



ESCSF Federation 2022 Sailing Instructions



Eastbourne Sovereign Sailing Club

1. RACING RULES

Racing rules, except as specified herein, will be those currently issued by ISAF and RYA, The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021 – 2024. All boats must comply strictly with their class rules. In the case of conflict between the Notice of Race (NOR) and the sailing instructions (SI's), the sailing instructions shall prevail. This changes rule 63.7.

2. SAFETY

All boats shall be able to support the occupants when capsized. All occupants of boats whilst afloat must wear personal buoyancy. When racing, failure to do so will result in disqualification. Wet suits do not constitute personal buoyancy.

3. SIGNING ON AND OFF

Competitors registering will constitute signing on. There is no requirement to sign off after racing.

4. COURSES

The course will be a trapezoid with the committee boat & start/finish line positioned to windward of the leeward mark. Course map available from reception on the day and online at ESSC's event page.

5. START LINE

The mast with an Orange flag of the Committee Boat and limit buoy will form the line. The starting procedure will be conducted from the Committee Boat. A boat starting later than five minutes after her starting signal may be scored Did Not Start.

6. START SEQUENCE

3 starts per race. Juniors start first, slow fleet second, fast fleet third. In the event of a general recall the sequence will remain as scheduled.

7. LIMIT MARK

All craft must pass between the committee boat and the limit buoy at the end of each lap. The limit mark will be a black round buoy.

8. FINISH LINE

The mast with a Blue flag of the Committee Boat and the limit buoy will denote the line, but not be in effect until the shorten course flag is being flown from the committee boat.

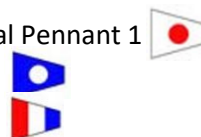
9. FLAGS

The following flags shall be used:

1st Start warning signal (junior start) – 11:25 = Numeral Pennant 1

2nd Start warning signal - 11:30 = Numeral Pennant 2

3rd Start warning signal - 11:35 = Numeral Pennant 3



4 minute signal – P flag



10. OTHER SIGNALS

10.1 Individual recalls

A sound signal will be made immediately after the start and flag X will be displayed & left flown until the offending craft(s) have restarted correctly. Exception to Rule 29.2 the signal will be removed after a maximum of 4 minutes. No recall numbers will be used. It is the individual helm's responsibility for returning. Failure to do so will result in disqualification from the race.

10.2 General Recall

Two sound signals will be made immediately after the start. The General Recall flag (First Substitute) will be displayed. After a reasonable time has been given for all craft to return the General Recall flag will be removed. A new full starting sequence will be run for the recalled fleet, keeping to the scheduled start sequence of fleets.

10.3 Black Flag

A black flag rule may be introduced in accordance with rule 30.4 at the discretion of the race officer. No part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment shall be in the triangle formed by the ends of the starting line and the first mark during the last minute before her starting signal. If a boat breaks this rule and is identified, she shall be disqualified from the race, even if the race is restarted or resailed, but not if it is postponed or abandoned before the starting signal.




10.4 Shorten course

To be signalled when the first boat to be shortened on the course rounds the mark prior to the finish line. Two sound signals and Flag S displayed at the same time from the committee boat signifies a shortened course.

10.5 Postponement

Two sound signals and display the Answering Pennant board. When ready to restart 1 sound signal and remove answering pennant flag. Warning signal to follow 1 minute later.

10.6 Abandonment

Three sound signals with Flag N.  When ready to restart one sound signal and lower flag. Warning signal to follow 1 minute later. Cancel all races = 3 sound signals with Flag N over Flag A.  

11. TIME LIMIT

The time limit for the leading boat in each class or fleet is two hours. Remaining boats are allowed 30 minutes from the time when the leading boat on their fleet finishes.


12. SCORING

All races to count. The system for calculation will be:
Top 3 adults to count from each club for overall federation.
Top 3 junior to count from each club towards the junior federation.

13. PROTESTS

All competitors should read RYA Racing Rule 61 regarding protest requirements. (a) Protest time limit: – Rule 61.3. The time limit shall be 30 minutes after the last boat finishes. Protest forms will be available from reception.

14. AMENDMENTS

Any amendments or additions to these instructions will be posted on the notice board, no later than thirty minutes before the advertised start time. Flag W  will be flown from the club mast accompanied by a single sound signal.