



# **ff International**

## **World Championship and International Championship Regulations**

### **Preface**

The International Flying Fifteen World Championship series may comprise up to 3 separate regattas depending on the number of entries. The regattas are a Pre-Worlds, World Championship, and International Championship.

The total number of entries shall be limited by the Organising Authority to the maximum number of boats they can cope with both on and off the water. The maximum number of entries for the World Championship is 86 boats.

The Pre-Worlds is open to all entrants and if there are more than 86 entrants for the World Championship it is a Qualifier for 6 overseas and 4 host nation boats plus any allocated places not taken up by the various national associations as per Regulation 7. The Pre-Worlds may be the host nation's National Championship.

The World Championship is limited to 86 boats, places to be allocated as per Regulation 7. If there are less than 86 entries the event effectively becomes an "open" series. The International Championship will only take place if there are more than 86 entries for the World Championship and provides the opportunity for those who do not qualify for the Worlds to sail a full regatta.

The Classic & Silver boats that qualify for the World Championship have the option of sailing in either the World or International Championship.

The World Championship and International Championship shall be sailed concurrently, preferably, on separate racecourse areas.

### **1. Status of Regulations**

These Regulations cover World and International Championships of the Flying Fifteen Class. They shall be adhered to by an Organising Authority insofar as is practicable and shall not be departed from without the prior agreement of the Council of ff International (FFI) or their representative. Regulations 10 to 15, and paragraphs embodying any applicable regulations, shall be included in the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions.

### **2. Frequency**

The World Championships shall be held biennially.

### **3. Venues**

3.1 The venue for the World & International Championship shall be agreed to and announced by the Council of FFI, if possible, at least four years before the

Championship is to take place, but at the latest during the preceding World Championship.

3.2. The World Championship shall not be held on the same continent twice running.

3.3. The World Championship shall be held:

- on tidal water,
- on water suitable for courses as outlined in Regulation 13,
- at a time when there are no other classes racing on the same course.

#### **4. Duration & Divisions**

The World and International Championship shall be scheduled with a series of 10 races over a period of not less than six days.

There shall be a series of races (open to all-comers) preceding the World Championship which shall count as a qualifying event (see Regulation 7.4).

The fleet will comprise Open, Silver & Classic boats:

- Open Boats are all boats that are neither Classic nor Silver boats.
- Classic boats are defined on the [FFI website](#).
- Silver boats are boats with sail numbers below 3200 that are not Classic boats.

#### **5. Organisation & Responsibility**

5.1. The Organising Authority (OA) shall be The Host Club on behalf of Flying Fifteen International (the Authority whose invitation FFI accepts), not with the local Flying Fifteen fleet or any other body.

5.2. The Organising Authority shall advise FFI of the maximum size of the World Championship Regatta fleet (including any concurrently conducted International Championship) consistent with the venue and the resources of the host Organising Authority.

5.3. The Organising Authority shall clearly state the name of the person who is responsible for liaising on their behalf with FFI and all liaison on behalf of FFI will normally be the responsibility of the Council Member of the host nation.

5.4. The Organising Authority shall liaise with FFI at an early date to enable full discussion before any irrevocable decisions have been taken on such matters as:

5.4.1 The Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions which shall include all items in Appendix J of the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), and details of proposed courses with diagram.

5.4.2 Entry Forms

5.4.3 Sailing & Social Programme

5.4.4 Cost of Entry and Entertainment Tickets.

5.4.5 Competitors are required to have a World Sailing ID number.

- 5.5 The Organising Authority in liaison with FFI, is also responsible for such things as:
- 5.5.1 Providing adequate boat parking ashore, launching, slipping facilities, and trailer parking space, and space for shipping containers.
  - 5.5.2 A “dry sailed” regatta is preferred, and if a wet sailed regatta is proposed it will require dispensation from FFI.
  - 5.5.3 Giving assistance to competitors in finding suitable accommodation.
  - 5.5.4. Arranging any social functions which may be thought desirable.
  - 5.5.5 Ensuring that an Official Flying Fifteen Class International Measurer (see Regulation 10.3) is available throughout the Championship.
  - 5.5.6 Providing undercover (& wind free) facilities for pre-regatta measurement.

## **6. Finance and Sponsorship**

- 6.1 The organisation of the Championship shall be financed from entry fees and from commercial sponsorship; the National Flying Fifteen Association of the host country will endeavour to find a principal sponsor, and the Organising Authority shall have full responsibility for obtaining further sponsorship at local level.
- 6.2 The Organising Authority shall submit to FFI a Regatta Budget, including all estimated income and expenditure.
- 6.3. Each competitor shall be responsible for paying for (or finding sponsorship for) their own expenses, with or without the help of their National Association.
- 6.4 The budget shall include provision for media facilities/people to publicise the event and provide race reports etc. (preferably this would include video/drone footage, etc.)

## **7. Boats and Competitors**

The World Championship is limited to a maximum of 86 boats. Places shall be allocated as follows:

- 7.1 For each National Association with more than 90 boats, there will be 3 places plus 2 places for every 30 (or part thereof) boats with valid Measurement Certificates and owned by members of the National Association as at 1<sup>st</sup> February preceding the Championship.
- 7.2 For each National Association with 20-90 boats, there will be 6 places for boats with valid Measurement Certificates and owned by members of the National Association as of 1<sup>st</sup> February preceding the Championship.
- 7.3 For each National Association with less than 20 boats there will be 3 places for boats with valid Measurement Certificates and owned by members of the National Association as at 1<sup>st</sup> February preceding the Championship.
- 7.4 When a qualifying event is held prior to the Championship (see Regulation 4) there will be 6 places for the highest placed competitors from National Associations other

than that of the host country who would not otherwise have places in the Championship. Should any places under this regulation not be taken up, then they shall be added to the places available for allocation under Regulation 7.5 below.

- 7.5 When a qualifying event is held prior to the Championship (see Regulation 4) there will be 4 places for the highest placed competitors from the National Association of the host country who would not otherwise have places in the Championship. Should any places under this regulation not be taken up, then they shall be added to the places available for allocation under Regulation 7.4 above.
- 7.6 Should the total of 7.1 to 7.5 be less than 80 the balance shall be allocated to the highest placed competitors in the qualifying event (see Regulation 4) who would not otherwise have places in the Championship.
- 7.7 In addition, there will be 4 places allocated at the Commodore's discretion for members of the FFI Council and Executive attending a Council meeting during the Championship, plus one place for the reigning World Champion and one place for the President of the National Association of the host country.
- 7.8 For the International Championship there is no qualifying requirement, however the fleet size is limited to the maximum fleet size (Regulation 5.2) less the entries calculated from Regulations 7.1 to 7.7.
- 7.9 Competing boats shall hold a valid measurement certificate and owners and helms shall be members of Associations affiliated to FFI, and except for 7.4 and shall be nominated by such an Association.
- 7.10 Competitors shall be responsible for providing their own boats and transporting these to the Championship venue. If they wish they may borrow boats locally for the Championship.

## **8. Names of Competitors & Borrowing of Boats**

- 8.1 At least two months before the Championship each National Association and the Commodore in respect of 7.7 shall inform the Council Member of the host nation how many competitors (and if possible, their names) will be nominated.
- 8.2 If a person wishes to charter a boat for the event they should contact the host National Class Association as soon as possible.

## **9. Measurement Certificate**

- 9.1. The Organising Authority shall examine the Certificate of each boat before her first race in a Championship. Only those boats holding valid Certificates shall compete.
- 9.2 The certificate shall carry sail endorsements in accordance with the Class Rules. The boat shall race only with sails endorsed on her certificate, except that in the case of a competitor sailing a borrowed boat, the boat may race with any combination of the sails endorsed on the certificate of the borrowed boat, or on the certificate of a boat owned by the competitor. This certificate shall also be examined by the Organising Authority, and such sail numbers declared to the Race Office at registration.

- 9.3 A Measurement Certificate shall be deemed invalid if a boat (or any of her equipment) contravenes (with or without dispensation) the Class Rules as authorised by World Sailing and agreed by FFI.

## **10. Measurement**

- 10.1 A valid Measurement Certificate produced by the owner or helm of a boat shall be sufficient evidence that a boat's hull, deck, keel, and rudder comply with the Class Rules. However, this regulation does not preclude the Organising Authority's normal pre-launch inspection of selected items of equipment or the Race Committee's (or competitors) right to have measured any boat or item of equipment apparently at fault.

- 10.2 All spars and sails shall be measured at the Organising Authority before the series commences.

The Measurer's attention is drawn to Paragraph 9.2 above in addition to which no boat shall use more than two mainsails, two jibs, two spinnakers, one mast and one boom during the course of a championship without permission of the Race Committee which will only be forthcoming in the event that a sail or spar has been lost or damaged to such an extent that it cannot be used.

If weighing is included in the measurement checks, Council may approve a "minimum regatta weight", which may include the hull and any or all the excluded items listed in Rule B 8.1.

The Council may, at its absolute discretion, exempt measurement of sails certified under the World Sailing IHC measurements system for World and International Championship events.

- 10.3 An Official Flying Fifteen Class International Measurer shall be appointed as Equipment Inspector, who shall be available at all reasonable times throughout the regatta.

## **11. Crews**

Not more than two persons shall sail the boat during the Championship and their names shall be declared to the Race Office before the start of the Championship and shall not be changed without the permission of the Race Officer and any replacement thus granted shall not helm the boat.

## **12. Race Programming**

When an International Championship is held concurrently with a World Championship, this shall be sailed on a separate course to the World Championship, if reasonably possible. Should the number of entries in the International Championship be too small to warrant a separate course FFI may authorise the fleet to sail on the same course, with a later start time.

## **13. Courses**

Courses shall be agreed between the Organising Authority and FFI. They shall begin with a windward leg and include windward, leeward, and reaching legs where practicable. The first windward leg should be at least 1.25 NM, subject to the race officer's discretion and

prevailing wind conditions.

#### **14. Time Limit**

There shall be a time limit of 2 hours (from the actual time of the start) for all races, and the procedure for shortening course shall be in accordance with the RRS.

14.1 Target time for a race shall be 70/75 minutes subject to the race officer's discretion.

14.2 The time limit to the first mark shall be 30 minutes.

14.3 The Finishing Window shall be 20 minutes and is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalised or given redress, will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1 and A5.2.

#### **15. Scoring**

15.1 The Low Point System of the RRS Appendix A shall apply. Results shall be recorded using the World Sailing XRR programme.

15.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute a World Championship series.

15.3. When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When from five (5) to eight (8) races have been completed, boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. When nine (9) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

#### **16. Trophies & Prizes**

16.1 Equal prizes (keepers) shall be awarded to the helm and crew of prize-winning boats.

16.2 Small trophies (keepers) shall be awarded by FFI to the first three overall in every World Championship.

16.3 All other prizes are the responsibility of the Organising Authority; as a guideline it is suggested that prizes are awarded to the top 12.5% overall, and to the winning boat (if possible, the first three) in each race; and that there might be a small souvenir for each helms person and crew.

16.4 All Perpetual Trophies shall be owned by FFI. They may be competed for only after acceptance by the Council who shall decide, in consultation with the donors, to what purpose the Trophy shall be put. Each Trophy shall be covered by a Trust Deed, the Trustees being nominated from time to time by the Council.

16.5 Perpetual Trophies shall be:

16.5.1 Awarded only to members of Associations affiliated to FFI, to be held until the succeeding Championship.

- 16.5.2 Trophies to be engraved by the winners (who shall send the account for the engraving to FFI) or a booklet kept with the Trophy shall be written up by the winners.

**Perpetual Trophies for the World Championships are:**

**WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP**

**UFFA FOX TROPHY**

(Silver punch bowl)

**World Champion helm**

**THE ARMADA DISH**

(Silver dish)

**World Champion crew**

**TOM RATCLIFF TROPHY**

(Crystal & silver swans)

**2<sup>nd</sup> overall**

**WAFFA SALVER**

(Silver salver)

**3<sup>rd</sup> overall**

**NZFFA TROPHY**

(Kauri wood sculpture)

**4<sup>th</sup> overall**

**HONG KONG FF ASSOCIATION TROPHY**

(Silver Chinese sailing junk)

**5<sup>th</sup> overall**

**THE ROYAL QUEENSLAND YS TROPHY**

(Model of FF rudder)

**6<sup>th</sup> overall**

**ESPERANCE BAY TROPHY**

(Hardwood box)

**7<sup>th</sup> overall**

**DIXON TROPHY**

(Silver rose bowl)

**Winner 1<sup>st</sup> race**

**KINSALE YACHT CLUB TROPHY**

(Waterford crystal bowl)

**Winner 2<sup>nd</sup> race**

**NAPIER SAILING CLUB TROPHY**

(Māori war canoe)

**Winner 3<sup>rd</sup> race**

**THE LOWESTOFT FIFTEEN**

(Model of FF)

**Winner 4<sup>th</sup> race**

**ROYAL HONG KONG YACHT CLUB TROPHY**

**Winner 5<sup>th</sup> race**

(Silver ice bucket)

**THE JACKDAW JUG**

(Silver jug)

**Winner 6<sup>th</sup> race**

**THE HAYLING ISLAND S.C. TROPHY**

(Silver wire FF)

**Winner 7<sup>th</sup> race**

**HONG KONG SILVER SALVER**

(Silver salver)

**Winner 8<sup>th</sup> race**

**THE CHIPPENDALE TROPHY**

(Half model)

**Winner 9<sup>th</sup> race**

**HONG KONG CLASSIC TANKARD**

(4-pint pewter tankard)

**Winner 10<sup>th</sup> race**

**NATIONAL YC of IRELAND TROPHY**

(Silver cup)

**Leading host nation  
boat**

**KELLETT ISLAND TROPHY**

(Silver dragon)

**Leading overseas boat**

**LYMINGTON CUP**

(Silver cup on muskets)

**Leading helm between  
60 and 69 years**

**FFI GRAND MASTER'S TROPHY**

(Half model)

**Leading helm over 70  
years**

**CROZON-MORGAT TROPHY**

(Half model)

**Leading Female helm  
or crew**

**CLASSIC DIVISION**

**KLAAS KNOP TROPHY**

(Wood carving of buffalo)

**Champion Classic boat**

**SILVER DIVISION**

**THE WINDEBANK TROPHY**

(Half model)

**Champion Silver boat**

**SOUTH of PERTH YACHT CLUB TROPHY**

(Half model)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Silver boat**



## **INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP**

### **COMMODORE'S TROPHY**

**Winner International**

**Championship**

## **18 Records**

The Organising Authority shall provide each competitor with a summary of the results and shall provide a full copy of the results to FFI, including the winners of all perpetual trophies, which record shall be held and filed by the FFI Secretary.

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