awarded the Rookie Trophy.
    - If the fleet is split into Gold and Silver Fleets then prizes shall be awarded to the first, second & third sailors for both the Gold and Silver Fleets.
    - Other trophies may be presented at the discretion of the OA.

g. On shore Facilities

Refer to the ICA Championship Hosting Criteria document

h. Social Activities

i. Nation flags for all countries represented at the event shall be hoisted in French alphabetic order at an opening ceremony.
ii. Official welcome dinner shall be held before the first racing session.
iii. Prize giving ceremony shall be held after finishing the regatta. The ceremony shall be open to participants, media and spectators without cost.
iv. Regatta dinner or similar event should be held at the latest together with the prize giving ceremony.

i. Reports

i. A report on the WC shall be submitted by the OA to WS in accordance with WS Regulations.