



VAURIEN WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

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CHAPTER I - GENERAL

ARTICLE 1 VAURIEN WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

The International Vaurien Class Association (IVCA) assigns a National Vaurien Association (NVCA) or another Authority for taking responsibility of organising the annual 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

NVCAs or Authorities wishing to organise a Vaurien World Championship shall submit their request to Comité International du Vaurien (CIV), the governing body of IVCA, during the winter meeting at least three (3) years prior to the intended year of the championship, 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 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

Participants shall be selected and confirmed by the respective NVCAs or, if no NVCA is established in a country, the IVCA.

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 representing their respective country 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:

Host club shall be member of a World Sailing MNA.

- a) Organizing Committee,
- b) International Jury according to WS specifications,
- c) Race Committee
- d) Event Technical 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 NVCA or National Authority, by the club selected. The Organizing Committee is responsible for preparation 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 IVCA'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.

ARTICLE 11 RACE COMMITTEE

The Race Committee shall be headed by a World Sailing International Race Officer.

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

ARTICLE 12 EVENT TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

The Event Technical Committee shall be appointed according to the ERS and shall be approved the IVCA.

The Event Technical Committee shall include at least one Vaurien measurer approved by his NVCA or MNA.

The Event Technical Committee is responsible for organization and conduction of the event measurement and equipment inspection during the World Championship.

After the Championship, the Event Technical Committee shall submit a report detailing relevant occurrences and decisions to IVCA.

EVENT DOCUMENTS - INSCRIPTION - CREWS –INSCRIPTION FEES - COMPLIANCE

ARTICLE 13 EVENT DOCUMENTS

The event documents shall be written in English.

The Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions shall be based on the templates for Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions provided by IVCA (see www.vaurien.org).

ARTICLE 14 INSCRIPTION

Inscription shall be closed thirty (30) days prior to the Championship opening date. Late entry may be allowed for an increased fee. The IVCA President may waive the above limitation where necessary.

ARTICLE 15 CREWS

The composition of crews may be altered by the respective NVCA 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 INSCRIPTION FEES

The inscription fees for the World Championship are subject to approval by IVCA when the candidature is confirmed.

ARTICLE 17 COMPLIANCE

All boats participating in the World Championship shall

- comply with the Class Rules;
- present a valid Measurement Certificate;
- present a proof of registration by their NVCA for the current year.
- Insurance policies with excess are not allowed. Insurance policies must be presented with the translation into English attached.

The Vaurien Class official measurement templates shall be made available by the IVCA for use at the World Championship. The host NVCA shall be responsible for the measurement templates during the Championship as well as during the transport.

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

ARTICLE 18 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 19 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 program 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 single day.

Any exceptions to this rule shall be included in the Notice of Race after prior approval by IVCA.

ARTICLE 20 SAILING TIME

The Notice of Race shall include a last possible start time for each sailing day of the World Championship. It shall be set up such that no boats are afloat after sunset.

ARTICLE 21 FORMAT

Single fleet racing shall be preferred.

Racing in split fleets may be allowed with prior approval of IVCA if 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, 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 shall be run on a triangle course; In case of split fleet racing, a trapezoid course is preferred.

The target 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 prior 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.

ARTICLE 23 PROTESTS

No protest by organizers or competitors can be lodged against these Rules.

ARTICLE 24 ON-SHORE ORGANIZATION

The following points shall be considered when planning the onshore organization of the event

- If possible, provide a designated boat park with slots allocated to and marked for each participating boat.
- Consider provide sufficient support personnel for the slipway and helping with trolleys to enable a quick and smooth leaving and returning of the boats.
- For social events consider
 - o Accommodation and camping shall be available within walking distance to enable social get-together after sailing.
 - o Include a 'sailor's dinner' with party before the rest day.
 - o Include a 'world champion dinner & party' after the price giving ceremony.
 - o Ask nvcas if they want to host an after-sailing event, e.G., The 'dutch german' happy hour
 - o Include any of these events in the notice of race schedule if possible.

CHAPTER VI - 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.

ARTICLE 26 ENDORSEMENT

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

CHAPTER VII - SPECIAL PRIZES AND CATEGORIES

The special prizes and special classification categories are awarded as described in this chapter.

ARTICLE 27 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 three participating boats are considered for this price.

ii. Mieke Pannevis Prize

To the woman helm placed highest in the overall ranking.

Prices shall be presented by a IVCA official representative, who shall explain the background of each price to the competitors.

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

ARTICLE 28 CLASSIFICATION FOR CATEGORIES

- Separate classifications shall be calculated for all categories, giving 1 point for the first boat of a category out of the overall classification.
- If a category has less than six (6) participants or less than two (2) participating nations, it shall be treated as a "special prize" according to ARTICLE 27 and its result shall be taken from overall ranking.
- The results of each category shall be published daily together with the overall ranking.

ARTICLE 29 VAURIEN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

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

ARTICLE 29.1 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 29.2 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 29.3 TITLE

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

ARTICLE 30 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 30.1 SEX

Both skipper and crew shall be female according to the ID card.

ARTICLE 31 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 31.1 TITLE

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

ARTICLE 32 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 32.1 SEX

Skipper and crew shall be of different gender according to their ID card.

ARTICLE 33 IDENTIFICATION

No additional identification is required.

ARTICLE 33.1 TITLE

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

ARTICLE 34 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 34.1 AGE

Skipper: having reached their 40th birthday before the January 1 of the current year,
Skipper plus crew: the sum of the ages on January 1 of the current year shall not be less than 90 years.

ARTICLE 34.2 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 34.3 TITLE

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

ARTICLE 35 VAURIEN WOODEN BOAT CHAMPIONSHIP

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

ARTICLE 35.1 DEFINITION OF WOODEN BOAT

To be counted for this category, boat shall have all parts listed in VCR D.1 made from solid wood or plywood; balsa is not allowed.

ARTICLE 35.2 IDENTIFICATION

none

ARTICLE 35.3 TITLE

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

CHAPTER VIII - CEREMONIES

ARTICLE 36 OPENING AND CLOSING

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

ARTICLE 37 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 IX - APPENDIX

ARTICLE 38 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, host club and details to IVCA (winter meeting),

before July 31 on the year before C-Day

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

August 1 on the year before C-Day

IVCA shall communicate finalized date and venue to WS.

Winter Meeting on the year before C-Day

Notice of Race, sailing instructions, names of Principal Race Officer, International Jury members, Chairman of Technical Committee 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 NVCAs. 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 NVCAs.

C-Day minus 30 days

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