



2 & 3 September 2023
Rotterdam - Netherlands

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. Also see - 2023_SOEE EU Rotterdam_NoR

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 10.00 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take effect.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the venue.
- 3.2. The race office is located at the Sports Information Desk at the Venue: wsv Rotterdam

4. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1. [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.
- 4.2. [DP] Competitors and support persons shall handle any equipment by the organizing authority with care, seamanship, in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed at the official flagpole, located at the end of the central jetty.
- 5.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the Race Signals AP.
- 5.3. When flag R is displayed ashore with one sound signal, all boats are required to reef their mainsail before leaving the dock.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1. There will be a maximum of 4 races per day.
- 6.2. One extra race per day may be sailed, provided that no fleet becomes more than one race ahead of schedule and the change is made according to SI 4.
- 6.3. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed with one sound for at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.



7. CLASS FLAGS

7.1. Class flags will be:

Level III	Special Olympics Flag
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8. RACING AREA

8.1. SI Addendum A shows the location of the racing area.

8.2. The sailing area will be marked by yellow buoys with a stripes.

9. THE COURSES

9.1. Course "1", Course "2", Course "3", Course "4" or Course "5" in the Special Olympics Sailing Sport Rules, section 4.2 and section 4.3, will be used.

10. MARKS

10.1. Marks A, B and C will be orange marks.

10.2. The starting and finishing marks will be race committee boats with orange or blue buoy display or orange or blue flag.

10.3. The following marks are rounding marks: A, B and C.

11. THE START

11.1. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the starting mark at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.

11.2. [DP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

12.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark or the finishing line to a new position. To improve the angle or distance between marks, the race committee may adjust marks without signaling a change of course.

13. THE FINISH

13.1. Except for course 5, the finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the finishing mark at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end finishing mark. For course 5, the finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a finishing mark at the starboard end and the course side of Mark A on the port-end.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1. Appendix UF applies.

15. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

15.1. The Target Time, Race Time Limit (see RRS 35), Finishing Window are shown in the table below.

Target Time	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
20 minutes	30 minutes	10 minutes

15.2. The race committee may in its sole discretion offer to score boats trailing the fleet as finished-in-place to expedite the sailing schedule. This changes rules 35, A5.1 and A5.2.



16. HEARING REQUESTS

- 16.1. For each fleet, the protest time limit is 30 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or after sailing instruction 15.2 has been applied to that race.
- 16.2. Hearing request forms are available from the Sport Information Desk.
- 16.3. Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located at <description>, beginning at the time posted.
- 16.4. A list of boats that have been penalized for breaking RRS 42 under Appendix P will be posted.
- 16.5. The right of appeal from a protest committee decision is denied as provided in rule 70.5.

17. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1. [DP] Check-In and Check-Out: Athletes must sign-in before the start of the race and sign-out after finishing the race at the Sports Information Station located in the clubhouse of the WSV Rotterdam (venue).
- 17.2. [DP] Competitors shall wear personnel flotation devices (PFDs) at all times afloat. See NoR 8.
- 17.3. [DP] Boats not leaving the harbor for a scheduled race shall promptly notify the Athletes Staging Official.
- 17.4. [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 17.5. The attention of competitors and coaches is drawn to Fundamental Rules 1 and 4 (RRS) and Section 7 of the Special Olympic Sailing Sport Rules on safety.

18. OFFICIAL BOATS

19. COACH BOATS [DP]

- 19.1. No coach boats shall be allowed on the water.

20. TRASH DISPOSAL

- 20.1. Trash may never be disposed in the water and may be placed aboard support or official boats.

21. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 21.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The regatta organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, technical committee, umpires, host clubs, sponsors, or any other organization or official) 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.

22. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

- 22.1. By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.



Addendum A – Racing Area





APPENDIX UF

UMPIRED FLEET RACING

Special Olympic World Games Edition

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Umpired fleet races shall be sailed under The Racing Rules of Sailing as changed by this appendix. Races shall be umpired. The rule changes in UF1 have been approved by World Sailing under Regulation 28.1.5(b) on the condition that only the provided options are used. This appendix applies only when it is referred to in the Notice of Race and made available for all competitors.

UF1 CHANGES TO THE DEFINITIONS, THE RULES OF PART 1 AND 2, AND RULE 70

UF1.1 Add to the definition *Proper Course*: 'A boat taking a penalty or manoeuvring to take a penalty is not sailing a *proper course*.'

UF1.2 Add new rule 7 to Part 1:

7 LAST POINT OF CERTAINTY

The umpires will assume that the state of a boat, or her relationship to another boat, has not changed, until they are certain that it has changed.'

UF1.3 Spare.

UF1.4 When rule 20 applies, the following arm signals are required in addition to the hails:

- (a) for *room* to tack, repeatedly and clearly pointing to windward; and
- (b) for 'You tack', repeatedly and clearly pointing at the other boat and waving the arm to windward.

UF1.5 Rule 70 is deleted.

UF1.6 Spare

UF2 CHANGES TO OTHER RULES



UF2.1 Spare

UF2.2 Spare.

UF2.3 Spare.

UF3 ON WATER PROTESTS AND PENALTIES

UF3.1 In this appendix, 'a penalty' will mean the following:

A One-Turn Penalty taken in accordance with rule 44.2.

UF3.2 The first sentence of rule 44.1 is changed to: 'A boat may take a penalty when, in an incident while *racing*, she may have broken one or more of the *rules* of Part 2 (except rule 14 when she has caused damage or injury), rule 31 or rule 42. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 and rule 31 in the same incident, she need not take the penalty for breaking rule 31'

UF3.3 On the Water Protests by Boats and Penalties

(a) While racing, a boat may protest another boat under a rule of Part 2 (except rule 14) or under rule 31 or rule 42; however, a boat may only protest under a rule of Part 2 for an incident in which she was involved. To do so she shall hail 'Protest'
The protest flag is not required this event..

(b) A boat that protests as provided in rule UF3.3(a) is not entitled to a hearing. Instead, a boat involved in the incident may acknowledge breaking a rule by voluntarily taking a penalty. An umpire may penalize any boat that broke a rule and was not exonerated, unless the boat took a penalty voluntarily.

UF3.4 Penalties and Protests Initiated by an Umpire

(a) When a boat

- (1) breaks rule 31 and does not take a penalty,
- (2) breaks rule 42,
- (3) gains an advantage despite taking a penalty,
- (4) commits a breach of sportsmanship, or
- (5) fails to comply with rule UF3.6 or to take a penalty when required to do so by an umpire,



an umpire may penalize her without a protest by another boat. The umpire may impose a penalty or more, each signalled in accordance with rule UF3.5(b), or disqualify her under rule UF3.5(c), or report the incident to the protest committee for further action. If a boat is penalized under rule UF3.4(a)(5) for not taking a penalty or taking a penalty incorrectly, the original penalty is cancelled,

- (b) An umpire who decides, based on his own observation or a report received from any source, that a boat may have broken a rule, other than rule UF3.6 or a rule listed in rule UF3.3(a), may inform the protest committee for its action under rule 60.3. However, he will not inform the protest committee of an alleged breach of rule 14 unless there is damage or injury.

UF3.5 Umpire Signals

An umpire will signal a decision as follows:

- (a) A green and white flag with one long sound means 'No penalty.'
- (b) A red flag with one long sound means 'a penalty is imposed or remains outstanding.' The umpire will hail or signal to identify each such boat.

UF3.6 Imposed Penalties

- (a) A boat penalized under rule UF3.5(b) shall take a penalty.
- (b) A boat disqualified under rule UF3.5(c) shall promptly leave the course area.

UF4 RACE COMMITTEE ACTIONS

- UF4.1** After boats have finished, the race committee will inform competitors about the results on the official noticeboard.

UF5 PROTESTS; REQUESTS FOR REDRESS OR REOPENING; APPEALS; OTHER PROCEEDINGS

- UF5.1** No proceedings of any kind may be taken in relation to any action or non-action by an umpire.

UF5.2 Spare



UF5.3 A boat intending to

- (a) protest another boat under a rule other than rule UF3.6, or a rule listed in rule UF3.3(a),
- (b) protest another boat under rule 14 if there was contact that caused damage or injury, or
- (c) request redress

shall inform the race committee in the following way:

filing a hearing request or scoring inquiry.

UF5.4 The time limit defined in rule UF5.3 (SI 17.1) also applies to protests under rule UF5.9, UF5.10 and UF5.11 when such protests are permitted. The protest committee shall extend the time limit if there is good reason to do so.

UF5.5 The race committee will promptly inform the protest committee about any protests or requests for redress made under rule UF5.3.

UF5.6 The third sentence of rule 61.1(a) and all of rule 61.1(a)(2) are deleted.

UF5.7 The first three sentences of rule 64.2 are changed to: 'When the protest committee decides that a boat that is a *party* to a protest hearing has broken a rule, it may impose penalties other than disqualification, and may make any other scoring arrangement it decides is equitable. If a boat has broken a *rule* when not *racing*, the protest committee shall decide whether to apply any penalty to the race sailed nearest in time to that of the incident or make some other arrangement.'

UF5.8 Hearings

Except for a hearing under rule 69.2

- (a) Protests and requests for redress need not be in writing.
- (b) The protest committee may inform the protestee and schedule the hearing in any way it considers appropriate and may communicate this orally.
- (c) The protest committee may take evidence and conduct the hearing in any way it considers appropriate and may communicate its decision orally.



- (d) If the protest committee decides that a breach of a rule has had no effect on the outcome of the race, it may impose a scoring penalty of points or fraction of points or make any other arrangement it decides is fair, which may be to impose no penalty.
- (e) If the protest committee penalizes a boat in accordance with rule UF5.7 or if a standard penalty is applied, all other boats will be informed about the change of the penalized boat's score.

UF5.9 The race committee will not protest a boat.

UF5.10 The protest committee may protest a boat under rule 60.3. However, it will not protest a boat for breaking rule UF3.6, a rule listed in rule UF3.3(a), or rule 14 unless there is damage or injury.

UF5.11 The technical committee (the sports specific jury) will only protest a boat under rule 60.4 when it decides that a boat or personal equipment does not comply with the class rules, rule 50, or the rules in the equipment regulations of the event, if such exist. In such a case, the technical committee shall protest.

UF5.12 Rule 66.2 is changed to 'A *party* to the hearing under this appendix may not request a reopening.'