



إتحاد الإمارات للشراع والتجديف الحديث
UAE Sailing & Rowing Federation

UAE NATIONAL RANKING CHAMPIONSHIP 2024

NOTICE OF SERIES

This Notice of Series (NoS) is for the new schedule of the UAE National Ranking Championship running from January to December 2024.

1) RULES

1.1) The UAE National Ranking Championship 2024 will be sailed under the:

- *Current Racing Rules of Sailing as published by World Sailing.*
- *Policy and Regulations of the UAE Sailing and Rowing Federation and requirements for a GRADE A regatta.*
- *The Notice of Series (NoS)*
- *The Sailing Instructions* for each Series Regatta, which may be changed by a published amendment. In case of a conflict RSS 63.7 shall apply.
- *Current Class rules of all eligible classes (IODA, ILCA).*
- Any subsequent changes or amendments by the host club Race Committee or Jury as approved of the Organizing Authority.

1.2) English will be the official language of the UAE National Ranking Championship Series.

2) ADVERTISING

2.1) The UAE National Sailing Championship is designated Category C in accordance with the World Sailing Advertising Authority.

2.2) All advertising shall be in accordance with local ethics and UAE law. The UAE SARF reserves the right to refuse any advertising that is against local ethics, inappropriate or may harm the image of the sport.

2.3) Boats are required when requested to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

3) ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1) Eligible sailors must hold a valid SARF ID Card and be a member of a sailing club affiliated with the UAE SARF and shall sign in/out form for each regatta.

3.2) Boats in the following categories:

- Optimist Overall Class Age 15 or under on 31/12/24
- Optimist Female Class Age 15 or under on 31/12/24
- Optimist Junior Class* Age 11 or under on 31/12/24
- ILCA 4 Class Under 18 on 31/12/24
- ILCA 6 Class Open
- ILCA 7 Class Open
- ILCA 7 Master Class Age 30 and above on the day of regatta

* Optimist Junior/Female will be scored in both Junior/Female and Overall Class.

CHAMPIONSHIP ENTRY AND REGISTRATION

3.3) Eligible sailors that wish to enter a regatta in the UAE National Ranking Championship Series must do so in accordance with the Notice of Race for each year.

3.4) Sailors that wish to change their *class* or *sail number* between events, must inform the host club and the UAE SARF before the start of the next Series Regatta.

REGATTA ENTRY

3.6) All sailors must enter Championship events in accordance with the Notice of Race for that regatta.

3.7) Sailors that are not participating in the UAE National Ranking Championship Series, may enter Regatta at the discretion of the host club.

3.8) Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the host club.

MINIMUM NUMBER OF ENTRIES

3.9) At each Regatta a minimum of 5 boats per class must enter. If a class has less than 5 boats competing in a Regatta, the event will not be scored in the UAE National Ranking Championship Series.

3.10) If less than 5 boats have registered to enter a class 7 days before a Regatta, the Organizing Authority may choose to remove that class from the Regatta.

3.11) The host club will notify the Sailors, Class Associations and the other Clubs of an insufficient number of entries 7 days before the event. UAE SARF will inform all of any subsequent decisions made by the Organizing Authorities.

4) CLASSIFICATION

The World Sailing Sailor Classification Code will apply.

5) SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

5.1) The UAE National Ranking Championship Series shall be held over 7 Series Regattas:

| SERIES REGATTA | DATE | Title | Host Club/ Location |
|-----------------------|-------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Round 1 | 06 – 07 Jan | DIMC National Sailing Championship | Dubai |
| Round 2 | 20 – 21 Jan | DOSC National Sailing Championship | Dubai |
| Round 3 | 02 – 03 Mar | HCSC National Sailing Championship | Al Hamriyah |
| Round 4 | 04 – 05 May | SARF National Sailing Championship | Umm Al Quawain |
| Round 5 | 28 – 29 Sep | ADMSC National Sailing Championship | Abu Dhabi |
| Round 6 | 19 – 20 Oct | ADSC National Sailing Championship | Abu Dhabi |
| Round 7 | TBC Nov | SIMSC National Sailing Championship | Sharjah |

6) NOTICE OF RACE AND SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 6.1) For each Regatta (Round) the host club shall publish a Notice of Race in the venue.
- 6.2) The Venue shall be identified in the regatta SI.
- 6.3) The Sailing Instructions for each Regatta will be available from the host club at least 24 hours before registration starts on the day of the event.
- 6.4) Amendments to the Notice of Series and the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 9:00 on the day they will take effect. Except any changes to the Schedule of Races, these shall be posted before 20:00 on the day before they will take effect.

7) MEASUREMENTS

- 7.1) Each boat shall comply with her class rules.
- 7.2) Each boat where applicable shall produce a valid measurement certificate if required by the host club and/or Organizing Authority
- 7.3) A boat may carry national letter and sail numbers in contravention to their class rules only if approved by the host club in the Sailing Instructions.

7.4) Substitution of damaged equipment may be permitted after approval has been given by the host club.

8) JURY AND PROTESTS

- 8.1) Sailors wishing to protest MUST inform the committee boat immediately after finishing their race
- 8.2) Host clubs shall promote the RRS Arbitration process to minimize the number of protests held at each regatta
- 8.3) Where possible each protest committee shall include one Arabic speaker

9) SCORING

9.1) The Scoring will be in accordance with the low-point scoring system as defined in Appendix A of the RRS 2021-2024.

REGATTA SCORING

- 9.2) In each individual Series Regatta of the UAE National Ranking Championship Series, one race is required to be finished to constitute a result.
- 9.3) The number of discards allowed for each Regatta is as follows:
 - When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's Regatta score will be the total of her race scores.
 - When 4 or more races have been completed, a boat's Regatta score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.

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- 9.4) The scoring for the UAE National Ranking Championship Series shall be as follows:
 - A sailor must be properly registered for the Championship to be scored. (see section 3.1 and 3.3)
 - A sailor must participate in a minimum of 6 regattas of the Championship to be scored for the UAE National Ranking Championship series. (see Rule 3.5)
 - The score for a boat shall be the total of the final results for each Regatta.
 - If a boat is not scored in a Regatta her score for that Regatta will be the total number of class entries in the overall Championship plus one.
 - Boats may request redress (DNC) if they cannot sail because they are representing their Country or Club in another international regatta

10) PRIZE

- 10.1) Prizes will be specified in the event Sailing Instructions.
- 10.2) If a class has less than 5 boats competing in a Regatta, the Organizing Authority may choose not to award any prizes for that class.

11) DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 11.1) All competitors must be aware that the nature of marine sporting activities may include injury or death. Competitors participate in the Series and in each regatta entirely at their own risk. See ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing 4, Decision to Race.
- 11.2) The UAE Sailing and Rowing Federation and the host club will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.
- 11.3) The host club may provide overnight storage space to competitors. However, the Organizing Authorities will not accept any liability for material damage or loss whilst stored on club premises.

12) INSURANCE

Participating boat are advised to be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum limit of AED 1.000.000. It is the responsibility of the owners to ensure that boats are properly insured. The UAE SARF is not responsible to ensure crew and boats are adequately insured, it is the sole responsibility of the owners to ensure that crew and boats are properly insured.

13) CONTACTS OF ORGANIZING AUTHORITIES

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