iQFOiL CLASS RACING POLICIES
for Major Championships

to be read together with an event Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions.

1. RACING DISCIPLINES & GENERAL FORMAT PRINCIPLES

1.1. The intention of the Class is to use all three following disciplines during a regatta
    1.1.1. Course Racing (fleets/groups);
    1.1.2. Sprint Racing (heats)(Sprint Slalom, U Sprint, Upwind Sprint);
    1.1.3. Marathon (Long distance race, fleets/groups);

1.2. The regatta will consists of an Opening Series and Medal Series.

1.3. A single fleet opening series will consist of a minimum of 8 races before progressing to a Medal Series.

1.4. If the event is split into Groups, the Opening Series will be divided into a Qualifying Series and a Final Series.

    1.4.1. Qualifying Series will consist of a maximum of 10 races and a minimum of 6 races, scheduled for a minimum of 2 days. If 6 races have not been completed by the end of the second scheduled racing day, the qualifying series will continue until the end of the racing day in which a sixth qualifying race is completed for each group in the fleet.

    1.4.2. Final Series will consist of a minimum of 2 races before progressing to a Medal Series.

1.5. The maximum total number of races sailed per day for each fleet/group/heat shall be 4 unless behind the schedule (see 1.7).

1.6. The additional maximum number of races sailed per day when the marathon is scheduled and sailed shall be 2.

1.7. If behind the schedule or in order to complete qualifying and final series to move into medal series, the maximum number of races per day can be increased to 5 or marathon plus 2 races.

2. FORMAT FOR COURSE RACING DISCIPLINE

2.1. When the event is split into groups, the number of groups and the assignment of competitors to the groups are at the discretion of the Class Course Representative and this is not ground for redress. This changes RRS 61.4.(b)(1).

2.2. The number of groups depends on the number of entries as follows:

Entries	Groups
< 60	1
60-80	1 or 2
80-120	2
120-160	2 or 3
>160	3

2.3. **Qualifying Series**

    2.3.1. Boards will be assigned to Yellow, Blue and Red (if applicable) group, as nearly as possible, of equal size and ability according to their results on the previous Worlds, and finally in random order. Those assignments will be posted by 2100 on the day before the first scheduled race.

    2.3.2. Boards will be reassigned to groups after each day of racing, except if on the first day of racing fewer than two races are completed by all groups. If all groups have completed the same number of races, boards will be reassigned on the basis of their

ranks in the series. If all groups have not completed the same number of races, the series score for reassignment will be calculated for those races, numbered in order of completion, completed by all groups. Reassignments will be made as follows:

Rank in Series	Groups Assignment (2 groups format)	Groups Assignment (3 groups format)
First	Yellow	Yellow
Second	Blue	Blue
Third	Blue	Red
Fourth	Yellow	Red
Fifth	Yellow	Blue
Sixth	Blue	Yellow

And so on. If two or more boards have a same rank, they will be entered in the left column in the order of Fleets.

2.3.3. Group assignments will be based on the ranking available at 2100 that day, regardless of hearings not yet decided.

2.3.4. If all groups have not completed the same number of races by the end of a day, the groups with fewer races will continue racing on following day until all groups have completed the same number of races. All boards will thereafter race in the new groups.

2.4. **Final Series**

2.4.1. In Final Series, the boards will be assigned to the Gold, Silver and Bronze (if applicable) group on the basis of their ranks in the Qualifying Series (discards applied) but with no ties broken.

2.4.2. The groups lists will be posted no later than 45 minutes before the first scheduled warning signal of the first race on the Final Series.

2.4.3. When racing in two groups the top 50% of sailors will race in Gold group, with the rest in Silver group. When racing in 3 groups then top 34% will sail in Gold group, next 33% in Silver group and the last 33% in Bronze group.

2.4.4. In the case of an indivisible number of competitors: Gold group shall be larger than Silver group and Silver shall be larger than Bronze (if applicable)

2.4.5. In Final Series there will be the same number and approximate size of fleets as in Qualifying Series.

2.4.6. Any recalculation of Qualifying Series overall rankings after competitors have been assigned to Final Series groups will not affect the assignments, except that a redress decision may promote a competitor to a higher group.

3. FORMAT FOR SPRINT RACING DISCIPLINE

3.1. Boards will be assigned to sprint racing heats based on the number of entries. When the event have been split into two or three groups, then the same groups will be used to seed into heats.

3.2. The fleet/group will be divided into equal heats of up to a maximum 24 (twenty four) competitors.

3.3. Initially boards will be assigned to heats, as nearly as possible, of equal size and ability according to their previous Worlds result, and finally in random order.

3.4. Boards will be reassigned to heats after each day of racing and the reassignment will be as follow:

3.4.1. For the first two sprint races of the day:

Rank in Series/rank in group	Heat Assignment (2 heat format)	Heat Assignment (3 heat format)	Heat Assignment (4 heat format)
First	Heat 1	Heat 1	Heat 1
Second	Heat 2	Heat 2	Heat 2
Third	Heat 2	Heat 3	Heat 3
Fourth	Heat 1	Heat 3	Heat 4
Fifth	Heat 1	Heat 2	Heat 4
Sixth	Heat 2	Heat 1	Heat 3
Seventh	Heat 2	Heat 1	Heat 2
Eight	Heat 1	Heat 2	Heat 1

3.4.2. For the third and onwards sprint races of the day will be based on the following formula:

Two heat format	ABBA-BAAB
Three heat format	ABCCBA-CBAABC
Four heat format	ABCDDCBA-DCBAABCD

4. FORMAT FOR MARATHON DISCIPLINE

4.1. A Marathon race will be sailed as one single fleet if it is scheduled in Qualifying Series. If it is scheduled in final series it will be sailed in the groups.

4.2. A Marathon race will be sailed on a course which configuration depends on a shoreline and landmarks - historic or touristic places and will contain a reasonable mixture of upwind and downwind legs and reaches.

4.3. Men and Women will start separately.

4.4. Men will start first.

4.5. Where the fleet size is more than 80 competitors, the start will be a "rabbit" start behind a moving race committee vessel.

4.6. Where the fleet size is less than 80, the start can either be a rabbit start, or a normal upwind start.

4.7. 'Rabbit' start

At the starting signal, displayed under RRS 26.1, a Rabbit (object or vessel displaying the Marathon discipline flag) will proceed at high and constant speed from the starting mark to the race committee vessel. The starting line will be between the course side of the starting mark and the course side aftermost point of the Rabbit.

Attention! The format of the Medal Series is not decided yet. The final decision will be published later during this year. Everything marked in green and blue is under revision. Green part was tried at 2025 IQ Games Lanzarote and Cadiz.

5. MEDAL SERIES

5.1.   A Medal Series will be sailed on the last scheduled day of racing and will be divided into three stages: Quarter-Final, Semi-Final and Grand Final. Boards advance from one stage to the other until the Grand Final.

5.2.   The race committee may cancel the Quarter Final and/or Semi Final stages if the completion of the Medal Series is in jeopardy, or when there are less than 20 entries in an event. In such case, boards seeded first and second in the canceled stage advance to the next stage.

5.3.   If a stage is cancelled, boards in that stage are ranked in order of their seeding.

5.4.   The first **8** overall ranked boards from the Opening Series will advance to the Medal Series.

5.5.   **Quarter and Semi Final**

    5.5.1.   The fifth to eight overall ranked boards from the Opening Series will qualify to the Quarter Final race.

    5.5.2.   The first 2 ranked boards in the Quarter Final race and the fourth and third overall ranked boards from the Opening Series will qualify to the Semi Final.

    5.5.3.   If there is a tie between two or more boards in Quarter or Semi Final, it will be broken in favor of the board which was ranked higher in the previous stage where the tied boards sailed together. This change RRS A8.

5.6.   **The Grand Final**

    5.6.1.   The first 2 ranked boards in the Semi Final race and the second and first overall ranked board from the Opening Series will qualify to the Grand Final.

    5.6.2.   The first overall ranked board from the Opening series carry forward to the Grand final one match point.

    5.6.3.   The second overall ranked board from the Opening series carry forward to the Grand final 1/2 match point.

    5.6.4.   The Grand Final will continue until one board collects two match points. Board with the lowest race score collects a match point

    5.6.5.   Boards in the Grand Final will be ranked in order of the number of match points, from highest to lowest regardless if the Grand Final is completed or not.

    5.6.6.   If there is a tie in match points between two or more boards in the Grand Final, they will be ranked according to their score in the last race of the Grand Final. If a tie remains, it will be broken in favor of the board that was ranked higher in the previous stage where the tied boards sailed together. This changes RRS A8.

5.7.   **Overall standings**

    5.7.1.   Boards assigned to compete in the Medal Series will be ranked highest in the event as per the table below, except for a board disqualified from a Medal Series under RRS 6 or RRS 69.

Event Rank	Results in the Medal Series
1	1st place Grand Final
2	2nd place Grand Final
3	3rd place Grand Final
4	4th place Grand Final
5	3rd place Semi-Final
6	4th place Semi-Final
7	3rd place Quarter-Final
8	4th place Quarter-Final

5.7.2. If no race in Medal Series is completed, the results of the Opening Series will be event's final results.

5.8. The course to be sailed, either MR1 Course or MR2 Course, will depend on wind conditions and any venue specific features, and may be changed during the Series. It is at the discretion of the Class Course Representative and is not ground for redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b)(1).

5.8.1. Medal Race Course racing **MR1** – above 9 knots – Windward/Leeward course with the reaching start and reaching finish.

5.8.2. Medal Race Sprint Slalom **MR2** – below 9 knots – Slalom sprint – downwind slalom with two slalom legs before finish.

5.9. For the Medal Series Races RRS 30.4 is changed as follows:

5.9.1. No part of a board's hull shall be on the course side of the starting line at its starting signal.

5.9.2. If the race committee signals general recall after identifying such a board, it shall hail or display her sail number. In all subsequent restarts and resails of that race she shall not start within 5 seconds after her starting signal.

5.9.3. A board that breaks RRS 30.4(b) and is identified shall be disqualified without a hearing, but not if the race is restarted or resailed.

5.9.4. When all 4 boards are subject to RRS 30.4(b), it ceases to apply.

5.10. There is no finish window in Grand Final races.

6. SCORING

6.1. A Course Racing race will be scored as one race in a Series;

6.2. A Sprint Racing race (each Fleet or Group has sailed one Heat) will be scored as one race in a Series.

6.2.1. When the Fleet or Group is divided into the Heats, the boards will be scored as follows:

Finishing position	Score	Finishing position	Score
1	1	13	25
2	3	14	27
3	5	15	29
4	7	16	31
5	9	17	33
6	11	18	35
7	13	19	37
8	15	20	39
9	17	21	41
10	19	22	43
11	21	23	45
12	23	24	47

6.3.   A Marathon race will be scored as two races.

6.3.1. When the Marathon is raced in the Qualifying series, the boards finishing position will be divided by the number of groups in the series and applied to each of these two races. *For example, an event of 90 competitors, where fleet has been split into two groups, and where a board finishes in 70th position, the board's score will be recorded as 35th for both races.*

6.3.2. When the Marathon is raced in a single fleet or in the Final series, the score will be the boards finishing position and applied to each of these two races.

7.   WIND SPEEDS

7.1.   Racing will take place in suitable conditions, and the decision on suitable conditions will be made by the Race Officer and after consultation with the Class Representative.

7.2.   The minimum required to start a race is 5 knots average.

7.3.   If the wind is under 15 knots average, then Sprint Races may be sailed; if the wind is over 9 knots average then Course Races may be sailed. If the wind is over 10 knots the Marathon may be sailed.

7.4.   The Race Committee will be mindful of the conditions and safety (combination of sea-state and windspeed at the upper end) when deciding to race the Marathon.

8.   CHOICE OF DISCIPLINES

8.1.   In ideal circumstances, all three disciplines (Sprint racing, Course racing, Marathon) will be sailed during a regatta.

8.2.   When all three disciplines have been sailed (or where Marathon has not yet been completed, because the direction is not suitable), and the wind is in the overlapped wind range (9 to 15 knots), subsequent races can be either Course Racing or Sprint Racing

8.3.   If the ratio of completed races is greater than 2 to 1 in favor of Course Racing, then the preferred discipline to race is Sprint Racing.

8.4.   If the ratio of completed races is less than or equal to 2 to 1, then the preferred discipline to race is Course Racing.

8.5.   The Class Representative can decide to race Course Racing even if the ratio 2 to 1 in favor of Course Racing is completed, depending on the overall conditions (rough/big waves state and wind on the 13-15 kts range).

9.   ABANDONING POLICY

9.1.   Abandoning is at discretion of the Class Representative.

9.2.   When whole fleet is not foiling for more than 20 seconds the race shall be abandoned.

9.3.   Race may be abandon for any other reason which making the race unfair (for example wind shift make impossible to fetch the mark, wind shift causes the fleet to invert etc) or unsafe.

9.4.   Furthermore in case of low wind readings:

9.4.1. In Sprint racing or Medal Series race shall be abandoned when:

9.4.1.1. in Sprint Slalom, U Sprint or Medal series the first 5 boards or third of the heat, whichever is smaller, did not pass mark 1 within 90 seconds after the starting signal.

9.4.1.2. in Upwind Sprint the first 5 boards or third of the heat, whichever is smaller, did not pass mark 1 within 5 minutes after the starting signal

9.4.1.3. the first 5 boards or third of the heat, whichever is smaller, did not finish within the time limit for the race

9.4.2. In Course Racing or Marathon race shall be abandoned when:

9.4.2.1. in Course Racing the first 8 boards or tenth of the group/fleet, whichever is smaller, did not pass mark 1 within 8 minutes after the starting signal

9.4.2.2. the first 15 boards or tenth of the group/fleet, whichever is smaller, did not finish within the time limit for the race

9.4.3. For calculating boards affected in 9.4.1 and 9.4.2, fractions shall be rounded to the nearest whole number (0.5 rounded upwards).