

## INTERNATIONAL MELGES 24 CLASS ASSOCIATION

# CHAMPIONSHIP RULES 2018

## WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

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### The Melges Performance Sailboats Trophy

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.

In agreement with the Committee of the IM24CA the Melges Performance Sailboats Trophy will be the perpetual trophy of the Melges 24 World Championship.

#### Organizing Authority

- The Organizing Authority for the World Championship shall be the IM24CA in conjunction with the Host Club/Organization and the respective National Melges 24 Class Association.
- 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 *Melges 24 Championship Rules*, the *Melges 24-Event Management Requirements*, the *Standard Agreement* contract, and any amendments thereto 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 "World Championship".

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### Frequency

The Championship shall be held annually.

### Venue

The Championship shall take place in the following areas as decided by the IM24CA World Council:

- **Europe**
- **Americas** including, **Bermuda** and the **Caribbean**.
- **Australia and New Zealand**
- **Asia**
- Countries having an active National Melges 24 Fleet and National Class Association, shall be entitled to apply to run the World Championship, the IM24CA shall make the venue selection.

### Entries

- The event is an open event with no entry restrictions. 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 helmsman, crew and boat shall be in the hands of the organizing authority at least 7 days before the first race.

### 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 in which they are resident.
- Helmsmen or crew may be substituted during a series for good and sufficient reason if approved by Race Committee. Sailor classification and crew weight must be consistent.
- For the purposes of entry "resident" means a passport holder of that country.

### Measurement

- Entries shall be limited to boats holding a valid certificate of measurement, 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 *Event Management Requirements* and the IM24CA Technical Committee instructions.
- The organizing authority shall appoint a Technical Committee as per the *Event Management Requirements*.
- The OA shall keep a (digital) copy of the 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.

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- 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.

### **Jury**

- The organizing authority 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 Event Management Requirements.
- Invitations to prospective Jury members shall be sent by the IM24CA Championship Coordinator.

### **Prizes**

- The title of World Champion shall be awarded to the crew who has won the Championship.
- The trophy shall be held by the winning crew or owner until the next championship, but will remain the property of the donor. It will be the responsibility of the holder to see that the trophy is cared for and in the hands of the organizing authority by the start of the next Championship.
- Trophies shall be provided for 10% of the fleet rounded up to the nearest whole number but not less than three.

### **Interpretation**

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

# CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

The International Melges 24 Continental Championship is held on any content in which there are active fleets and Melges 24 National Class associations. To qualify as a Continental Championship, a minimum of two, member National Class associations must participate.

## Organizing Authority

- The Organizing Authority for a Continental Championship shall be the IM24CA in conjunction with the Host Club/Organization and the respective National Melges 24 Class Association.
- 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 *Melges 24 Championship Rules*, the *Melges 24-Event Management Requirements*, the *Standard Agreement* contract, and any amendments thereto 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 “(Continental) Championship”, where (Continental) represents the respective continent of the Championship

## Frequency

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

## Venue

- The Championship shall be organized in accordance with a schedule decided by the IM24CA World Council.
- Any country having an active Melges 24 Fleet and National Class Association, shall be entitled to apply to run the Continental Championship. The International Melges 24 Class Association shall have the final decision on the venue selection.

## Entries

- The event is an open event with no entry restrictions. 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 required.
- Entry shall be from individual crews.
- The names of 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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### 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 in which they are resident.
- Helmsmen and crew may be substituted during a series for good and sufficient reason if approved by the Race Committee. *Sailor classification and crew weight must be consistent.*
- For the purposes of entry "resident" means a passport holder of that country.

### Measurement

- Entries shall be limited to boats holding a valid certificate of measurement, 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 *Event Management Requirements* and the IM24CA Technical Committee instructions.
- The organizing authority shall appoint a Technical Committee as per the *Event Management Requirements*.
- The OA shall keep a digital copy of the 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 and in either a single or split fleet format as set out in the *Event Management Requirements* document.

### Jury

- The organizing authority 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 *Event Management Requirements*.
- Invitations to prospective Jury members shall be sent by the IM24CA Championship Coordinator.

### Trophy and Prizes

- The title of Continental Champion for the respective continent will be awarded to the crew who has won the Championship.
- Perpetual trophies shall be held by the winning crew or owner until the next Championship, but will remain the property of the donor or the IM24CA if so assigned. It will be the responsibility of the holder to see that the trophy is cared for and in the hands of the organizing authority by the start of the next 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.
- Trophies shall be provided for 10% of the fleet rounded up to the nearest whole number but not less than three.

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### **Interpretation**

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

# CORINTHIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

## Rules

The Corinthian Trophies shall be awarded as part of other International and Continental Championships. Racing shall be governed by the rules that apply to those Championships.

## Event Trophies

The trophies are as follows:

**World:** “The Challenge Henri Samuel Trophy”

**European:** “The Menno Meyer European Corinthian Trophy”

**North American:**

**Australasian:**

**Asian:**

**South American:**

## Entries

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

## Eligibility

- The World Sailing *Sailors Classification Code* shall be used.
- The helmsman and crew shall all meet the requirements of *World Sailing Regulation 22 Group 1*.
- Burden of proof shall rest with the individual sailor.
- Helmsmen and crew may be substituted during a series for good and sufficient reason if approved by the Race Committee but only if the substituted helmsman or crew also meets the requirements of this category. Crew weight must also be consistent.

## Scoring

- All 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.
- Eg. Boats that placed 7<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, and 20<sup>th</sup> in the open scoring, shall be scored with 7, 15, and 20 points respectively for their placing in the Corinthian Division, and so on.

## Prizes

- The trophy shall be held by the winning crew until the next championship, but will remain the property of the donor. It will be the responsibility of the holder to see that the trophy is in the hands of the organizing authority by the start of the next Championship.
- Trophies shall be provided for 20% of the fleet rounded up to the nearest whole number but not less than three.

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### Interpretation

These rules will be subject to interpretation and amendment by the IM24CA.

## CHANGES TO THESE RULES

Any changes for these rules will be the subject for decision by IM24CA executive committee.