

International

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Association

VAURIEN WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

CHAPTER I General

Article 1 VAURIEN WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

The International Vaurien Class Association (IVCA) commits each year a National Vaurien Association (NVA) 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 allowed by World Sailing (WS) to be awarded each year in the Championship are:

- a) World Champion (absolute)
- b) Junior World Champion.

Article 3 Vaurien World Championship Rules and Regulations

The 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 NVA or Authority to IVCA at the Meeting preceding the WC.

Article 4 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 generally 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 31st on the year before the Championship, as requested by WS.

CHAPTER III Participants - Selection

Article 6 Participants - Number of participants

The Vaurien World Championship shall be open to ten (10) crews from each country.

The host country is entitled to enter fourteen (14) crews to the VWC.

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

The number of feminine crews is not restricted.

Additional participants may be granted by IVCA's 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 race shall not be called "World Championship" and the title of Vaurien World Champion not awarded.

Article 7 Selection of participants

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

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

It 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, possibly 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.

With regard to 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 in principle 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 Chairman 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

They shall be written in English.

The Organising Committee shall transmit 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 award of 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 4 races in one day.

Article 20bis Format

Single fleet racing shall be preferred. Racing in plural 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 4 groups of, as nearly 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:

	1 st start	2 nd start
Race 1	Yellow & Blue	Red & Green
Race 2	Blue & Green	Yellow & Red
Race 3	Yellow & Green	Blue & Red
Race 4	Red & Green	Yellow & Blue
Race 5	Yellow & Red	Blue & Green
Race 6	Blue & Red	Yellow & Green
Race 7	Yellow & Blue	Red & Green
Race 8	Blue & Green	Yellow & Red
Race 9	Yellow & Green	Blue & Red
Race 10	Red & Green	Yellow & Blue
Race 11	Yellow & Red	Blue & Green
Race 12	Blue & Red	Yellow & Green

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 21 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 22 Team Play

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

Article 23 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 24 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.

When World Championship and Junior World Championship are sailed together, a separate classification shall be made for Junior participants.

The low point system shall be used for Junior participants with 1 point for the first arrived out of the overall classification.

The same system shall be adopted for the feminine, mixed gender, master and supermaster classifications.

Article 25 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 World Junior Championship

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

Article 26 Age

A sailor that has his/her 21st (or minor) birthday on the year of the Championship is considered Junior.

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

Article 27 Participants

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

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

number of racing crews:

twelve (12)

number of participating countries:

four (4).

CHAPTER IX Vaurien Feminine Championship

The Vaurien Feminine Championship shall be run according to the same rules as the Vaurien World Championship with the exception of the following articles:

Article 28 Sex

Both skipper and crew shall be women.

Article 29 Participants

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

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

number of racing crews:

eight (8)

number of participating countries:

three (3).

Article 30 Title

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

CHAPTER IXbis Vaurien Mixed Gender Championship

The Vaurien Mixed Gender Championship shall be run according to the same rules as the Vaurien World Championship with the exception of the following articles:

Article 28bis Sex

skipper and crew shall be of different gender.

Article 29bis Participants

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

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

number of racing crews:

eight (8)

number of participating countries:

three (3).

Article 30bis Title

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

CHAPTER X Master Vaurien Championship

The Vaurien Master Championship will be run according to the same rules as the World Championship with the exception of the following articles:

Article 31 Age

Skippers : having reached their fortieth (40) birthday before the 1st of January of the current year,

Crews : shall not be "junior",

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

Article 32 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 33 Title

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

CHAPTER Xbis Super Master Vaurien Championship

The Vaurien Super Master Championship will be run according to the same rules as the World Championship with the exception of the following articles:

Article 31bis Age

Skippers : having reached their fortieth (50) birthday before the 1st of January of the current year,

Crews : shall not be "junior",

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

Article 32bis Participants

The number of Super 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:

five (5)

number of participating countries:

three (3).

Article 33bis Title

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

CHAPTER XI Ceremonies

Article 34 Opening and closing

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

Article 35 Simple celebration

The IVCA expresses the wish that the opening and closing ceremonies of the Vaurien World, Vaurien World Junior, Women and Master championships be celebrated in a simple manner.

In particular the 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).

APPENDIX

TIMETABLE

If we consider D Day as the first day of the program of the Vaurien World Championship, the standard time table is the one below :

more then 2 years before D-day

Initial Formal Proposal to IVCA (winter meeting),

more then 1 year before D-day

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

before 31st July on the year before D-day

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

1st August on the year before D-day

IVCA shall communicate finalized date and venue to WS,

December Meeting on the year before D-day

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

D-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 web sites,

D-Day minus 2 months

Organizing Authority forwards Sailing Instructions to all VNAs.

D-Day minus 30 days

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