

RS Class Associations

GENERAL NOTICE OF RACE 2020

for UK National Tour events and Inland, Spring, Summer, Winter, Southern, Northern, Scottish, Youth & Junior, and End of Season Championships/Regattas

Organising Authority – RS Class Associations in conjunction with various yacht and sailing clubs

The notation [DP] in a rule in the NOR means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1. PROGRAMME

- 1.1 The RS Class Associations will organise events for all RS classes throughout the year in conjunction with various yacht and sailing clubs. Events governed by this notice will be RS Association organised RS National Tour events, Championships and Regattas. Details of the events (The Event NOR) and their locations will be published on the RS Class Associations websites, accessed at <https://rs-association.com>.
- 1.2 The UK RS Class Associations may organise additional events or cancel scheduled events if it thinks fit. Members of the UK RS Class Associations will be informed of such changes through the website or Fast News emails.
- 1.3 Either the helm or crew shall be a member of one of the following relevant RS Associations – RS100, RS200, RS300, RS400, RS500, RS600, RS700, RS800 or RS Vario Class Association.

2. RULES

- 2.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* and the rules of the individual classes.
- 2.2 The RS General Sailing Instructions set out under 'Documents' on the UK RS Class Associations websites, <https://rs-association.com>, will govern each event. In addition an Event Appendix will be available at registration with additions and amendments specific to the event.
- 2.3 The racing rules will be changed as follows:
For the RS100/RS300/RS400/RS600/RS700/RS800/RS Vario fleets, RRS 31 is changed so that marks other than starting and finishing marks may be touched without penalty.
RRS 35 is changed so that boats finishing outside the time limit may be scored with their observed position on the course.

RRS 40 changed so that Personal Floatation Devices shall be worn at all times while afloat except when changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.

RRS 44.1 for all fleets except RS200 and RS Vareo – RRS 44.1 is changed so that the two - turns penalty is replaced by the one-turn penalty.

RRS 63.1 changed so that for breaking certain rules boats can be disqualified without a hearing.

The changes will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions and Event Appendices. These may also change other racing rules.

3. ADVERTISING

- 3.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.
- 3.2 Competitors in the Rooster National Tours are required to affix a Rooster boom sticker either side of the boom towards the rear of the boom. Boom stickers will be available at Rooster National Tour event registration.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 Competitors may enter either before registration by obtaining an entry form on-line where available, or at registration. Information regarding the time and place of registration and the entry fee will be available on the website at <https://rs-association.com>
- 4.2 Any competitors aged under 18 shall complete an Under 18s Consent Form. This can be downloaded from the RS Class Association websites and should be completed and handed in at registration.

5. FEES

Details of fees applicable for each event will be available from the host club or RS Office at least 6 weeks before each event.

6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1 Details of the schedule for each event will be available on the RS website or from the RS Office at least 6 weeks before each event.
- 6.2 The RS Racing events will usually comprise of a maximum of 6 races for a two-day event.

7. VENUE

Additional information specific to each venue, including the time of the briefing and the first warning signal, is given under 'Events' on the UK RS Class Associations websites, <https://rs-association.com> .

8. COURSES

Course details will be provided in the Event Appendix A, available at registration at each event.

9. CIRCUIT SCORING

9.1 The 2020 Rooster National Tours will comprise the following number of events:

- RS100 National Tour 6 events
- RS200 National Tour 6 events
- RS300 National Tour 6 events
- RS400 National Tour 7 events
- RS500 National Tour 4 events
- RS600 National Tour 6 events
- RS700 National Tour 5 events
- RS800 National Tour 7 events
- RS Vareo National Tour Details on website

9.2 Only event results scored by the same helm will count towards the 2020 Rooster National Tour.

9.3 For the 2020 Rooster National Tours a helm’s total series score will be the sum of all their event scores excluding their worst (lowest) using the following table:

RS100, RS200, RS300, RS400, RS600, RS700, RS800:

Number of events	Number of excluded scores
6 - 7	3
4 - 5	2
3	1
1 - 2	0

RS500:

Number of events	Number excluded scores
4 - 3	1
1 - 2	0

9.4 If an event on a Rooster National Tour at 9.1 does not produce an event score then the number of excluded scores will be as per the table at 9.3 above.

10. RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. [DP]

11. PRIZES

Details of prizes for each event will be detailed in the Event Appendix, available at registration at each event.

12. RISK STATEMENT

Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone". Sailing by its nature is an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- (a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- (d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- (e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.
- (f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- (g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules or information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

13. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be adequately insured with valid third-party liability insurance.

14. FURTHER INFORMATION

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