

VAURIEN WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

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CHAPTER I - GENERAL

ARTICLE 1 VAURIEN WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

The International Vaurien Class Association (IVCA) commits each year a National Vaurien Association (NVCA) or another Authority for taking responsibility of organising the VAURIEN WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP (VWC) through a World Championship Organising Committee.

ARTICLE 2 WORLD TITLES

World titles are awarded annually as allowed by World Sailing (WS).

ARTICLE 3 VAURIEN WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP RULES AND REGULATIONS

The Vaurien World Championship is subject to the following rules and regulations:

- (a) WS Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS),
- (b) International Vaurien Class Rules,
- (c) these Vaurien World Championship Rules,
- (d) Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions issued by the World Championship Organising Committee.
- (e) Any specific national or local stipulation which may apply.

Changes from the above rules are possible on request of the organising NVCA or Authority to IVCA at the Meeting preceding the VWC.

ARTICLE 4 LANGUAGE

The English version of these Vaurien World Championship Rules shall apply.

CHAPTER II - VENUE - DATE

ARTICLE 5 VENUE AND DATE

NVAs or Authorities wishing to organise a Vaurien World Championship shall submit their request to the governing body of IVCA, the Comité International du Vaurien (CIV), during the winter meeting at least three (3) years in advance describing the place and date of the proposed venue. They shall confirm the candidature two (2) years before the VWC, stating the organising authority or club, the site, the proposed dates, the programme, and details of accommodation and other facilities. Date and venue details shall be finalized before July 31 in the year before the Championship, as requested by WS.

CHAPTER III - PARTICIPANTS - SELECTION

ARTICLE 6 PARTICIPANTS - NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS

The number of participants per country for the Vaurien World Championship is not restricted.

The previous year's Vaurien World Champions, Vaurien Continental Champions, and the winners of the "Europa Cup" will be automatically admitted.

Additional participants may be granted by the IVCA President.

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 event shall not be called "World Championship" and the title of Vaurien World Champion is not awarded.

ARTICLE 7 SELECTION OF PARTICIPANTS

The method of selection of their representatives is left to the discretion of each NVCA or National Authority.

The NVCA or National Authority has the right to decline the entry of a crew to the Vaurien World Championship based on the national selection criteria.

CHAPTER IV - ORGANIZATION

ARTICLE 8 ORGANIZING STRUCTURE

The structure of the VWC to be set up by the NVA or Authority in charge of the organizing the championship shall comprise:

- a) Organizing Committee,
- b) International Jury according to WS specifications,
- c) Race Committee and Measurement Committee.

Other committees may be set up at the discretion of the Organizing Authority. The NVA or Authority shall, towards IVCA, commit themselves in conducting the World Championship in a sportsmanlike spirit and an orderly manner.

ARTICLE 9 ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

The Organizing Committee shall be formed, under the auspices of the host NVA or Authority, by the club selected. The Organizing Committee is responsible for preparing and managing the Championship according to the present rules. The Organizing Committee, in collaboration with members of the future Race Committee, shall prepare the pre-event documents: "Notice of race" and "Sailing Instructions" according to WS RRS and to the present rules; the drafts shall be submitted to CIV's approval at the winter meeting preceding the Championship.

ARTICLE 10 INTERNATIONAL JURY

The International Jury shall be formed in compliance with the WS RRS (Appendix N). The decisions by the World Championship International Jury shall be final.

Regarding the class measurement, the jury may be assisted by members of the CIV Technical Committee present in compliance with Art. 64.3 of the RRS.

ARTICLE 11 RACE COMMITTEE

The Race Committee shall be comprised of official race officers of the host country (one WS International Race Officer at least) according to RRS. It may include representatives of other participating NVA, or Authorities recognised by the CIV.

The Race Committee shall run the VWC according to Part 7 of the WS RRS.

ARTICLE 12 MEASUREMENT COMMITTEE

The Measurement Committee is responsible for taking charge of and executing the measurements prior to and during the VWC. It shall comprise one WS International Measurer for the Vaurien class as Chair and may include representatives of other participating NVA or Authorities recognised by the CIV. The Measurement Committee may request the assistance of members of the Vaurien Class Technical Committee present at the World Championship. At the end of the Championship, the Measurement Committee shall submit to IVCA a report detailing all points on which it was called upon to make a decision.

CHAPTER V - EVENT DOCUMENTS - ENROLMENTS - CREWS – ENROLMENT FEES - COMPLIANCE

ARTICLE 13 EVENT DOCUMENTS

The event documents shall be written in English. The Organising Committee shall submit the "Notice of Race" to the CIV and all National Associations or Authorities at least four (4) months prior to the Championship opening date. The "Sailing Instructions" shall be forwarded to the CIV and all National Associations or Authorities at least two (2) months prior to the Championship opening date.

ARTICLE 14 ENROLMENTS

Each NVA or Authority shall forward the list of boats enrolled (name and sail number) as well as the names of skipper and crew to the Organising Committee and to the CIV. Enrolments shall be closed thirty (30) days prior to the Championship opening date. The IVCA President may waive the above limitation where necessary.

ARTICLE 15 CREWS

The composition of crews may be altered by the respective National Association or Authority or their representatives through to the day preceding the first race on the condition that a demand is presented in writing to the Organising Committee. A National Association may designate member(s) of different nationalities according to WS appropriate rule.

ARTICLE 16 ENROLMENT FEES

The enrolment fees for the World Championship are subject to approval by IVCA when the candidature is confirmed. They shall be paid to IVCA Secretariat in Euros, which will in turn devolve the amount to the host country.

ARTICLE 17 PRIZES

The following special prizes are awarded by the IVCA:

i. Nation's Cup

To the nation whose last boat is placed before the last boat of all other nation's last boat in the overall ranking. Only nations with at least two participating boats are considered.

ii. Mieke Pannevis Prize

To the woman, helm or crew, places highest in the overall ranking

iii. Wooden boat prize

To the wooden boat placed highest in the overall ranking. For the purpose of this category, a wooden boat shall have all parts listed in VCR D.1 made from solid wood or plywood; balsa is not allowed.

The award of additional prizes to the competitors is at the organisers' discretion.

ARTICLE 18 COMPLIANCE

All boats participating in the World Championship shall comply with the Class Rules and shall present a valid Measurement Certificate and a proof of registration by the NVA for the current year. Insurance policies with excess are not allowed. Insurance policies must be presented with the translation into English attached.

Boats with sails, spars, foils, and rigging shall be made available to the Measurement Committee prior to the first race at the time fixed for checking. The Measurement Committee may, at any time during the Championship, make all measurement controls and checks it deems necessary.

Only one set of sails, of spars, and of foils are authorised for the series of races of a World Championship. In the event of damage, the participant shall apply to the Jury for authorising the replacement of the damaged equipment.

The Vaurien Class official measurement templates shall be made available by the CIV for use at the World Championship. The National Committee shall be responsible for the measurement templates during the Championship as well as during the transport, if any.

CHAPTER VI - DURATION - NUMBER OF RACES - COURSE - TEAM PLAY- PROTESTS

ARTICLE 19 DURATION

The VWC shall be held over a minimum of four (4) and a maximum of five (5) racing days, excluding the measurement day(s) and any rest day.

ARTICLE 20 NUMBER OF RACES

The VWC shall be run on a minimum of nine (9) races. In case it has not been possible to run a minimum of four (4) valid races, the title of World Champion shall not be awarded. The programme shall not include more than three (3) races per day. If no races have been sailed and weather conditions put the championship at risk of not being valid, the Race Committee can decide to race four (4) races in one day.

ARTICLE 21 FORMAT

Single fleet racing shall be preferred.

Racing in split fleets is possible where local conditions oblige and only if 60 boats or more are racing. In case of racing in split fleets, the Race committee will divide the boats into four (4) groups of, as as possible, equal size and ability. The initial assignment will be made by a seeding committee appointed by the IVCA President. The groups are called Yellow, Blue, Red and Green and will sail as follows:

Race No.	1st start	2nd start
1	Yellow & Blue	Red & Green
2	Blue & Green	Yellow & Red
3	Yellow & Green	Blue & Red
4	Red & Green	Yellow & Blue
5	Yellow & Red	Blue & Green
6	Blue & Red	Yellow & Green

Repeat if necessary.

If at the end of the regatta some groups have more race scores than others, scores for the most recent race(s) will be excluded so that all groups have the same number of race scores.

ARTICLE 22 COURSE

The VWC is normally run on a triangle course; the target duration time for the first boat is 50 minutes. In case of shortened races, the minimum course should include three legs. Other types of courses may be adopted with the previous agreement of IVCA. The maximum course time is the time that the first finishing boat takes to complete the course, plus 20 minutes. Boats crossing the finishing line after the maximum course time shall be deemed to have abandoned the race. In case of split fleet racing, a trapezoid course is preferred.

ARTICLE 23 TEAM PLAY

The Jury and the Race Committee shall discourage any attempt at team play.

ARTICLE 24 PROTESTS

No protest by organizers or competitors can be lodged against these Rules. A fee to cover the expenses of a measurer may be requested for lodging a protest concerning the measurements. The amount of this fee shall be proposed by the organizers and approved by IVCA.

CHAPTER VII - CLASSIFICATION - ENDORSEMENT

ARTICLE 25 CLASSIFICATION

Classification shall be made in compliance with the current WS RRS low point system.

If, for any reason, valid run races are five (5) or less, than all the valid run races shall count for the final classification.

If valid races are six (6) or more, the score of the races run less the worst one shall count for the final classification.

Separate classifications shall be calculated for all individual categories (i.e., junior, women, mixed, master, super-master, wooden boat), giving 1 point for the first boat of a category out of the overall classification.

ARTICLE 26 ENDORSEMENT

The results of the World Championship shall be endorsed by the CIV to which they shall be forwarded not later than ten (10) days following the last race.

CHAPTER VIII - VAURIEN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

The Junior Vaurien Championship shall be run under the same conditions as the Vaurien World Championship except for the following articles.

ARTICLE 27 AGE

Junior sailors shall fulfil the age requirement as stated in the Vaurien Class Rules, Section C.

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

ARTICLE 28 PARTICIPANTS

The number of Junior participants for each country is not restricted.

The minimum conditions for the award of the Vaurien Junior Championship are:

number of racing crews: twelve (12)

number of participating countries: four (4).

ARTICLE 29 IDENTIFICATION

Junior teams shall place a black circle with a diameter of not less than 250 mm on each side of their main sail, back-to-back, above the three-quarter batten.

ARTICLE 30 TITLE

The first crew is awarded the title of "Vaurien Junior Champion (year)".

CHAPTER IX - VAURIEN WOMEN CHAMPIONSHIP

The Vaurien Women Championship shall be run according to the same rules as the Vaurien World Championship except for the following articles.

ARTICLE 31 SEX

Both skipper and crew shall be women.

ARTICLE 32 PARTICIPANTS

The number of women teams for each country is not restricted.

The minimum conditions for the awards of titles in the Vaurien Women Championship are:

number of racing crews: eight (8)

number of participating countries: three (3).

ARTICLE 33 IDENTIFICATION

Women teams shall place a red diamond with a diagonal size of not less than 250 mm on each side of their main sail, back-to-back, above the three-quarter batten.

ARTICLE 34 TITLE

The first crew is awarded the title of "Vaurien Women Champion (year)".

CHAPTER X - VAURIEN MIXED CHAMPIONSHIP

The Vaurien Mixed Championship shall be run according to the same rules as the Vaurien World Championship except for the following articles.

ARTICLE 35 SEX

Skipper and crew shall be of different gender.

ARTICLE 36 PARTICIPANTS

The number of mixed team participants for each country is not restricted.

The minimum conditions for the awards of titles in the Vaurien Mixed Championship are:

number of racing crews: eight (8)

number of participating countries: three (3).

ARTICLE 37 IDENTIFICATION

No additional identification is required.

ARTICLE 38 TITLE

The first crew is awarded the title of "Vaurien Mixed Champion (year)".

CHAPTER XI - VAURIEN MASTER CHAMPIONSHIP

The Vaurien Master Championship will be run according to the same rules as the World Championship except for the following articles.

ARTICLE 39 AGE

Skipper: having reached their 40th birthday before the January 1 of the current year,

Crew: shall not be "junior",

Skipper plus crew: the sum of the ages on January 1 of the current year shall not be less than 65 years.

ARTICLE 40 PARTICIPANTS

The number of Master participants for each country is not restricted.

The minimum conditions for the awards of titles in the Vaurien Master Championship are:

number of racing crews: eight (8)

number of participating countries: three (3).

ARTICLE 41 IDENTIFICATION

Master teams shall place a dark (e.g., black or blue) triangle, pointing up, with an edge length of not less than 250 mm on each side of their main sail, back-to-back, above the three-quarter batten.

ARTICLE 42 TITLE

The first crew is awarded the title of "Vaurien Master Champion (year)".

CHAPTER XII - VAURIEN SUPER MASTER CHAMPIONSHIP

The Vaurien Super Master Championship will be run according to the same rules as the World Championship except for the following articles.

ARTICLE 43 AGE

Skipper: having reached their 50th birthday before January 1 of the current year,

Crew: shall not be "junior"

Skipper plus crew: the sum of the ages on January 1 of the current year shall not be less than 75 years.

A super-master team shall not be a master team unless the super-master category does not have sufficient participants to have a separate ranking.

ARTICLE 44 PARTICIPANTS

The number of Super Master participants for each country is not restricted.

The minimum conditions for the awards of titles in the Vaurien Super Master Championship are:

number of racing crews: five (5)

number of participating countries: three (3).

ARTICLE 45 IDENTIFICATION

No additional identification is required.

ARTICLE 46 TITLE

The first crew is awarded the title of "Vaurien Super Master Champion (year)".

CHAPTER XIII - CEREMONIES

ARTICLE 47 OPENING AND CLOSING

The World Championship shall be declared open and closed by the President of IVCA or his designated representative.

ARTICLE 48 SIMPLE CELEBRATION

The IVCA expresses the wish that the opening and closing ceremonies of the Vaurien World Championships are celebrated in a simple manner. Young competitors shall 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 by the host country (as an example the Olympic anthem).

CHAPTER XIV - APPENDIX

TIMETABLE

If we consider C-Day as the first day of the program of the Vaurien World Championship, the suggested standard timetable is the one below:

more than 2 years before C-Day

Initial Formal Proposal to IVCA (winter meeting),

more than 1 year before C-Day

Confirmation of date, venue, and details to IVCA (winter meeting),

before July 31 on the year before C-Day

Preliminary Notice of Race received by CIV during the General Assembly of the class. Date and venue finalized and approved by the CIV,

August 1 on the year before C-Day

IVCA shall communicate finalized date and venue to WS,

December Meeting on the year before C-Day

Notice of Race, sailing instructions and all relevant information for accommodation and facilities submitted to IVCA,

C-Day minus 4 months

Organizing Authority forwards Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions to all VNAs. Notice of Race, Entry Forms and all relevant information for accommodations and facilities are available on the International Vaurien Class Association and Championship websites,

C-Day minus 2 months

Organizing Authority forwards Sailing Instructions to all VNAs.

C-Day minus 30 days

IVCA shall have received final entries from NVAs/NMAs, Sailing Instructions are available on the International Vaurien Class and Championship websites.