

International

Vaurien

Class

Association

VAURIEN WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP REGULATIONS

CHAPTER I **General**

Article 1 The International Vaurien Class Association .(IVCA), through the Comité International du Vaurien (CIV), commits each year a National Association or Authority for taking responsibility of the organisation of the "VAURIEN WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP". The World Championship is subject to the following rules and regulations:

- a) **ISAF** Racing Rules of sailing (RRS),
- b) Rules laid down by the National Authority of the host country,
- c) Racing rules specific to the Vaurien class,
- d) these Vaurien World Championship rules,
- e) Racing instructions issued by the World Championship Organising Committee.
- f) ***Changing's of the suggested items are possible on request of the organising National Association or Authority at the Meeting before (6 month) the WC (see article 3). If there is no reference to suggested directives, this items are essentially.***

Article 2 Texts

The english version of this text shall apply in the event of a dispute.

CHAPTER II **Venue - Date - Participants - Selection**

Article 3 Venue and date

National Associations wishing to organise the World Championship shall submit their request to the CIV at least three (3) years in advance. They should confirm their candidature one (1) year before the Championship stating organising authority or club, site, proposed dates, programme, accommodation and other facilities. The finalization of date and venue shall be made by the CIV at its meeting preceding the Championship.

Article 4 Participants - Number of participants

The number of participants for each National Association will be determined as a function of the number of "active members" of the same National Association according to the quotas given in the appendix.

The number of participants is finalised by the CIV at its meeting prior to the World Championship according to the quotas and all countries shall be notified.

The previous year's world champion and the winner of the "Europa Cup" shall be automatically admitted.

The host country is entitled to have 1 additional participant for each World Championship (Senior, Junior, Woman)..

Additional participants may be granted by the Chairman of the CIV if the conditions permit.

If, for any reason, the number of participants is less than fifteen (15), or if the number of participating countries is less than four (4), the race shall not be called "World Championship" and the title of world champion not awarded.

Article 5 Selection

The method of selection of their representatives is left to the discretion of each National Association.

CHAPTER III Organisation - Organising Committee - Race Committee -Jury - Measurement Committee

Article 6 Organising structure

The structure of the World Championship to be set up by the National Association in charge of the organising the championship shall comprise:

- a) Organising Committee,
- b) Race Committee,
- c) International Jury,
- d) Measurement Committee.

Other committees may be set up to the discretion of the organising authority.

The National Vaurien Class Association or the National Authority shall take the responsibility of the World Championship to be conducted in an orderly and sportsmanlike manner.

Article 7

Organising Committee

- a) It shall be formed by the Club which the host National Association has committed. It shall necessarily include at least one member of the Board of the host National Association.
- b) The Organising Committee shall prepare and manage the Championship.

Article 8

Race Committee

- a) The Race Committee shall be comprised of members of the host country designated by the Organising Committee. It shall be assisted by at least one representative of other participating National Associations recognised by the CIV.
- b) The Race Committee shall run the Championship according to Part 2 Art. 1.3 of the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) .
- c) The Race Committee, in collaboration with the Organising Committee shall prepare the pre-program (as per Art. 2 of the IRR) and the racing instructions (as per Art. 3 of the RRS) according to the present rules.

These documents shall be submitted for approval to the CIV at the meeting preceding the Championship.

Article 9

International Jury

- a) The International Jury shall be comprised of five (5) members accepted by the CIV upon proposal by the host National Association in compliance with the IYRU rules for an International Jury (appendix A5 of RRS).
- b) The decisions by the World Championship International Jury shall be final.
- c) With regard to class measurement, the jury may be assisted by members of the CIV Technical Committee present in compliance with Art. 74.3 of the IRR.

Article 10

Measurement Committee

The Measurement Committee is responsible for organising the measurements ***and to use the official CIV templates*** prior to and during the races. It shall comprise:

- a Chairman,

an International Official Measurer or member of CT for the Vaurien Class designated by the host country.

~~Their names shall be submitted to the CIV at the meeting preceding the Championship.~~

This Committee may request the assistance of those members of the Technical Committee present at the World Championship.

At the end of the Championship, the Measurement Committee shall submit to the CIV a report detailing all points on which it was called upon to make a decision.

CHAPTER IV Notice of Race - Enrolments - Crews - Enrolment Fees Compliance

Article 11 Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions and Rules laid down by the National Authority of the host country

These documents shall be forwarded the CIV and all National Associations by the Organising Committee at least four (4) months prior to the date of the first Championship race.

They shall be written in English.

Article 12 Enrolments

Each National Association shall forward to the Chairman of the CIV and to the Organising Committee, the list of boats enrolled (name and sail number) and the names of skipper and crew.

Enrolments shall cease fourteen (14) days prior to the first race.

Exceptions to the above can be granted by the Chairman of the CIV in cases where necessary.

Article 13 Crews

The composition of crews may be altered by the respective National Association or its representative through to the day preceding the first race on the condition that the Race Committee is informed in writing.

The nationality of crew members shall be that of the respective National Association.

Notwithstanding, a National Association may designate a member or members of different nationalities providing the said crew member(s) have been a member of the National Association for more than one (1) year.

Article 14 Enrolment Fees

In theory, there is no enrolment fee for the World Championship. However, a contribution to expenses may be requested providing the amount per boat is approved by the CIV when the candidature is submitted. It shall be the organisers' discretion to award prizes to the competitors.

Article 15 Compliance

- a) No boat may take part in the Championship if it does not comply with the class rules and specification and if it does not present a Measurement Certificate up to date.
- b) Boats with their spars and rigging must be made available to the Measurement Committee prior to the first race.
- c) The Measurement Committee may, at any time, make all measurements and/or controls it shall deem necessary.
- d) Only one set of sails and one set of spars are authorised for all the races of the World Championship. Sails and spars shall be visibly marked by the Measurement Committee. In the event of damage, the Jury shall decide whether to authorise replacement of the damaged equipment or not.
- e) The Vaurien official measurement equipment shall be made available for use in the World Championship by the CIV. The Organizing Committee shall be responsible for the equipment during the Championship as well as during the transport, if any.

CHAPTER V Duration - Number of Races - Course - Minimum Speed - Team Play - Protests

- Article 16 Duration
- Article 16.1** The World Championship shall be held over a minimum of four (4)
- Article 16.2** **Suggestion for** the maximum is six (6) consecutive days but excluding the measurement.
- Article 17 Number of Races
- Article 17.1** **Suggestion for the number of races :**
The minimum of scheduled of races is six (6) races, five (5) of which shall count for the final classification. If for any reason only four (4) or five (5) valid races are run, four (4) shall count for the final classification.
- Article 17.2** Minimum number of races
If it has not been possible to run a minimum of four (4) valid races, the title of World Champion shall not be awarded.
- Article 17.3** **Suggestion for the number of races per day**
The programme shall not include more than two (2) races per day. Notwithstanding, the Race Committee may authorise one (1) additional race in the final days if so required for the validity of the Championship and if circumstances are suitable for it to be run in reasonable conditions.
- Article 18 **Suggestion for the Course**

The World Championship is run on a triangle course. The total course of a race shall be **five** (5) miles(9 kilometres approx.).

In case of a shortened race the minimum course shall be **three and a half** (3,5) miles long
- Article 19 Minimum Course Speed,
- a) The minimum average speed of the boat finishing first in a race shall be one and a half (1.5) knots (1.5 miles per hour).
 - b) The official time limit is the time a boat would take to complete the course at the minimum average speed.

If no boat crosses the finishing line within the official time limit, the race shall not be valid and may be re-run.
 - c) The maximum course time is the time that the first finishing boat takes to complete the course, plus thirty (30) minutes.

- d) Boats crossing the finishing line after the maximum course time shall be deemed to have abandoned the race.

Article 20 Team Play,

The Race Committee shall discourage all attempts at team play by proposing that any competitor seeking to hinder or assist any other competitor, other than for his or her own race and classification, be disqualified.

Article 21 ***Suggestion for Protests,***

The lodging of a protest concerning the measurements shall be accompanied by a fee to cover the expenses of the measurers. The amount of this fee shall be proposed by the organisers and approved by the CIV.

CHAPTER VI Classification - Endorsement

Article 22 Classification

- a) Classification shall be made in compliance with the current ***ISAF low point*** system ~~***Appendix B2 of IRR***~~
- b) ***Splitting in fleets is not previewed.***
~~***The suggestion is, that there is no splitting in different fleets for the finals.***~~

The team scoring the minimum number of points shall be deemed WORLD CHAMPION of the VAURIEN class.

Article 23 Endorsement

The results of the World Championship shall be endorsed by the CIV to which they shall be forwarded not later than thirty (30) days following the last race.

CHAPTER VIII Mondial Junior

The World Junior Championship, called the Mondial Junior, shall be run under the same conditions as the World Championship with the exception of the following articles.

Article 24 Age

Shall be deemed "juniors", all competitors not having reached their nineteenth (19) birthday on the first of January of the year in which the World Championship takes place.

Both skipper and crew shall be "juniors" as defined above.

Article 25 Participants

The number of participants for each country is determined each year by the CIV at its meeting preceding the Championship.

The minimum conditions for the award of titles in the Mondial Junior Championship are:

- number of racing crews:
eight (8),
- number of participating countries:
three (3),

Article 26 *Title*

The team scoring the minimum number of points shall be deemed "**Junior World Champion**"

CHAPTER IX **World Women 's championship**

The World Women's Championship will be run according to the same rules as the World Championship with the exception of the following articles:

Article 27 Sex

Both skipper and crew shall be women.

Article 28 Participants

The number of participants is set each year by the Comité International du Vaurien at its- meeting preceding the Championship:

The minimum conditions for the award of the title in the Women's Championship are:

- number of racing crews:

eight (8) ,
- number of participating countries
three (3).

Article 29

Title

The team scoring the minimum number of points shall be deemed "Women World Champions

CHAPTER IX

Ceremonies

Article 30

The World Championship shall be declared open and closed by the Chairman of the Comité International du Vaurien .

Article 31

The Comité International du Vaurien expresses the wish that the opening and closing ceremonies of the Mondial Junior be celebrated in a simple manner and that the young competitors be reminded that the race is organised to give them the opportunity of building friendships and mutual esteem

The Committee also expresses the desire that no national anthems be played, but they be replaced by an international anthem chosen the host country, for example, the Olympic anthem, Song of Joy, etc.

APPENDIX TO ARTICLE 4
BASIC TABLE FOR DETERMINING THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS

Number of members	Number of participants
20 to 50	1
51 to 100	2
101 to 175	3
176 to 250	4
251 to 350	5
351 to 450	6
451 to 600	7
601 to 750	8
751 to 1000	9
> 1000	10