

Appendix 10 World Championship Rules

Dragon World Championship Rules

The Royal Hellenic Cup

In 1965 His Majesty King Constantine of Greece presented the Royal Hellenic Cup, known as Epathlon Vassileos, to the International Dragon Class as the World Championship Trophy, in memory of the late King Paul who showed so much interest in the Dragons.

Rules

- 1 The World Championships shall be governed by the current ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the International Dragon Class Rules, the rules of the Dragon World Championship, the International Dragon Class "Standard Sailing Instructions" and any amendments thereto approved in writing by the IDA and in force one month prior to the date the Notice of Race is issued.

Frequency

- 2 The Championship shall be held every second odd calendar year.

Venue

- 3 The Championship shall take place in the following areas in rotation:

North Europe

America

North and South American continents, Bermuda and Jamaica

South Europe, Middle East, and Africa

For the purposes of defining these areas, South Europe shall be deemed to include Belgium and Switzerland.

Australia and Pacific

- 4 Only countries that are members of the International Dragon Association and have an active Dragon fleet may run the Championship. New member countries shall be allocated to a suitable area by the Association.
- 5 The International Dragon Association in general meeting shall select the

country that is to hold the Championship at least two years in advance. The organising authority will be required to show that it is able and willing to meet the International Dragon Association's requirements for arranging a major World Championship event.

Entries

- 6 The maximum number of entries (per country) that can be put forward by their National Association are as follows:

Registered Dragons Per Country	Permitted Entries
1-10	6
11-20	7
21-35	8
36-50	9
51-85	10
86-125	11
126-175	12
176-250	13
251-325	14
326-400	15
Over 400	17

In addition the host country will be permitted, at the discretion of the IDA depending on the number of entries, extra places up to 50% of their permitted entries.

7. In addition there will be up to 15 International Qualification places for sailors with a top 25% placing in three selected International Regattas, which currently are:
- a) during the year prior to the event - Douarnenez Grand Prix, Gold Cup, Europeans/Worlds, Pfingstbusch, Regates Royales
 - b) during the year of the event – King Juan Carlos Trophy (Cascais) and Princess Sophia (Palma)

The list will be revised regularly to ensure that only the more successful International Regattas are selected.

8. Up to 5 places may be allocated at the discretion of the International Dragon Association. Applications for these places must be received by the IDA Secretary three months before the event.
9. The following helmsmen shall automatically qualify:
 - The current and last two World Champions if still active Dragon sailors. Names to be confirmed by National Associations to the IDA 3 months before the event.
 - The current and last two European Champions if still active Dragon sailors. Names to be confirmed by National Associations 3 months before the event.
 - The President and Vice Presidents of the International Dragon Association.
 - The Chairman, Vice Chairmen, Treasurer and Secretary of the International Dragon Association.
10. In the event that this system produces too many entries, and a limit is imposed, entries will be reduced in the following order:
 - a) the Host country's additional places
 - b) the International qualification places
 - c) the National allocations

The reductions in b) and c) will be proportionately as far as possible. If the reduction in c) has to be applied, each country will be asked to confirm the number of its allocation to be taken up, with a waiting list. If entries are not received from any country up to its national allocation limit, its unused balance will be forfeited and offered around to other countries, proportionately so far as possible
11. All entries shall be made through their National Dragon Association. Each Individual National Association shall notify the Organising Authority of the number of boats that are expected to attend, at least three months prior to the championship. National Associations may require at least two crew members to be current members of their Association
12. The names of helmsman, crew and boat shall be in the hands of the organising authority at least 30 days before the first race.

Eligibility

13. The helmsman and at least one of the crew shall be members of the country making the entry and any such members may take the helm. One non-national crew member is permitted but shall not take the helm.

- 14 The helmsman shall enter as a member of a yacht club recognised by the National Authority of the country for which he sails and, shall be a current member of his National Dragon Association.
- 15 Helmsman and crew may be substituted during a series for good and sufficient reason approved by the Jury.
- 16 For the purposes of entry "member of the country" means a passport holder of that country.

Entry requirements and measurement

- 17 Entries shall be limited to boats holding a valid Certificate of Measurement which shall be exhibited to the Organising country as directed in the Notice of Race.
- 18 Boats and sails may be subject to re-measurement in accordance with the International Dragon Class Rules and the IDA Technical Committee instructions.
- 19 The Organisers shall appoint a Measurer, Principal Race Officer and Chairman of the Jury approved in writing by the IDA for the event.
- 20 The Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions shall be approved by the IDA before publication.

Course and Scoring System

- 21 The type of course and scoring system shall be notified in the Notice of Race.

Number of Races

- 22 The Championship shall take place over 6 days and comprise 8 races. Only one race shall be scheduled for the first and last days. A maximum of 6 races shall be scheduled on the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th days, with no more than 2 races per day. If 8 races are completed there shall be 2 discards. If 6 or 7 races are completed there will be one discard. There will be no discard if only 5 races are completed. If less than five races can be sailed the trophy shall not be awarded. A spare day cannot be scheduled for the last day of the series.
- 23 International Jury. The Organising Authority shall appoint an International Jury from whose decisions there shall be no appeal (RRS 70.4).

Prizes

- 24 The trophy shall be held by the winning helmsman until the next Championship, but will remain the property of the donor. The holder shall be responsible for the care of the trophy (including insurance) and to see that it is in the hands of the Organising Country by the start of the next Championship.
- 25 The IDA will provide Gold, Silver and Bronze medals for the winning helmsmen and crew of the first three yachts.

Interpretation

- 26 These rules will be subject to interpretation and amendment by the IDA.
- 27 An amendment to these conditions shall require a two-thirds majority of those voting.