

International J/22 Class Association **Instructions for Conducting Regattas**

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The purpose of these instructions is to assist a host fleet and club in the conduct of a regatta based on a standardized set of instructions. These instructions have been sanctioned by the International J/22 Class Association (IJ22CA).

The IJ22CA realizes that flexibility must be maintained in hosting a Class championship. However, it is requested that any proposed changes to these instructions be coordinated with the IJ22CA prior to publication of the Notice of Regatta and Sailing Instructions.

All major championship regattas, including but not limited to World, Continental and Mid-Winter Championships shall be conducted in accordance with the following instructions:

1. REGATTA CLASSIFICATIONS
 - 1.1 World, Continental and Mid-Winter Championships are classified as Level One Regattas.
 - 1.2 All other class sanctioned regattas are classified as Level Two Regattas.

2. REGATTA AWARD
 - a. In considering a location for the hosting of these events, no venue award shall be made to any Host Authority unable to comply fully with the class rules, constitution, sailing instructions and these instructions. The understanding, willingness, and ability of the Host Authority to comply fully with these rules is presumed in good faith when the event is bid.
 - b. The host fleet, club and NJCA shall submit to the IJ22CA the host letter which is attached as Appendix A to this instruction with their request to host a regatta.

3. VENUE
 - a. The World Council shall designate the place of the World and Continental Championships and, shall consider the development, promotion of the J/22, and the selection of a venue with suitable facilities and the availability of charter boats and racing conditions in making its decision.
 - b. The World Championship shall not be held on the same continent for more than two consecutive years, nor in the same hemisphere for more than for more than three consecutive years. The hemisphere are considered divided by longitude 20 degrees W and 160 degrees E. The responsibility for arranging and providing proper facilities, prizes and entertainment shall rest with the fleet sponsoring the event. In this regard it shall co-operate with and be guided by the World Council.

4. CHARTER BOATS

- 4.1 The availability of charter boats shall be a consideration when selecting the venue of a major championship regatta. The number of boats to be made available to charterers by the host fleet shall be determined by the formula

N=Number of active national Associations as of the close of the previous calendar year

Minimum Charter Fleet Size = $0.8(N)$

Target Charter Fleet Size = $1.2(N)$

Optimum Charter Fleet Size = $1.6(N)$

- 4.2 Notice of the availability of charter boats shall be published no later than 120 days prior to the regatta and initially be made available to any combination of non-host nation Class members.
- 4.3 Charter agreements and deposits from non-host nation Class members shall be received by the host fleet no later than 30 days prior to the commencement of the registration for the event.
- 4.4 Within 30 days prior to the event, the remaining charter fleet shall be available to both non-host and host nation Class members.
- 4.5 Charter fees shall be the same for both non-host and host Class members. Charter boats shall include all standard equipment except sails and have a valid IJ22CA Measurement Certificate.
- 4.5 The charter fee shall include an insurance policy premium. And any deductible fee or damage deposit required by the insurance policy and refunded within 15 days of completion of the event provided there is no claim against the deposit.
- 4.6 The charter fee should be reasonable giving consideration to the event location and related expenses incurred by non-host nation Class members.

5. AUTHORITIES

- 5.1 These instructions are written for the purpose of conducting a championship regatta to select a championship skipper and crew. All other considerations, such as the convenience of the Race Committee, spectators, and all non-participants shall be considered only if no sacrifice is made in conducting the best possible racing.

- 5.2 The intent of these instructions shall be considered rather than any semantic or technical misconstruction that may be derived from the wording.
- a. The official language of all World Championships shall be English.
 - b. An official IJ22CA Representative shall be assigned by the World Council for each Level One regattas to see that the regatta is conducted in full accordance with these instructions and the Official IJ22CA Sailing Instructions. While normally an advisor, the IJ22CA representative shall have the authority to assure the duties of Race Committee Chairman or other official if he/she is convinced that the conduct of the regatta is not in compliance with these rules. He/she shall assist all committees in an advisory capacity and shall be consulted in any disputes concerning IJ22CA rules, but should generally not be a formal member of any committee. He/she shall be available during measurement and registration and attend the competitor's meeting, and shall have the option to be present on the main Race Committee boat. The designation of the IJ22CA representative is as follows, unless specified differently by the World Council.

World Championship	Class Chairman
Continental Championship	Appointed by World Council
Mid-Winter Championship	US Class President

- c. The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) shall apply, except where they have been modified by these instructions, the Class Rules, the IJ22CA Constitution and By-Laws, and/or the IJ22CA sailing instructions. In any and all cases of conflict the IJ22CA Rules shall govern.
6. ENTRY, ELIGIBILITY AND MEASUREMENT RESTRICTIONS
- 6.1 No boat shall be eligible to enter any Championship races unless she has a valid IJ22CA Measurement Certificate.
 - 6.2 The same boat, measured equipment and sails must be used throughout the entire regatta unless it is so severely damaged as to be incapable of being sailed. All claims of damage requiring replacement shall be petitioned to the IJ22CA representative in writing and all replacements shall be required to pass measurement.
 - 6.3 Only one suit of sails per boat will be measured for any contestant. A measured replacement may be authorized by the IJ22CA if a sail is found to be irreparably damaged.
 - 6.4 At World and Continental events the sails for each boat shall be measured and stamped by an IJ22CA measurer.

7. DIVISION OF THE FLEET

In the case of a regatta where it can be determined that there will be 60 or more boats, the fleet will be divided into four colored groups to sail a qualification series with no less than two and as many as three races. Based on the results of the qualification series, the fleet will be divided into two divisions: Gold (the top half) and Silver (the remaining half) for the Championship series.

8. OBSERVATION OF CLASS RULES

The enforcement of Class rules is essential to the protection of all J/22 owners. Members are required to report to the IJ22CA any race held for the IJ22CA as such, wherein the IJ22 Class Rules are not respected and enforced by the organization conducting it, or where entries of ineligible yachts are knowingly accepted. A member who makes him/herself party to such practices, by knowingly and after due warning enters such an outlawed event, shall him/herself be subject to suspension. The World Council may outlaw any event for cause.

9. ADVERTISING

All IJ22CA events are Category C events subject to the restrictions listed in Class Rule 2.10 (Advertising).

10. RACE SCHEDULE & SCORING

- 10.1 All races shall be conducted on a rigid time schedule. Only the most unusual of circumstances that would effect the fairness of the competition should allow the start of a race to be delayed. Such circumstances may include severe weather and hoist breakdown.
- 10.2 For World and Continental Championships a minimum of nine races will be scheduled over three days of competition plus one reserve day in those regattas where the fleet is not divided.
- 10.3 In those World and Continental Championships where the fleet is divided, a minimum of seven races will be attempted in the Championship series, In both, the Low-Point Scoring System, Appendix A2, will apply.
- 10.4 If two or fewer races are completed in the qualification series, no throw outs will be permitted. If five or fewer are completed in the Championship series, no throw outs will be permitted. Four races are required to constitute a Championship when the fleet is not divided. When the fleet is divided, three races are required.

- 10.5 For Mid-Winter Championships as many as nine races will be scheduled over three days of racing with no reserve day. If six or more races are completed one throw out will be permitted. Two races will constitute a regatta.
- 10.6 DSQ's may not be discarded (in the U.S. this alters US Sailing prescriptions to Appendix A1.3).

11. RACE COURSES

- 11.1 The Courses are described in Instruction 10 and in illustration B of the SI's.
- 11.2 All courses shall be windward/leeward, triangles or variations thereof. The race committee shall endeavor to set Windward/leeward courses for at least 70% of the races. There is no minimum course length.
- 11.3 The weather mark (Mark 1) shall be placed upwind on the average sailing wind bearing from the midpoint of the starting line and that mark bearing shall be posted at the Race Committee boat prior to the warning signal. A sustained wind variation of 20 degrees or more from that posted bearing during the first leg of a race shall cause that race to be abandoned.
- 11.4 A sustained variation of 40 degrees or more off the posted bearing during the first lap of the course shall result in that race being abandoned and resailed if practicable.

12. MARKS

- 12.1 Courses shall be established using temporary inflatable marks. When conditions dictate fixed or government marks may be used when written approval of IJ22CA is granted a minimum of 90 days in advance of the regatta.
- 12.2 Marks shall be of high visibility color and of sufficient size, height, and configuration to be easily identified by the competitors.
- 12.3 The Race Committee is advised to record the order of competitor rounding at each primary course mark.

13. THE START

- 13.1 Races will be started in accordance with Rule 26.1, System 2. A fixed starting line shall not be used. All starts must be made between the course side of a mark to be left to port, which defines one end of the starting line, and mark or committee boat with its line flag representing the starboard line end, which shall be left to starboard.

- 13.2 It is recommended that a starting line independent of the course and the primary course marks be established to leeward of the leeward mark, such that the middle point of the starting line is in line with the leeward mark (Mark 1) and the leeward mark (Mark 3). See the Course diagram in the SI's. The line marks should be removed and Mark 3 placed ten minutes after the start of the second fleet.
 - 13.3 The length of the starting line should be approximately equal to the number of competing boats multiplied by 7 meters.
 - 13.4 The optimal starting line shall be set square to the average sailing wind (90 degrees off that bearing). An ideal starting line is one that results in competitors spreading out along its entirety without sensing a prejudiced end.
 - 13.5 The Race Committee is encouraged to post official boats at each end of the starting line to determine and attempt to hail boats that are premature starters.
14. WEATHER LIMITATIONS
 - 14.1 A race shall not be started unless the Race Committee and the IJ22CA representative are confident that a fair race can be completed.
 - 14.2 Races should not be started in wind of less than 4 knots or more than 25 knots on sheltered water experiencing little wave action.
 - 14.3 On unsheltered or exposed water, races should not be started in winds of less than 4 knots or more than 22 knots.
 - 14.4 In areas where severe weather may be encountered, a race shall not be started with a serious storm threatening and if severe weather arrives before the completion of a race, that race shall be abandoned.
 - 14.5 Where there is a possibility of high wind or storms, an adequate number of appropriate support boats handled by experienced and adequate personnel (at least two people per boats) shall be employed by the Race Committee.
- 15 THE FINISH
 - 15.1 The finish line shall be set at right angles to the wind and the finishing line shall be bounded by a finishing mark and a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat.
 - 15.2 If the wind has shifted to a degree that the last leg is not a fair beat and Race Committee cannot change the mark, the finishing line should be set square to the course.

- 15.3 The length of the finishing line shall not be less than 30 nor more than 50 meters.
- 16 ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES
The 720 degree turn penalty, Rule 44.1 and 44.2, shall apply, as altered by the sailing instructions.
17. PROTESTS
- 17.1 For the World Championships an International Jury (I.J.) shall be appointed by the Executive Committee. For a Continental or Mid Winter Championship the jury shall be appointed by the host national class authority.
- 17.2 For Continental and Mid Winter Championships, at least one-half of the jury shall be comprised of jurors who reside at least 299 km (approx. 124 miles) from the site of the regatta.
- 17.3 Familiarity and experience with J/22 sailing is a critical criteria for the selection of jury members. The IJ22CA representative shall be satisfied of compliance with these criteria *in advance of the event*.
- 17.4 Protests must be filed with the Race Committee in writing within a period of time not be less than one hour of the return of the Race Committee to shore, as established by the Race Committee in IJ22CA Sailing Instruction 17. However, in cases where the fleet is unable to return to shore within one hour, this time period may be extended by a Notice to Competitors.
18. SUPPORT CRAFT
- 18.1 All Race Committee are required to be diligent in their strict supervision of all support boat activity. Under no circumstances should the use of support boats influence the outcome of a race.
- 18.2 Support personnel shall not go afloat in the racing area during racing except on Race Committee designated spectator boats. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the penalization of any boat(s) associated with infringing people.
19. TEAM RACING
Under no circumstance shall the use of team racing tactics be tolerated in fleet racing. If the Race Committee or Protest Committee determines that use of team racing tactics may have significantly influenced the outcome of a race they shall order that race abandoned and re-sailed, excluding the participation of the offending boat(s). The details of the incident shall be reported to the IJ22CA office.

20. **BOW NUMBERS**
Bow numbers, when assigned, will be at least 305 mm in height.
21. Prizes will be awarded to the top five skippers and crew in the Gold fleet, and to the top five skippers and crew in the Silver fleet. If there is a single fleet, prizes will be awarded to the top ten skippers and crew.
22. Non-compliance with these instructions shall be acceptable grounds for a protest or a request for redress under Rule 62 by a competitor, and also by the IJ22CA Representative, or the official measurer at that event. This modifies Rule 60.

APPENDIX A

From: (host fleet, host club & host NJCA)
To: IJ22CA World Council
Subject: Hosting of the (year) XXXXX Championship
Date:

We invite the International J/22 Class Association to hold the (year) XXXXX Championship at the _____ Club in (city, country)

We agree to conform to the IJ22CA's Rules and Constitution, the Official Sailing Instructions, and Instructions for Conducting Regattas. We agree to remit to the IJ22CA prior to the start of the first race any class membership and/or sail royalty fees collected from competitors on behalf of the IJ22CA. These funds shall be remitted in U.S. funds.

We recognize that the inability if any of the hosts to comply with these requirements shall cause the World Council to withdraw it's recognition of the regatta.

/s/ (Fleet)
/s/ (club)
/s/ (NJCA)