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1. General

These general regulations apply to activities pertaining to the Open Regional Military Championship in Sailing conducted between the armed forces of Denmark, Finland, Poland and other invited nations.

In addition, these general regulations provide the basis for the event, as well as define the general guidelines for the meetings that direct the competitions.

The organizers of a championship competition as well as the team captains and contact persons shall be knowledgeable about these regulations.

2. Racing format

The event can be arranged by following sailing formats:

1. Combination of Individual Fleet Racing and Team Racing
2. Combination of Individual Match Racing and Team Competition

3. Invitation

Invitation shall be sent every year latest in January. This will assure the Teams adequate time for preparations (General Regulations governing Nordic Military Championships state that invitations must be sent 3 months in prior).

The invitation shall include this document.

The invitation shall include information about the racing format, boats, courses/course type, the racing area, and any deviations from standard sailing procedures.

The Notice of Race (NoR) according to RRS Appendix J shall be distributed with the invitation.

4. Notice of Race (NoR)

Host nation have to make a preliminary Notice of Race (minimum: event dates, boat class, event location and event racing format) 1 year prior the event to all participating countries in the technical meeting which is arranged during the event.

Final NoR has to be published with the invitation.

5. Participants

All three nations shall be invited to the event. Each nation is asked to send crews depending of the boat and the racing format that will be used during the event:

1. Individual Fleet Racing and Team Racing - maximum 3 boats
2. Individual Match Racing and Team Competition - 2 to 3 boats

In addition to this, the organizing country can invite any other nation to take part, based on her interest. The other permanent countries must be informed of any other invitees.

In the Individual Fleet Racing every boat is representing her own nation.

In Team Racing the boats are representing own nation or if a team consisted of mixed nationalities, the crew is named as an International FINIDENIPOL Team

In the Individual Match Racing, every boat is representing her own nation as well as in Team Competition.

If a nation or group of nations is competing with fewer crews than other nations, that nation or group of nations may only participate in the Individual Fleet Racing or Match Racing.

6. Teams

A national team consists of max 17 persons in accordance with the following:

1 Chief of Mission

1 Team captain.

1 Coach.

1 Female coach (optional).

1 Member of the Jury/Umpire Team who at a minimum is qualified as a NJ for judging on the water.

Max 12 Athletes (unisex). This number could be changed if necessary, to be decided by host nation and informed in Notice of Race (NoR)..

7. Boats

The competition is conducted with boats, each having a minimum crew of three persons.

There shall be maximum three boats competing from each nation or group of nations.

The organizing nation shall provide racing sailboats of a single type and of equal condition and speed to the participating crews not later than 48 hours before the start of the first race.

All safety equipment required by boat class rules or the in the sailing instructions must be on board.

Each crewmember must bring personal lifejacket and sailing gear for personal use.

8. Boat rotation

The boats/boat groups for each nation will be drawn by lots during the Technical Meeting, which is also the latest time at which the specific sailing instructions must be issued. In Match Racing and Team

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Competition, event organizer will publish Pairing List with the sailing instructions.

The plan for the rotation of boats between nations and the individual markings of the boats shall be published by the organizers before the drawing of boat groups

The following procedure for boat rotation is recommended:

- Every boat will be identified with a number - ea. B-1, B-2...
- The identification number is fixed during the championship.
- The rotation of boats is shown in a rotation matrix.
- The boat rotation plan must be as fair as possible and not give advantage to any of the crews or teams.

9. Program

The following is a recommended example for the Championship. The maximum duration of the Championship is set to 6 days and agreed at Nordic level.

Day 1	Arrival, inspection of the boats, training
Day 2	Training, leaders meeting, Official Opening
Day 3	Competition: 2 flights, 2 - 4 individual or RR
Day 4	Competition: 2 flights, 2 - 4 individual or RR
Day 5	Competition: 2 flights, 2 - 4 individual or Semi-finals + Finals + Petit final and Closing Ceremony
Day 6	Departure

The final sailing program will be stated in the Sailing instructions (SI).

Inspection of boats and equipment is conducted on "Day 1" by the championship organizers together with the team captains who are present and the respective coaches. The organizers shall correct any ascertained deficiencies as soon as possible and by no later than the first training session on "Day 1".

10. Class Rules

The organizing nation shall include the class rules in NoR or the website from which the class rules for the competition boat used in Championship can be downloaded (English version). The boats may not comply with the boat class rules, but must be in equal condition and speed.

Equipment that is permitted in accordance with the class rules may be brought and used by the participants. However, this does not include sails.

The organizer shall in the invitation provide information on which equipment in accordance with the class rules is found on all of the boats, e.g. Windex, compass, hangers/hooks/straps etc.

11. Rules

Races shall be conducted in accordance with the official Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of the World Sailing (ISAF) and in accordance with equipment rules applicable to the particular sailboat class.

This document is a part of the *rules* (RRS 3).

If there are conflicts in these Regulations, NOR and Sailing Instructions (SI) the SI will overrule the Notice of Race and these regulations (Document hierarchy will be in this order).

As per Nordic Military Sports Leaders Meeting 11/2016 decision (Tartu, Estonia; 26 April 2016), Finland will be responsible for the Nordic Military Sailing rules

12. Team Racing

The rules for team racing at Appendix D of the ISAF RRS are applied to Team Racing in this event.

Each team shall sail twice against the other teams. Thus, each team sails six (6) races that may be conducted with six (6) double starts, for

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a total of twelve
(12) Races, (if 4 countries).

Each nation distributes its racing sailboats among its crews. The course length should be set so that it equates to a race of approximately 45 minutes' duration, differing from that will not be reason for regress.

13. Individual Fleet Racing

The individual competition consists of at least three (3) races. Each nation can enter three crews.

The course length should be set so that it equates to a race of approximately 60 minutes' duration, differing from that will not be a reason for regress.

14. Individual Match Racing and Team Competition

Match Racing regatta will be arranged as follows:

1st day team arrivals and training (time slots for each racing crew)
2nd day team training (time slots for each racing crew) + briefings +
Opening
Ceremony
3rd day Round Robin(s) (RRs)
4th day Round Robin(s) (RRs)
5th day Semi-finals (best 4 teams from RR) and Finals + Closing
Ceremony 6th day team departure

Amount of RRs can be adjust according amount of the racing crews and conditions in sailing area and boats - ie. 6-9 crews can race double round robin but 10-12 crews can race single round robin during 2 first racing days. Team Competition is one part of the Individual Match Racing event. See chapter 18.

The SI will determine the final arrangements.

Each participating skipper/nation must be capable to agree to sign in advance damage deposit agreement. The amount of the damage

deposit will be announced in the NOR. Umpires will determine who is liable to pay any costs of any damages during the event.

15. Organization and Management

The management of the championship consists of:

- The OA (organizing authority, organizing nation).
- The RC (race committee, organizing nation).
- The PC (protest committee and/or Umpires).

The PC shall consist of a minimum of 4 persons where a minimum of 2 must have the status as an International Judge/Umpire. Minimum of three must have experience from judging on water. All judges/umpires shall have a valid ISAF approved judge/umpire card.

16. Flags

The competing nations, shall bring own national flags for the Team Racing, the participating boats will fly her flag of their respective nations. The size of the flag shall not be larger than 30 cm x 40 cm.

17. Protests

The decision of the Protest Committee is final and cannot be appealed.

18. Scoring

Team Racing is scored in accordance with Appendix D, Paragraph D 3, of the World Sailing (ISAF) RRS.

Each nation shall have competed against the other nations at least once, in order to determine a winner.

Individual Fleet Racing; At least three races shall be completed; in

which case all races count. If four or more races are completed, the worst score is excluded in accordance with RRS.

Individual Match Racing: Individual result of the RR(s) must determine ranking of all crews. Semi-finals should be raced best of three - system. Final should be raced best of five - system. Petit final should be raced best of three system.

To determine Nordic Military Team Champion in Team Competition the final results from Individual Match Racing event are to be used as follows:

1st ranked Nordic crew 1 point
2nd ranked Nordic crew 2 points
3rd ranked Nordic crew 3
points etc....

The Nordic nation which crew has most less points will be the Nordic Military Team Champion in Team Competition. In case of even points, the nation with higher ranked crew(s) will be the winner.

19. Ceremonies

During the championship, the nations' flags shall be displayed in a prominent location.

The opening ceremony shall be simple but dignified and may suitably be held at the flag stand. It is fitting that the ceremony consist of a short address in which the nations are bid welcome and the Open Nordic|Polish Military Sailing Championship is declared open.

The closing ceremony is conducted in a similar manner, suitably beginning with the awards ceremony.

20. Awards

Awards are given in accordance with the General Regulations for Nordic Military Championships.

As this Championship is named "Open Regional Military Championship", there must be two result list and awards according to Nordic Military Sports Leaders Meeting 112016 decision (Tartu, Estonia; 26 April 2016). No NMC medals, but other medals and plaques decided by the host nation.

The crew demonstrating the highest degree of fair play is awarded the Fair Play Trophy provided by the organizing nation.

Other awards are as determined by the organizing nation.

21. Meetings

At least a technical meeting will be held in connection with the Championship. This will be an extra meeting for those held to organize the Championship. The chairperson of the meeting is the representative of the nation which is responsible for the regulations for that sport.

At the meeting, among other matters, lessons learned proposals for changes to the sports regulations are dealt with.