



## Notice of Race

**Amended December 18, 2015 (NOR 6.1)**

**Amended March 2, 2016 (NOR 4.1)**

**Amended March 21, 2016 (NOR 5.1 and 14.1)**

**Amended July, 2016 (NOR 6.1 and 17.1)**

The Organizing Authority (OA) comprised of the Port Credit Yacht Club, Canadian J/24 Class, and Ontario J/24 District in conjunction with the International J/24 Class Association (IJCA) invite J/24 sailors to the:

**2016 North American Championship Regatta** to be held September 8 - 11, 2016 in Mississauga, Ontario; Canada

### 1. Rules

1.1. The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

1.2. The SAIL CANADA prescriptions shall apply, are amended and appear in Appendix B.

1.3. The Regatta Regulations of the IJCA will apply.

1.4. RRS 41, 44.3(a), 61.1 (a) and 49.2 will be changed as follows:

(a) RRS41: From the time a boat leaves her mooring and/or dock-slip for the first race of the day until she returns to her mooring and while not racing, she shall not receive outside help except as permitted by RRS 41(a) through (d) from any outside source except other competitors and official boats under the direction of the Organizing Authority. While racing, RRS 41 applies without modification. If RC displays Race Signal AP over H, these additions to RRS 41 are suspended until a boat leaves her mooring again. This also changes the preamble to Part 4 of the RRS.

(b) RRS 44.3(a) is changed so that the yellow flag (code flag "I" is acceptable) used by a boat taking a scoring penalty shall have a hoist of not less than 150mm and a fly of not less than 200mm.

(c) RRS 61.1(a) is changed so that the red flag displayed by a protesting boat shall have a hoist of not less than 150mm and a fly of not less than 200mm.

1.5. Bow numbers may be assigned to each boat, and if assigned, will be used as identification for the boat during the regatta. Bow numbers, if assigned, shall be applied in accordance with the instructions supplied with the numbers and shall remain affixed until after a boat hauls out at the end of the regatta.

1.6. In accordance with RRS 87, IJCA rule 5.3 is changed as follows:

IJCA rule 5.3: A boat may sail with different crew on different days provided the crew changes are

declared at registration. Crew changes not declared at registration require prior written approval of the RC and will only be approved in exceptional circumstances.

- 1.7. If there is a conflict between languages, English text will take precedence.
- 1.8. In accordance with RRS G3, a boat chartered or loaned for this event may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of the Class Rules.
- 1.9. Part 5, Section B of the RRS is changed to permit Protest Arbitration.

## 2. Advertising

- 2.1. Advertising for the regatta shall follow RRS 80. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority. (See ISAF Regulation 20)

## 3. Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1. The regatta is open to the first 60 paid J/24 Class boats as defined by the IJCA Rules.
- 3.2. Helmsmen/skipper must be either nationals or residents, as well as members of the National J/24 Class Association of the country that they represent.
- 3.3. Eligible boats may register by completing the online registration process at [www.2016j24nac.org](http://www.2016j24nac.org) by 1800 hours on August 8, 2016.
- 3.4. Late entries will be accepted under the following conditions: a \$100 late fee shall be added to the registrations received after 1800 hours on August 8, 2016.
- 3.5. Refunds – J/24s withdrawing and requesting a refund before August 8, 2016 will receive a refund minus a \$100 administration fee. J/24s withdrawing after August 8, 2016 will not receive a refund.
- 3.6. A Wait List will be established on a first come first serve basis after all 60 entries has been reached. Boats wishing to be added to the wait list must provide their contact information, boat name & number and skipper name at [www.2016j24nac.org](http://www.2016j24nac.org) under Contact Us.
- 3.7. No entries will be received after 1800 on September 7, 2016.
- 3.8. If there are co-skippers, one of them shall be designated as the primary skipper for this regatta.

## 4. Fees

- 4.1. Required entry fees are as follows in US Dollars

- Early entry (on or before June 30, 2016) - \$365 **(Amended March 2, 2016)**
- Regular entry - \$450
- Late entry - \$550

- 4.2. Entry fee includes participation in the regatta, launch & haul, trailer storage, measurement for compliance and mooring for the duration of the regatta, Saturday evening dinner for 5 people, BBQ dinner on Thursday and Sunday evenings, post racing beverages, and live music Saturday night.
- 4.3. All entry fees are payable through the online entry system.
- 4.4. There may be optional fees for regatta apparel. Breakfasts will be available race mornings for purchase at the club. Lunches are also available for purchase from the club and must be ordered the day before.

5. **Schedule** 5.1. The Race Committee intends to run four (4) races on each day of racing with a maximum of ten (10) races constituting the event. One extra race per day may be sailed, provided that the regatta becomes no more than one race ahead of schedule and the change is made according to provisions in the Sailing Instructions.

### Wednesday, September 7th

0900 – 1600	Check-In	Skipper package/registration.	Port Credit YC
0900 – 1600	Measurement	Sails & Boat all up weight	Port Credit YC
0900 – 1600	Crew Weigh	Skipper & Crew Weighing	Port Credit YC
1000 – 1800	Launching	Boat launching	Port Credit YC
1930	Dinner		Port Credit YC

### Thursday, September 8th

0800 – 1600	Measurement	Sails & Boat all up weight	Port Credit YC (Amended March 21, 2016)
0830 – 1000	Launching	Boat launching	Port Credit YC
0800 – 1100	Check-In	Get packet/finalize registration	Port Credit YC
0800 – 1100	Crew Weigh	Skipper & Crew Weighing	Port Credit YC
1130	Skipper's Meeting		Port Credit YC
1300	First Warning Signal for practice race		SW off harbour entrance
1800	Welcome ceremony & BBQ		Port Credit YC

### Friday, September 9th

0930	Harbour Signals Course Flags	Port Credit YC
1100	First Warning Signal	SW off harbour entrance
After Racing	Cocktail Party	Port Credit YC
Dinner	Dinner	Mississauga, Ontario Extra cost

### Saturday, September 10th

0930	Harbour Signals Course Flags	Port Credit YC
1100	First Warning Signal	SW off harbour entrance
After racing	dinner & live music	Port Credit YC

### Sunday, September 11th

0930	Harbour Signals Course Flags	Port Credit YC
1100	First Warning Signal no start after 1530	SW off harbour entrance
1600	BBQ	Port Credit YC
1800	Awards Ceremony	Port Credit YC

## 6. Registration and Measurement

6.1. Each boat shall present either electronically prior to check-in or in person upon arrival at the event:

- Valid J/24 Measurement Certificate as issued by the IJCA, including the Inventory of Required and Optional Equipment
- Proof of current marine liability insurance with a minimum value of: \$1,000,000 (CAN) per occurrence or \$300,000 (US) (Amended December 18, 2015 and July 18, 2016)
- Proof of IJCA membership in the country they represent for the owner and helmsperson.

6.2. All competitors, including any declared substitute crew members, shall be weighed during registration.

Competitors must have a passport or other photo identification at weigh-in.

6.3. All boats will be inspected and weighed for an all up weight of 1330kg per IJCA rule 3.7.3. All sails will be measured for compliance with IJCA rule 3.6.

6.4. Boats will be subject to inspection at any time during the regatta.

6.5. There will be no on-site measurement of boats to obtain or modify a Measurement Certificate.

## 7. Sailing Instructions

7.1. The Sailing Instructions may be available online after August 30, 2016 and at Registration.

## 8. Venue

8.1. The 2016 J/24 North American Championship will be held at the Port Credit Yacht Club, located at 115 Lake Promenade; Mississauga, Ontario; Canada L5E 3G6 – phone number 905-278-5578.

Directions to the club are available on the club's website at: [www.pcy.net](http://www.pcy.net)

8.2. Racing will take place off the entrance to the Port Credit YC harbour.

## 9. Courses

9.1. The courses to be sailed will be windward/leeward with 4 or 5 legs. The target time for races is approximately 70 to 90 minutes. It is the intention of the Race Committee to utilize windward offset and leeward gate marks.

## **10. Penalties**

- 10.1. The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3 will apply as modified herein. RRS 44.1 and part of 44.2 (turn penalties) are not in use for this regatta. RRS 44.1(a) and 44.1(b) remain active. Any boat whose rules infringement causes injury or serious damage or gains a significant advantage in the race or series shall retire. All scoring penalties shall be calculated per RRS 44.3 (c) except that the actual percentage shall be as defined below.
- 10.2. The scoring penalty for RRS 31 (touching a mark) shall be the whole number (rounding 0.5 upward) nearest to 10% of the number of boats entered.
- 10.3. The scoring penalty for infringements of the rules of Part 2 of RRS shall be the whole number (rounding 0.5 upward) nearest to 10% of the number of boats entered if the infringement took place outside the zone, and 20% if the infringement took place within the zone.
- 10.4. The reporting requirements of RRS 44.3(b) may be satisfied by contacting the Race Committee by the VHF radio channel to be declared in the Sailing Instructions. The Race Committee will post a list of boats that have accepted a scoring penalty on the Official Notice Board.
- 10.5. In addition to the reporting requirements of RRS 44.3(b), a boat accepting a scoring penalty shall file a "Scoring Penalty Acceptance Form" available at the regatta office, within the protest time limit.
- 10.6. After--Race Scoring Penalty – A boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 or RRS 31 while racing may take a scoring penalty after racing and prior to the start of a protest hearing involving the incident by filing a "Scoring Penalty Acceptance Form". The penalty shall be the whole number (rounding 0.5 upward) nearest to 20% of the number of boats entered (25% if the incident occurred within the zone) if filed within the protest time limit.
- 10.7. A boat that complies with some, but not all of the requirements of RRS 44.3(a) and 44.3(b) and NOR 10.4 and 10.5 will receive an after-race scoring penalty of 30% without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1.
- 10.8. RRS 64.1(a) is changed to allow the jury to assign penalties in accordance with NOR Appendix A – "Alternative Penalties for Breaking Some IJCA Rules".
- 10.9. A boat that fails to comply with check-in requirements outlined in the Sailing Instructions will receive a 10% scoring penalty in the next race without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.
- 10.10. Decisions of the international jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.
- 10.11. Appendix P may be in effect for on-water enforcement of RRS 42

## **11. Scoring**

- 11.1. Four races are required to be completed to constitute a championship.
- 11.2. When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores. When six or more races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. This changes RRS A2.

## **12. Support Boats**

- 12.1. All support boats shall comply with NOR 1.4(a).

## **13. Berthing**

- 13.1. Moorings are included in the entry fee and are available at from Port Credit Yacht Club. Competitors are advised to bring sufficient dock lines and fenders and may be required to raft.
- 13.2. Boats intending to arrive at Port Credit Yacht Club prior to September 7 or stay beyond September 11 must make arrangements with the Harbourmaster at Port Credit Yacht Club.
- 13.3. All boats shall be kept in the assigned area in the harbour.

## **14. Haul--Out Restrictions**

- 14.1. Boats shall be afloat by Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup> 1630 and shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the RC. **(Amended December 18, 2015)**
- 14.3. Rudders shall remain affixed in the water.

## **15. Other Prohibited Actions**

- 15.1. Careening by any means for the purpose of cleaning or inspecting the hull is prohibited during the regatta starting at 1000 Thurs. Sept. 8, 2016 until the end of the day Sunday, September 11, 2016.
- 15.2. Underwater breathing apparatus, plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used between the time the boat is to be afloat and the end of the regatta. The hull may be cleaned at any time by swimming or keelhauling using ropes or cloth.

## **16. Radio Communications**

- 16.1. Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make nor receive radio or other data communications that are not available to all other boats while racing. This restriction also applies to mobile phones.
- 16.2. Competitors are highly encouraged to carry a VHF radio capable of receiving transmissions of pertinent race information from the OA and Race Committee.

## **17. Prizes**

- 17.1. Prizes will be awarded to the top **five** boats. **(Amended July 18, 2016)**
- 17.2. There will be assorted daily awards.
- 17.3. There will be a prize for the top master skipper (age 55+ at date of the event), Junior skipper (age 21 or less at the date of the event) and woman skipper.
- 17.4. The top-finishing, not previously qualified primary helmsperson who is a current member of any NJCA as recognized by the International J/24 Class and meets all other eligibility requirements will earn a berth to the 2017 J/24 World Championship. This berth is allocated by the International J/24 Class and is available to sailors from any country.

## **18. Code of Conduct**

- 18.1. All competitors, coaches, and family members are expected to behave in a sportsmanlike manner. This includes behavior both on and off the water including respect for all other persons, personal property of others, the facilities of the Port Credit Yacht Club. Any competitor who violates this trust in any manner, including the consumption of beer or other alcoholic beverage by a minor, may be penalized by the OA and/or have a complaint lodged against him or her to the Jury and/or the class association. Penalties imposed by the OA and/or the Jury may include disqualification of the boat with which the competitor is associated, notification of law enforcement, or other penalties the Jury or the OA may deem appropriate.

## **19. Disclaimer of Liability**

- 19.1. Sailing is an activity that carries with it an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk and are reminded to pay special attention to RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers, including the OA, Race Committee, Jury, the Province of Ontario, sponsors, volunteers, or any other affiliated organization or official, will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of practice for or participation in this event on the water or ashore. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

## **20. Media Rights**

- 20.1. Competitors give absolute right and permission to the IJCA, the Canadian J/24 Class Association, J/24 Ontario Fleet, the Organizing Authority, Regatta Promotions, and the event sponsors to use, publish, broadcast or otherwise distribute for promotional, advertising or any other purpose, any images and sound recorded during the event of persons and boats, free of any charge.

## **21. Contact Information**

**Organizing Authority**

CJCA, J/24 Ontario District & Port Credit Yacht Club  
115 Lake Promenade; Mississauga, Ontario; Canada L5E 3G6  
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**NOR Appendix A**

**ATTACHMENT - Alternative Penalties for Breaking Some Class Rules**

Alternative scoring penalties shall apply for breaking certain class rules. All of these scoring penalties shall be calculated as follows, modifying RRS 44.3(c):

The race score for a boat that takes a scoring penalty for infringement of one of the following class rules shall be the score she would have received without that penalty, made worse by the penalty number. The penalty number shall be calculated by applying the scoring penalty percentage shown for the particular rule against the number of boats entered and rounding to the nearest tenth of a point (rounding 0.05 upward). However she shall not be scored worse than Did Not Finish. The scores of other boats shall not be changed by application of these penalties.

<b>CLASS RULE</b>	<b>INFRINGEMENT</b>	<b>SCORINGPENALTY</b>
2.5.6	A copy of the Measurement Certificate and the Inventory of Required and Optional Equipment are not aboard the yacht. (One or both items)	5%
2.6	Advertising does not conform to the restrictions	5%
3.6.10 (o)	The luff and/or foot of the mainsail set outside the distinguishing bands as defined in Rules 3.5.2(d)	10%
4.1.7	A bailing bucket of minimum capacity 9 liters fitted with a lanyard is not on board.	20%
4.1.10	2 liters or more of motor fuel is not on board when the boat crossed the finish line for the last race of the day	20%
4.1.1	The compass is missing or is inoperable.	20%
4.1.4	The throwable lifesaving device and attached sea anchor not on deck and ready for use.	20%
4.1.6	The required first aid kit and manual are not on board	20%
4.3	Any of anchor(s), outboard motor, battery and fuel container is not secured against movement.	20%
7.1.19	Elastic (shock) cord is used in the standing or running rigging where not specifically allowed.	10%
8.1.2	The stowage of required or optional equipment other than unbagged sails on the cabin sole over the keel.	10%
8.1.3	Use of other than normal sailing gear in normal,	10%

- designed and proper storage areas to attain sailing weight.
- 8.3 The removal of the rudder from the water when the Sailing Instructions stipulate that the boat shall remain afloat for the duration of the regatta 10%

If a boat receives one of the above penalties, the protest decision shall include whether the same penalty can or will be applied to subsequent infringements. The protest decision may also specify that the boat cannot be protested again under the same class rule for a time period specified by the jury. The jury will decide to which race(s) the penalty shall apply.

**NOR Appendix B**  
Sail Canada Prescriptions 2013–2016  
Effective 1 January 2013

Sail Canada prescribes:

**Rule 46** – Person in Charge Sail Canada prescribes that the designated person in charge, if resident in Canada, shall be a member of a club affiliated with Sail Canada.

**Rule 61.2** – Protest Contents Sail Canada prescribes that no fee shall be charged for delivering a protest or a request for redress.

**Rule 64.3** – Decisions on Protests Concerning Class Rules (insert directly under the title to the rule) Sail Canada prescribes that unless otherwise provided in its class rules, the ISAF Equipment Rules of Sailing shall apply to all classes racing in Canada.

**Rule 67** – Damages Sail Canada prescribes that a boat that has been found by a protest committee to have broken a rule and caused damage shall be considered at fault for the purposes of rule 67.

**Rule 88.2** - National Prescriptions Sail Canada prescribes that the sailing instructions of national or lesser events shall not change or delete any Sail Canada prescription. For events that have a no appeal protest committee or an international jury, prescriptions to rule 61.2 and 67 shall not be deleted.

**Appendix R** – Procedures for Appeals and Requests (insert after the preamble) Sail Canada prescribes that it may delegate an appeal or request for confirmation or correction to an association appeals committee, such as a provincial association appeals committee or a racing association appeals committee. Decisions of an association appeals committee may be further appealed to Sail Canada.

**Appendix R2.1(a)** – Submission of Documents Sail Canada prescribes that no later than 15 days after receiving the association appeals committee's written decision, the appellant may send a further appeal and a copy of the association appeals committee's decision to Sail Canada. The appeal shall state why the appellant believes the association appeals committee's decision or its procedures were incorrect.

**Appendix R2.2** – Submission of Documents Sail Canada prescribes that in the case of a further appeal to Sail Canada, this rule shall apply to the appellant as though it was an initial appeal, and to the appealed committee as though it was the protest committee.

**Appendix R3** – Responsibilities of National Authority and Protest Committee Sail Canada prescribes that when an appeal is delegated to an association appeals committee, the responsibilities and actions

required of the national authority in this rule, and in rules R4, R5, 71.2 and 71.3, shall be performed by the association appeals committee. When a decision of an association appeals committee is further appealed, Sail Canada shall send to the parties, protest committee and association appeals committee copies of the appeal. No member of the association appeals committee shall take any part in the discussion or decision on the appeal.

**Appendix R4 – Comments and Clarifications** Sail Canada prescribes that when a decision of an association appeals committee is further appealed, the parties, protest committee and association appeals committee may make comments on the appeal. Comments on the appeal shall be made no later than 15 days after receiving it from Sail Canada. Sail Canada shall send copies of the comments to the parties, protest committee and association appeals committee as appropriate.