

# Notice of Race

## World Laser 4.7 Youth Championship 2009

### 24 July 2009 - 31 July 2009

Venue: Buzios, Brazil

Organising Authority: Buzios Vela Clube (Organiser) in Conjunction with the International Laser Class Association (ILCA)

#### 1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2009 - 2012 (RRS). The prescriptions of the National Authority will not apply.
- 1.2. The Laser class rules Rule 7 (a) is restricted as follows:  
*Only one person shall be onboard whilst racing. The person shall be named on the entry form.*
- 1.3. Add to RRS A11: ARB means scoring penalty after arbitration, PTS scoring penalty for a yellow flag after finish.
- 1.4. Appendix P will apply, with the following amendments:
  - 1.4.1. P3 "Postponement, General recall or Abandonment": If a boat has been penalised under rule P1 and the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment, the penalty is not cancelled and is still counted to determine the number of times she has been penalised during the regatta.  
If this is the first penalty she may start when the race is re-started or sailed again if she has taken the Two-Turn Penalty under rule 44.2 even if it is after a postponement, general recall or abandonment. If she has failed to take the penalty then she shall not start when the race is re-started or sailed again and shall be disqualified without a hearing.  
If it is a second penalty she shall not start when the race is re-started or sailed again and shall be scored DNF.  
If it is the third or subsequent penalties she shall not start when the race is re-started or sailed again and shall be scored DSQ which cannot be excluded.
  - 1.4.2. P4 is amended to also allow redress when initiated by the jury. Sailors or other parties cannot request redress under P4.
- 1.5. Advertising - The organizing authority may require competing boats to carry event sponsor advertising on the hull.
- 1.6. Sails shall have the full sail number AND NATIONAL LETTERS in accordance with the Class Rules and RRS. The national letters shall denote the National Authority of which the sailor is a member in accordance with RRS 75.2 and with 2.1 Entry regulations below. This changes RRS Appendix G 1.1.

#### 2. ENTRY REGULATIONS

- 2.1. Only current fully paid members of the International Laser Class Association and of an ISAF National Authority may enter the Championship. These memberships shall be with the Laser Fleet/District Association and with the ISAF National Authority of the country, where the sailor normally sails.
- 2.2. Crew substitution of the registered sailor is not permitted.
- 2.3. No resale of entries will be allowed.
- 2.4. This is an allocated place event. Entry is restricted to 280 sailors. Each sailor shall apply using the official online application form (see paragraph 3.2). Places are allocated, after application, by the competitor's National Laser Association.
- 2.5. By entering the championship a competitor and their parent guardian warrants that the competitor is in good health and is a competent sailor capable of racing a Laser in open water in 25 knot winds.
- 2.6. Each sailor shall be registered as an ISAF Sailor. This information is required to enter the Championship. To register as an ISAF sailor go to: <http://www.isaf.org/isafsailor.php>
- 2.7. Entry is restricted to experienced sailors who are, or will be at least 12 years old but not 18 years or older in the year of the championship i.e. born in 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996 or 1997. Proof of age will be required at registration.
- 2.8. Each sailor shall send to ILCA a completed parent/guardian consent form before 26 June 2009 This consent form will be automatically emailed to each sailor upon completing the online entry form.
- 2.9. For the duration of the championship, each sailor shall be accompanied by the responsible adult who is named on the parent/guardian consent form.
- 2.10. The responsible adult (if applicable), coach and competitor shall register together on site at the race office before 12:00 on 25 July 2009.

#### 3. ENTRY APPLICATION

- 3.1. Applications for entry will be accepted from 18 November 2008.
- 3.2. Application for an entry shall be made at: <http://events.laserinternational.org/en/events/overview/100z40>

- 3.3. Applications for an entry shall be received by: 23:59 GMT, 16 January 2009.
- 3.4. Applications for an entry will be responded to by 23:59 GMT, 30 January 2009.
- 3.5. Applications that are accepted by the sailors District will either be issued an initial allocated place or will be automatically added to the waiting list for extra places. Applications that are declined by the sailors District will not be able to attend the championship.

#### **4. ENTRY AND ENTRY FEES**

- 4.1. The entry fee for this event is £150 GBP.
- 4.2. Entry can only be made once an application has been accepted by the sailors District, a place offered and accepted within the two week time limit and full payment of entry fees and entry has been made only online at [www.laserinternational.org](http://www.laserinternational.org) using the official entry form.
- 4.3. 50% of entry fees paid are refundable for cancellations received before 23:59 GMT, 26 June 2009.
- 4.4. NO ENTRY FEES ARE REFUNDABLE AFTER 26 June 2009.
- 4.5. Entry opens for initial allocated places: 30 January 2009.
- 4.6. Entry closes for initial allocated places: 23:59 GMT, 27 February 2009.
- 4.7. Extra places will be offered from: 27 February 2009.
- 4.8. Entry closes for extra places: 23:59 GMT, 26 June 2009.
- 4.9. Late entries will only be accepted after 26 June 2009 at the discretion of ILCA upon payment of a late entry fee of £200 GBP (£150 + £50 GBP).

#### **5. PROGRAMME**

- 5.1. 

24 July Friday	09:00 - 12:00 and 13:00 - 18:00	Registration, Measurement
25 July Saturday	09:00 - 12:00	Registration, Measurement, Practice Race followed by an opening reception (buffet meal)
26 July Sunday	2 races back to back,	(Qualifying series)
27 July Monday	2 races back to back,	(Qualifying series)
28 July Tuesday	2 races back to back,	(Qualifying series)
29 July Wednesday	2 races back to back,	(Qualifying series)
30 July Thursday	2 races back to back,	(Qualifier/Finals series)
31 July Friday	2 races back to back,	(Qualifier/Finals series) followed by the Prize giving and party (buffet meal).
- 5.2. The time of the first warning signal for the Practice Race will be: 14:00
- 5.3. Each day succeeding races will be started as soon as practicable after the finish of the previous race.
- 5.4. Any race whose warning signal is not given by 16:00 on the last day of the championship will be abandoned and not re-sailed.

#### **6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Copies of Sailing Instructions will be available from the Race Office during registration.

#### **7. RACE OFFICE**

- 7.1. The Race Office is located at: Búzios Vela Clube - Rua Maurício Dutra Nº 303 - Armação de Búzios - Manguinhos – RJ, CEP 28950-000  
The Race Office is open:  
Friday and Saturday 24 & 25 July - 09:00 to 13:00 and 14:00 to 19:00  
Sunday to Friday 26 to 31 July - 09:30 until 30 minutes after the close of the Protest Time unless extended at the discretion of the Race Committee.

#### **8. MEASUREMENT / INSPECTION**

- 8.1. Information on measurement will be posted on the official notice board. Boats shall be presented derigged with all equipment that shall be used in the championship.
- 8.2. Measurement / Inspection will take place at the boat park between the following dates and times:  
Friday 24 July - 09:00 to 12:00 and 13:00 to 18:00  
Saturday 25 July - 09:00 to 12:00
- 8.3. Measurement / Inspection outside these times will only be possible at the discretion of the Regatta Measurer and on payment of 60 Brazilian Real.
- 8.4. Wet clothing, measurement and equipment checks may be made throughout the Regatta at the discretion of the Class Representative, Race Committee or the International Jury.

#### **9. BOATS AND EQUIPMENT**

- 9.1. All competitors shall use only one hull, sail, battens, mast, boom, centreboard and rudder all of which shall be identified during measurement/inspection.
- 9.2. In the event of damage, boats and equipment may only be substituted with the written permission of the Regatta Measurer. If the damage occurs later than 120 minutes before the first scheduled start on a racing day and before the start of the last race of the day, provisional verbal permission shall be obtained from the

Jury or Race Committee and the written permission of the Jury or Race Committee shall be applied for before the end of Protest Time at the end of the day in which the substitution takes place.

- 9.3. Female competitors shall place a red diamond on each side of their sail (back to back). The diamond shall be 240mm high and 180mm wide +/- 5mm and shall be located in the centre of the sail immediately above the top batten. Please see [http://www.laserinternational.org/information/red\\_diamonds.pdf](http://www.laserinternational.org/information/red_diamonds.pdf) for more information.
- 9.4. Boats shall be kept in their assigned places at the venue.
- 9.5. Boats may be required to display identification numbers.
- 9.6. Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment as specified by the organising authority.
- 9.7. Access to the boat park may be restricted during certain hours including the hours of darkness.

## **10. TEAM/COACH/SUPPORT BOATS**

- 10.1. There will be a Coaches meeting at the Race Office 2.5 hours before the first scheduled start time of the first race each day. The objectives of these meetings are to receive feedback from the coaches on the regatta organisation, exchange view points and inform the coaches about changes in the sailing instructions and regatta organisation in general
- 10.2. Support boat drivers shall register their boats at the Race Office and submit names and sail numbers of the sailors they are supporting.
- 10.3. Each coach/support boat shall be clearly identified with a number supplied by the Organising Authority. No other individual support boats shall be used.
- 10.4. Each coach/support boat is recommended to carry a vhf radio capable of transmitting and receiving all international ship to ship channels.
- 10.5. The movements of support boats may be restricted.

## **11. RACING FORMAT**

A Qualifying series will be sailed followed by a Finals series. If 4 races have not been completed by the end of the fourth scheduled racing day the qualifier series will continue until the end of the fifth or sixth scheduled racing day and the completion of 4 races.

## **12. COURSES**

Trapezoid courses will be used with inner and outer loops and an upwind finish. The target time for the first boat in each race will be 60 minutes.

## **13. INTERNATIONAL JURY**

An international jury will be appointed in accordance with rule Appendix N and perform the duties listed in RRS N2.

## **14. WHISTLE SYSTEM**

To encourage boats to take penalties afloat, jury members may blow a whistle when they see what they believe to be a breach of a rule.

## **15. ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES**

For protests where only a rule of Part 2 is alleged to have been broken, an arbitration hearing may be offered prior to any formal protest hearing.

## **16. APPEALS**

There shall be no appeal from the decisions of protests.

## **17. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

A boat shall neither make radio communication while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

## **18. DRUG TESTING**

- 18.1. Competitors are required to comply with the rule 5 and ISAF Regulation 21, which ban the use of drugs.
- 18.2. Drugs testing may take place during the event.

## **19. SAFETY**

Competitors shall wear a life jacket or other adequate personal buoyancy at all times when afloat. Wet suits and dry suits do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy.

## **20. SCORING**

- 20.1. The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply.
- 20.2. A total of 4 races are required to be completed to constitute a championship.
- 20.3. A qualifying race will not count until all qualifying fleets have completed that race.
- 20.4. One race score will be excluded when calculating the division into the finals fleets.

- 20.5. The qualifying races and final races will count for total points in the championship.
- 20.6. When 4 or more races are completed 1 race score will be excluded; when 8 or more races are completed, 2 races scores will be excluded except that if a Qualifier/Finals series is sailed one race score may only be excluded from the Finals races if at least 2 Finals races are completed.
- 20.7. The overall fleet results shall be provided only for information.
- 20.8. The official results shall be published for each of the championship titles listed below calculated by extraction from the overall results without recalculation.
- 20.9. If a points scoring penalty for a breach of RRS 42 or under the Arbitration System would result in a score worse than DSQ, the penalty will be that corresponding to DSQ. The scores of other boats will not be changed.

## **21. PRIZES**

- 21.1. The first Under 18 boy sailor in the championship will be the World Laser 4.7 Youth Boys Champion 2009 (Under 18).
- 21.2. The first Under 18 girl sailors in the championship will be the World Laser 4.7 Youth Girls Champion 2009 (Under 18).
- 21.3. The first Under 16 boy sailors in the championship will be the World Laser 4.7 Youth Boys Champion 2009 (Under 16).
- 21.4. The first Under 16 girl sailors in the championship will be the World Laser 4.7 Youth Girls Champion 2009 (Under 16).
- 21.5. Additional prizes may be awarded according to entry numbers and the ILCA Honour Award By-Law.

## **22. PHOTOGRAPHY CONSENT**

By entering the Championships competitors accept that they may be photographed and/or videotaped participating in the race and/or using the Championship facilities and they consent to the taking of such images and to the use, reuse, publication and republication of such images in any media, in conjunction with the competitors name or not, without compensation and without the competitors approval of such images or any use thereof.

## **23. LIABILITY**

- 23.1. The Organiser and the ILCA and their officers, members and volunteers do not accept liability for loss of life or property, or personal injury or damage caused by or arising out of the World Laser 4.7 Youth Championship and competitors take part in the championships at their own risk.
- 23.2. The establishment of the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions in no way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibilities of a competitor being solely and entirely responsible for the management of a boat he or she is sailing.
- 23.3. The sailor shall own a boat or have arranged a charter boat and certifies that it is in a safe and seaworthy condition.
- 23.4. A competitor shall be of good health and a competent sailor capable of racing a Laser 4.7 in open water in 25 knot winds and it is his/her sole responsibility to decide to participate in a race or to continue racing.
- 23.5. It is the responsibility of each sailor to decide to participate in a race or to continue racing.
- 23.6. The participating boat is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party claims of at least €1,500,000 (1.5 million euros).
- 23.7. A competitor is recommended to have personal accident and health insurance that covers them while attending the regatta and whilst racing.

## **24. INDEMNIFICATION**

To the fullest extent permitted by law, each competitor agrees to indemnify and hold the ILCA and Organiser owners, affiliates, officers, employees, agents, committee persons and race officials acting in their official capacities harmless, from any third party claim to the extent arising from a competitor's acts or omissions.

## **25. CHARTER BOATS**

Please refer to the ILCA web site for information on charter boats:  
<http://events.laserinternational.org/en/events/overview/100z40>

## **26. LOCAL CONTACT (excluding entry and entry payment)**

- 26.1. Website: Laser47Worlds2009.org
- 26.2. Email address: bblmm@hotmail.com
- 26.3. Phone Number: +552125672404

## **27. CHANGES TO THE NOTICE OF RACE**

This Notice of Race may be subject to amendments which will be identified on the ILCA championship web site.