



International Melges 24 Class Association
CHAMPIONSHIP RULES
(2024 edition)

Including:

- World Championship Rules
- Continental Championship Rules

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

The Melges Performance Sailboats Trophy – to the overall title
The Challenge Henri Samuel Trophy – to the Corinthian title
The Zarko Draganic Trophy – to the Top Rookie owner

Organizing Authority

- The Organizing Authority for the World Championship shall be the Host Club/Organization in collaboration with the IM24CA.
- The Host Club/Organization shall manage the Championship within the bounds of the rules as set out in the *Standard Agreement* contract.
- Any financial gain or loss as a result of hosting the Championship shall be the sole responsibility of the Host Club/Organization.

Rules

- The World Championships shall be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, the *International Melges 24 Class Rules*, the *IM24CA Championship Rules*, the *IM24CA Event Management Requirements*, the *Standard Agreement* contract, and any amendments to it approved in writing by the IM24CA, and in force one month prior to the date the Notice of Race is issued.
- The event title must contain the words “Melges 24 World Championship”.
- The Corinthian Trophies shall be awarded as part of World Championships. Racing shall be governed by the rules that apply to those Championships.

Frequency

The Championship shall be held annually.

Venue

- The IM24CA World Council shall make the venue selection. The IM24CA World Council will only accept bids if the bid includes a written and signed pre-agreement *contract*.

Entries

- If the number of entries exceeds 90, consideration may be given to divided fleets in consultation with the IM24CA. Consideration for split fleets shall also be governed by the physical limitations of specific venues as may be required.
- Entry shall be from individual crews.
- The names of the helmsman, crew and boat shall be in the hands of the organizing authority at least 7 days before the first race.

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- The event is open to Corinthian crews who fulfil the eligibility requirements. Corinthian entry status shall be declared on the entry form for the event.

Eligibility

- The owner and helmsman shall be current, paid-up members of their National Melges 24 Class Association.
- The owner and helmsman shall be members of a yacht club recognized by the National Authority of the country where they reside.
- For entry, "resident" means a passport holder of that country.
- The World Sailing *Sailors Categorization Code* shall be used for the Corinthian entries, where the helmsman and crew shall all meet the requirements of *World Sailing Regulation 22 Group 1*. The burden of proof shall rest with the individual sailor.
- Helmsmen or crew may be substituted during a series for good and sufficient reason if the Race Committee approves. **The sailors' categorisation and crew weight must be consistent.**

Measurement

- Entries shall be limited to boats holding a valid Measurement Certificate, which shall be inspected by the organizing authority.
- Boats and sails may be subject to event equipment inspection in accordance with the *International Melges 24 Class Rules*, the *IM24CA Event Management Requirements* and the IM24CA Technical Committee instructions.
- The organizing authority shall appoint a Technical Committee per the *IM24CA Event Management Requirements*.
- The OA shall keep a (digital) copy of the boat's Measurement Certificate.

Race Format

- The courses shall be of a windward-leeward configuration utilizing an offset mark and leeward gate. Specific course requirements are set out in the *Event Management Requirements* document.
- The number of races shall be 10-12 and in either a single or split fleet format as set out in the *Event Management Requirements* document.

Scoring

- All Corinthian entries shall be included in the open division scoring.
- Separate scores for the Corinthian division shall not be recalculated from their positions in the open scoring.
 - E.g. Boats that placed 7th, 15th, and 20th in the open scoring shall be scored with 7, 15, and 20 points, respectively, for their placing in the Corinthian Division, and so on.

Jury

- The OA may make recommendations to the IM24CA for the selection of the International Jury - as per the requirements of *The Racing Rules of Sailing* and the *IM24CA Event Management Requirements*.
- Invitations to prospective Jury members shall be sent by the OA or IM24CA Managing Officers.

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Trophies and Prizes

- The title of the World Champion shall be awarded to the crew who has won the Championship.
- The International Melges 24 World Championship is raced for the [Melges Performance Sailboats Trophy](#). This trophy was presented in 1998 by the Melges family of Melges Boatworks, Zenda, USA, to the International Melges 24 Class (IM24CA) as the World Championship Perpetual Trophy. The overall winning crew or owner shall hold the perpetual Melges Performance Sailboats Trophy until the next championship but will remain the donor's property.
- [The Challenge Henri Samuel Corinthian World Trophy](#) will be awarded to the winning Corinthian crew and held by the crew or owner until the next championship but will remain the IM24CA's property.
- [The Zarko Draganic perpetual trophy](#) will be awarded to the Top Rookie owner at the World Championship - participating for the first time with the highest result. The winning crew or owner shall hold it until the next championship but will remain the IM24CA's property.
- It will be the holder's responsibility to see that the trophies are cared for and in the hands of the organizing authority by the start of the next Championship.
- The event trophies shall be provided for at least the first three in overall and Corinthian classification.

Interpretation

These rules shall be subject to interpretation and amendment by the Trophy Donor, if appropriate, and the Executive Committee of the International Melges 24 Class Association by mutual agreement.

CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

The Giorgio Zuccoli Trophy – to the European title The Menno Meyer Trophy – to the Corinthian European title

The International Melges 24 Continental Championship can be held on any continent.

Organizing Authority

- The Organizing Authority for the World Championship shall be the Host Club/Organization in collaboration with the IM24CA.
- The Host Club/Organization shall manage the Championship within the bounds of the rules as set out in the *Standard Agreement* contract.
- Any financial gain or loss as a result of hosting the Championship shall be the sole responsibility of the Host Club/Organization.

Rules

- Continental Championships shall be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, the *International Melges 24 Class Rules*, the *IM24CA Championship Rules*, the *IM24CA Event Management Requirements*, the *Standard Agreement* contract, and any amendments to it approved in writing by the IM24CA, and in force one month prior to the date the Notice of Race is issued.
- The event title must contain the words “Melges 24 (*Continental*) Championship”, where (*Continental*) represents the respective continent of the Championship.
- The Corinthian Trophies shall be awarded as part of the Continental Championships. Racing shall be governed by the rules that apply to those Championships.

Frequency

The Championship shall be held any year in which the World Championships are on another continent.

Venue

- The IM24CA World Council shall make the venue selection. The IM24CA World Council will only accept a bid if the bid includes a written and signed pre-agreement contract.
- The Championship shall be organized in accordance with a schedule decided by the IM24CA World Council.

Entries

- If the number of entries exceeds 90, consideration may be given to divided fleets in consultation with the IM24CA Managing Officers. As required, consideration for split fleets shall also be governed by the physical limitations of specific venues.
- Entry shall be from individual crews.

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- The names of the helmsman, crew and boat shall be in the hands of the organizing authority at least 7 days before the first race.
- The event is open to Corinthian crews who fulfil the eligibility requirements. Corinthian entry status shall be declared on the entry form for the event.

Eligibility

- The owner and helmsman shall be current members of their National Melges 24 Class Association.
- The owner and helmsman shall be members of a yacht club recognized by the National Authority of the country where they reside.
- For entry, "resident" means a passport holder of that country.
- The World Sailing *Sailors Categorization Code* shall be used for the Corinthian entries, where the helmsman and crew shall all meet the requirements of *World Sailing Regulation 22 Group 1*. The burden of proof shall rest with the individual sailor.
- Helmsmen or crew may be substituted during a series for good and sufficient reason if the Race Committee approves. *The sailors' categorisation and crew weight must be consistent.*

Measurement

- Entries shall be limited to boats holding a valid Measurement Certificate, which the Organizing Authority shall inspect.
- Boats and sails may be subject to event equipment inspection by the *International Melges 24 Class Rules*, the *IM24CA Event Management Requirements* and the IM24CA Technical Committee instructions.
- The Organizing Authority shall appoint a Technical Committee per the *IM24CA Event Management Requirements*.
- The OA and IM24CA shall keep a digital copy of the boat's Measurement Certificate.

Race Format

- The courses shall be of a windward-leeward configuration utilizing an offset mark and leeward gate. Specific course requirements are set out in the *Event Management Requirements* document.
- The number of races shall be 8-10 in either a single or split fleet format as set out in the *IM24CA Event Management Requirements* document.

Jury

- The OA may recommend the IM24CA for selecting the International Jury - as per the requirements of *The Racing Rules of Sailing* and the *IM24CA Event Management Requirements*.
- The OA or IM24CA Managing Officers shall send invitations to prospective Jury members.

Scoring

- All Corinthian entries shall be included in the open division scoring.
- Separate scores for the Corinthian division shall not be recalculated from their positions in the open scoring.
 - E.g. Boats that placed 7th, 15th, and 20th in the open scoring shall be scored with 7, 15, and 20 points, respectively, for their placing in the Corinthian Division, and so on.

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Trophies and Prizes

- The title of Continental Champion for the respective continent will be awarded to the crew who has won the Championship.
- The International Melges 24 European Championship is raced for the [Giorgio Zuccoli Trophy](#). The trophy is assigned to the International Melges 24 Class but remains the property of the Zuccoli family. In agreement with the Committee of the International Melges 24 Class Association, the Giorgio Zuccoli Trophy will be the perpetual trophy of the Melges 24 European Championship.
- The winning Corinthian classification crew or owner shall hold the [Menno Meyer Corinthian European Trophy](#) until the next championship but will remain the donor's property.
- It will be the holder's responsibility to see that the trophies are cared for and in the hands of the organizing authority by the start of the next Championship.
- The event trophies shall be provided for not less than the first three in overall and Corinthian classification.

Interpretation

These rules shall be subject to interpretation and amendment by the Trophy Donor, if appropriate, and the Executive Committee of the International Melges 24 Class Association by mutual agreement.

CHANGES TO THESE RULES

Any changes to these rules will be subject to a decision by the IM24CA Executive Committee.