



## **INTERNATIONAL FINN CLASS MASTERS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP RULES**

### **INTRODUCTION**

The Masters World Championships of the International Finn Class shall be governed by the Rules of the International Finn Class (IFA), the relevant Racing Rules of Sailing in force at the time of the event and these rules shall be binding on the Organizing Authority (OA) unless varied in writing.

All documents and messages concerning this event shall be written in the English language and the language spoken shall be English.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

The Masters World Championship shall be held on an annual basis and is open to all Finn sailors who during the calendar year of the event shall be in their 40<sup>th</sup> year or older.

- The Classifications shall be as follows: -
- World Master (the overall winner)
- Master (winner 40-49 years old)
- Grand Master (winner 50-59)
- Grand Grand Master (winner 60-69)
- Legend (winner 70+).
- Ladies

### **ANNUAL MASTERS MEETING**

An Annual Masters Meeting (AMM) shall be held during the Masters World Championship Week. The time and place to be fixed by the Masters President and shall be published on the FWM website [www.finnworldmaster.com](http://www.finnworldmaster.com) at least one month before the Meeting, an Agenda which includes:

Approval of the Minutes of the last AMM.

Report of the Masters President

Finance Report

Election of new member(s) of the Masters Committee to stand for a period of 4 years, in conformity with the resigning schedule.

Approval of venue and date of Masters World Championships to be held two years after the current Championships.

(Re-)Election of the Masters President for a 4-year period. This President shall be elected Vice-President (Masters) of the IFA Executive Committee by the IFA Annual General Meeting.

Any item presented to the Masters President in writing at least one calendar month before the Meeting.

Finn Masters may, by a simple majority, decide whether any other business should be added to the Agenda, such to be handed over to the Masters President at the latest 24 hours before the start of the AMM.

### **CHAMPIONSHIP VENUES**

The Masters World Championship shall be sailed on waters that have a record of stable wind directions and good breezes; variable and very light air venues shall be avoided.

The course of the Masters World Championship shall be exclusive and separate.

The date and place for the Masters World Championship shall be published on [www.finnworldmaster.com](http://www.finnworldmaster.com) by the Masters President no later than 12 months prior to the event.

The Annual Masters Meeting shall decide on the venue of the World Championship to be held in the second year following the current World Championship. Nominations for the venue shall be submitted to the AMM for their consideration and preferably presented during the AMM by the candidate organization. The choice of this venue shall be by a majority show of hands at the AMM.

The venue shall be situated within Europe. The Annual Masters Meeting can decide to accept a candidate outside Europe.

## **NOMINATIONS FOR A VENUE**

Nominations for a venue shall be sent to the Master's President **before February 1<sup>st</sup> two years before the desired year of the Championship**. Candidates will receive the Guidelines and will be visited by the Master's President as soon as possible. After the President has approved the venue and an agreement has been made on the Guidelines, an invitation to present their venue and organization during the next AMM will follow.

## **ADVERTISING**

The World Championship will be a Category C event pursuant to the ISAF Advertising code. The OA may require all participating boats to display the event sponsor's advertising in accordance with RRS

## **ORGANIZING AUTHORITY (OA)**

Each Organizing Authority (OA) has to organize and manage the Championship in close conjunction with the Masters President.

## **ENTRY FORMS AND NOTICE OF RACE (NOR)**

The Organising Authority shall publish the official NOR and relevant Entry Forms in the English language no later than four months prior to the event. The NOR whilst abiding by the RRS shall be subject to the express agreement of the Masters President.

The entry fee shall be agreed with the Masters President and shall include the cost of the award dinner and € 10,= fee for the Masters account.

Eligible boats may enter by completing the official Entry Form for the Masters as published on the Finn World Masters event website.

Fully completed entry forms and payments should be received no later than two (2) weeks prior to the event. After completing and sending the Entry Form the competitor agrees to pay the Entry Fee as defined in the NoR. Only after receipt of his payment a competitor's entry is valid. Entries and payments after the date, 2 weeks before the event, will be charged 50% more.

## **INSURANCE, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION DUES AND IFA DUES**

All eligible boats shall provide the current IFA Class sticker for the year of the Championship plus an insurance Certificate showing a minimum indemnity limit of € 1,000,000 or equivalent in another currency.

## **RACE OFFICER (PRO)**

The PRO shall be ISAF qualified to run an International ISAF event and his appointment shall be subject to the approval of the OA and the Masters President.

## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SI)**

The SI's shall be published by the OA in accordance with the provisions of current RRS, ISAF Race Standards and IFA Class Rules and approved by the Masters President no later than 2 months prior to the event. The President will, at least 3 month before, provide standard SI to an OA for next Championship. These standard SI will be adapted on limited items to the local organization.

## **INTERNATIONAL JURY**

There must be an International Jury in accordance with RRS Appendix M. It shall include at least five members (2 from the organizing country and 3 from other countries) who have proven experience in on the water judging of RRS 42 (Propulsion). At least one should have practical Finn racing experience. The International Jury should meet with the IFA Representative Masters President before the first race for a policy briefing. The Jury Chairman should not be of the same Nationality as the organising country.

## **RACE OFFICE**

Starting from the first measurement day the Race Office should be open daily from 8.30 am until 7 pm.

Preliminary race results must be available as soon as possible after each day's racing and posted onto the Official Notice Board.

The Official Notice Board must be in, or close to, the Race Office.

The GPS coordinates of the Race Office will be mentioned in the Notice of Race.

## MEASUREMENT

All eligible boats shall present a current valid IFA Measurement Certificate.  
The measurement procedure will be considered between the OA and the Masters President.  
Boats will be measured in accordance with the latest Class Rules and amendments thereto.  
All eligible boats shall be measured before racing in accordance with the prescribed measurements shown below.  
The measurer may check any measurements within the class rules at any time during the event. At the measurement the following items shall be scrutinised:

### Hull

Weight, including check of amount and location of weight correctors.  
Arrangements to prevent the mast and rudder from becoming detached in a capsized.

### Masts

Max 2 per boat. Weight, centre of gravity and mast limit marks.

### Booms

Boom limit marks. and limiting stop with the boom attached to the mast.

### Centreboard

Maximum projection from the keel.

### Sails

Max. 2 per boat. Only Sails that have been certified according to the Finn Class Rules shall be presented. It is incumbent on each competitor to ensure that all sails are measured and the OA shall make no provision for sails to be measured, which will be entirely the responsibility of each participant

## SKIPPERS MEETING

A briefing meeting for the sailors should be held before the start of the practice race, or the first race if no practice race is scheduled. The Race Officer has to be present. Sailing Instructions should be available well in advance so sailors can ask questions.  
Additional skippers meetings may be requested by the Masters President and/or his committee.

## COURSES

The Olympic triangular course or the trapezoid course with inner- and outer loops will be sailed.  
There shall be a maximum number of 8 races to be sailed over 5 days or as stipulated by the PRO in accordance with weather conditions.  
No more than 2 races shall be sailed in one day.  
Races should be approximately 90 minutes in duration as a maximum.

## GROUPS

The scheduled series will consist of maximum eight Heats. Depending on Entries, each Heat will be divided into two, three or four Colour Groups of similar size, which will change each day.  
The decision about the amount of groups will be with the Masters President.

## COURSE DIRECTION

The Starting vessel should display the approximate magnetic compass bearing from the leeward mark to the windward mark in clear, large numbers.

## BLACK FLAGGED RACES

The Committee boat shall ensure that it is able to post all boats numbers that have been black-flagged in a manner that is legible from a reasonable distance.

## THE START LINE

The start line shall be equivalent to 1.5 times the length of the Finn times the number of starting boats. Where there are more than 60 boats on any one start there should be a middle mark placed in the centre of the line. Such mark shall not constitute a mark of the course for the purpose of the "round the ends rule"

In addition to the Committee Boat there shall be a pin end boat that shall repeat all flag and sound signals made by the Committee Boat.

### **WINDWARD MARK BOAT**

Wherever possible there should be a mark boat at the windward mark displaying a clearly visible shape or flag in such a manner as to assist identification of the windward mark. This is particularly important in poor visibility.

### **MINIMUM/MAXIMUM WIND STRENGTH AND TIME LIMIT**

These shall be as prescribed in the SI's but no race shall be started in less than 5 knots of wind measured on the Committee Boat at deck level.

No race shall be started in more than 20 knots of wind measured on the Committee Boat at deck level.

The decision whether to start a race or not, regarding wind speed, will be taken by the Race Committee.

The time limit must be specified in the SI's.

### **SCORING**

The Masters World Championship shall be awarded to the winner of a series of maximum 8 races, of which 4 shall be completed to constitute a series. The Sailing Instructions shall state that the Low Point Scoring System be used, modified so that if 5 races are sailed, the result of each boat's worst race shall be discarded.

The scoring for the age groups (Masters, Grand Masters, Grand Grand Masters and Legends) uses the points the competitors got in the overall results.

### **RESCUE BOATS**

There must be at least one RIB rescue boat per 20 competitors.

### **PRIZES**

The Organizing Authority shall provide prizes for the first ten competitors in the overall results.

There are additional prizes (Medals) from the Masters organization for the first 3 competitors in the following categories:

- Master (Winner 40-49 years old)
- Grand Master (winner 50-59)
- Grand Grand Master (winner 60-69)
- Legend (winner 70+)
- First Lady

All legends will receive a participation prize from the Masters President.

Perpetual prizes will be awarded to:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Master
- 1<sup>st</sup> Grand Master
- 1<sup>st</sup> Grand Grand Master

The "Golden Crutch" will be awarded to the first sailor outside the prizes in the overall results.

The prize giving ceremony should be held as soon as possible after the end of the last race.

### **FINAL DECISIONS**

The final decisions on any matters not covered by the RRS and the International Jury shall rest with IFA.

### **ON SHORE FACILITIES RECOMMENDATIONS**

#### **Competitors' Accommodation**

Competitors' accommodation must be as close together as possible and every effort should be made for accommodation to be within walking or biking distance from the boat park.

#### **Accommodation and Transport for Class Officers**

The Organizing Authority shall pay for the Class Measurer as well as the Jury

#### **Other facilities**

The following facilities should be available:

- Free parking
- Campsites with special rates, including sanitary facilities and electric power supply. These sites must be in walking or biking distance.
- Communication services for competitors and press
- Fresh water in the dinghy park

- Launching facilities sufficient to launch the fleet in due time
- Emergency medical facilities
- Security in camping sites and boat park.