



## Championship Rules 2012 – Speed

1. Number of Races; Race Duration; Wind Speeds
  - a. Number of Races
    - i. No more than 4 races per day per fleet shall be raced
    - ii. No more than 16 races per fleet shall be raced during an event.
  - b. Race Duration

The race duration may be adjusted depending on conditions. As a guideline, on 500m races the race duration shall be between 90 and 120 minutes, on 250m races the race duration shall be 40 to 60 minutes depending on fleet size.
  - c. Wind Speeds
    - i. In speed racing, there is no minimum wind speed, although a wind speed of 15 knots average is regarded as a guideline for minimum.
    - ii. The course may be left open if the wind drops under the established wind minimum.
    - iii. Protests regarding wind strength and suitability of wind direction or wind conditions are disallowed.
2. Format
  - a. The event format shall be
    - i. Full fleet races (recommended for a maximum of 60 sailors on a 500m course or 30 sailors on a 250m course)
    - ii. Racing in Elimination, were only a limited number of sailors advance to a final
    - iii. Racing in Gold/Silver/Bronze fleets, were Sailors are either seeded after qualification round(s) or ascend/descent between the fleets
  - b. Men and women may together but be scored separately. The same applies to youth and master fleets as well as open and production fleets, if applicable.
3. Courses
  - a. Standard Offshore Speed Courses shall be used.
    - i. AREA A: through a narrow gate, then min. 400 meters, do not overtake
    - ii. AREA B: 100 meters, only one sailor
    - iii. SPEED COURSE : 500 m or 250 m, or 1 nautical mile
    - iv. FINISH AREA : min 75 m
  - b. If the Notice of Race so describes, competition may take place as long distance speed race, speed crossing, or alpha-speedcourse
4. Starting and Finishing a Race



- a. Races shall be started with the following system:

AP:	races are postponed,
red:	course closed, organisation on standby
yellow and red:	course will open in 5 minutes
green:	course open
- b. Races shall be finished with the following system:

yellow and green:	course will close in 5 minutes
red and green:	course is closed for a few minutes but the round will be continued
yellow only	round will be extended by 15 minutes
no flag :	indicates no racing/end of day.
- c. All Flags may be substituted by light signals.

#### 5. Schedule of Races

- a. The schedule of races, the course to be used and the race duration including times for possible extensions shall be posted on the official notice board no later than 30 minutes before the starting signal of the race.

#### 6. Changed rules

All Rules of RRS including Appendix F are replaced by the following corresponding rules when they are applicable

- A diagram and description of the course to sail, the race duration, the duration of extensions (if any) and the number of sailors advancing/ascending/descending shall be posted on the Official Notice Board at least 30 minutes before the start.
- While on the course, no beach or water starting is allowed except to leave the course. The course starts at the gate to area A and finishes at the gibing mark at the end of the Finish Area.
- A board leaving the course area shall keep clear of boards racing.
- Competitors on the course have unconditional right of way over competitors returning to the start or leaving the course area.
- If a sailor violates a rule of part 2 outside the course area, the protest committee shall impose a discretionary penalty
- Competitors returning to the start on the water must keep clear of the course.
- When using computerized timing equipment and if, during the last 15 minutes, there is any change in the top five personal best ranking, the round will be extended. A maximum of two extensions is allowed.
- The Timekeeper will have to be able to follow, at every moment, the evaluation of the personal best of all racers. Only the Race Director with the



help of the Timekeeper will have the responsibility by referring strictly this rule to extend or not the running round.

- When the race committee points an orange flag at a board, she is penalized and shall immediately leave the course area. Her sail number shall be posted on a notice board near the finishing line.
- If the competitor receives another warning in this period, he/she will be suspended from the course for that round.
- A board observed in the course area while suspended shall be excluded from the competition without a hearing and none of her previous times or results shall be valid.
- All warnings and penalties follow the principle of “Direct Judging”. No protests of competitors are possible. Affected competitors have the possibility to request for redress. The request for redress hearing and decision is processed by the race committee. Its decision shall be final.

## 7. Scoring

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One leg is considered valid when, after the course has been opened and at least 25% of the finishing racers in the mens fleet have been recorded at least three times at a certain speed.

Conditions	Gold / Split / Full Fleet	Silver	Bronze
Offshore 500m	30 knots	28 knots	26 knots
Onshore 500m	28 knots	26 knots	24 knots
Offshore 250m	33 knots	31 knots	29 knots
Onshore 250m	30 knots	28 knots	26 knots
Offshore mile	26 knots	24 knots	22 knots
Onshore mile	23 knots	21 knots	19 knots

- For the ranking within a single race, the average speed of the two fastest runs is counted.
- If a race is considered valid, all competitors are awarded points equivalent to their finishing position, except the first place, who is awarded 0.7 points.
- When racing in Gold/Silver Fleets, Competitors advancing to the superordinate fleet are awarded no points in that leg, as they will get points from the next race in the superordinate fleet.



- If a leg is not considered valid, all competitors are awarded average points of their remaining valid scores before any discards, except the race is abandoned and will be restarted. Going up and down between gold/silver/bronze is affected only by the result of the current leg, even if the scoring of the leg is not given valid.
- A round consists of completed legs of all fleets. Only completed rounds shall count for the final rankings after the first discard, otherwise incomplete rounds shall also count.

## 8. Discards

N° of scores	N° of scores discarded
1 - 3	0
4 - 6	1
7 – 10	2
11 – 15	3
16 or more	4

## 9. Age Divisions

- a. Youth: under 18 years of age in the year of the competition
- b. Senior: open to competitors of all ages
- c. Master: 35+ years of age in the year of the competition
- d. Grand Master: 45+ years of age in the year of the competition

A minimum of 5 entries in an age division is required to constitute this division.

A competitor must not be older than the maximum age limit in the relevant age division by December 31st in the year of competition.

A competitor must have reached the minimum age limit in the relevant age division by December 31st before the year of competition.