



Federación Mexicana de Vela  
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**2019 J/24 North American Championship**  
**March 30-April 5, 2019**

**CLUB NAUTICO VALLE DE BRAVO A.C.**  
**CLASE J/24 A.C.**  
**Federación Mexicana de Vela A.C.**  
**International J/24 Class Association**

**Valle de Bravo, Estado de México - México**  
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## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

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### **1. Rules**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 No national prescriptions will apply.
- 1.3 The Regatta Regulations of the International J/24 Class Association (IJCA) will apply.
- 1.4 Support Vessels - RRS 41 shall apply from the time a boat leaves her mooring for the first race of each day and until she returns to her mooring after racing. If race committee displays Race Signal AP over H or AP over A, RRS 41 restrictions are suspended until she leaves her mooring again. This changes the preamble to Part 4 rules.
- 1.5 Bow numbers will be assigned to each boat and will be used as identification for the boat during the regatta. Bow numbers shall be applied in accordance with the instructions supplied and shall remain affixed until after a boat hauls out at the end of the regatta.

- 1.6 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.
- 1.7 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.
- 1.8 RRS Appendix T: Arbitration shall apply to this event, except as modified by SI 14.1.
- 1.9 RRS 61.1(a) is modified 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.
- 1.10 RRS 60.4(a)(1) is modified to read: "...but not RRS 41, 42, 44, 46, and 49.2 sentences 1 and 2, or..."
- 1.11 The notation [DP] in a rule in the SI means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the international jury, be less than disqualification. The notation [NP] in a rule in the SI means that a boat may not protest another boat for a breach of this rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 1.12 The international jury may impose penalties less than disqualification [DPI], for violation of the class rules and racing rules other than those of Part 1 and Part 2. This changes RRS 64.1 (a).
- 1.13 Class rule C.2.1(b) is replaced with class rule J.4.3 that allows limited crew substitution. Emergency crew changes may be made only with the written permission of the race committee.

## **2. Notices to Competitors**

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located downstairs in the window outside of the club office.
- 2.2 Any questions regarding these Sailing Instructions shall be submitted in writing to the Race Committee PRO. The questions and any answers will be posted on the official notice board as soon as possible.

## **3. Changes to Sailing Instructions**

- 3.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted by 1030 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.
- 3.2 Oral changes may be made to the SIs on the water by hail from the race committee signal boat or by VHF by displaying code flag L in accordance with RRS 90.2(c). Changes made must be communicated before the warning signal.

## **4. Signals Made Ashore**

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the yacht club flag pole.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.
- 4.3 When flag Y is displayed ashore, RRS 40 applies at all times while afloat. This changes the Part 4 preamble.

## 5. Schedule of Races

### 5.1

Day	Date	Time	Event/Activity
Thursday	28 March	1300-1800	Registration - Inspection - Crew Weigh-in
Friday	29 March	1000-1800	Registration - Inspection - Crew Weigh-in
Saturday	30 March	1000-1800	Registration - Inspection - Crew Weigh-in
Sunday	31 March	1000-1800 1900	Registration - Inspection - Crew Weigh-in Competitors Meeting
Monday	1 April	1000 1030-1400 1300	Opening Ceremony Registration - Inspection - Crew Weigh-in Warning for Practice Race
Tuesday	2 April	0930-1000 1000 1200	Crew Weigh-in Competitors briefing First Warning Signal
Wednesday	3 April	0930-1000 1000 1200	Crew Weigh-in* Competitors briefing First Warning Signal
Thursday	4 April	0930-1000 1000 1200	Crew Weigh-in* Competitors briefing First Warning Signal
Friday	5 April	0930-1000 1000 1200 1500 1800	Crew Weigh-in* Competitors briefing First Warning Signal No warning signal will be made after this time Awards ceremony

\* These scheduled crew weigh-ins are only for approved replacement crews per SI 1.13

5.2 Ten races are scheduled over four consecutive days.

## 6. Class Flag

The class flag will be a white flag with a blue J/24 logo.

## 7. Racing Area

Racing will occur on Lake Valle de Bravo northwest of Club Nautico Valle de Bravo A.C. as shown in Attachment B.

## 8. Courses

8.1 Courses will be windward/leeward with 5 legs (course 5) or four legs (course 4).

8.2 The diagrams in Attachment A show the courses.

8.3 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the course designator, the approximate compass bearing and the distance of the first leg. The race committee will also broadcast this information. Failure to broadcast or to receive this information shall not constitute grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

8.4 An offset mark (designated mark 1a) will be used in conjunction with mark 1. The offset mark will be placed to the left of the weather mark (looking up wind) at approximately a right angle to the weather leg and approximately 10-15 boat lengths to port of mark 1.

- 8.5 Mark 2 will be a gate consisting of two marks (mark 2S and 2P). If the gate is not present, mark 2 shall be rounded to port. Except when there is a change of course, the gate will be positioned approximately to windward of the race committee signal boat at a distance to the discretion of the race committee. The gate may be laid after the starting signal.
- 8.6 Except for a change of course, the finish for course 5 will be to windward of mark 1.
- 8.7 No 5-leg course will be shortened to less than four legs in length, and no 4-leg course will be shortened to less than three legs in length. For purpose of this SI only, the distance between mark 1 and the offset mark 1a will not be regarded as a leg of the course. This changes RRS 33.

## 9. Marks

Marks 1, 1a, 2S and 2P, start and finish will be:

Mark	Original	New Marks per SI 12.1
<b>1</b>	<b><i>Orange tetrahedron</i></b>	<b><i>Yellow tetrahedron</i></b>
<b>1a (offset)</b>	<b><i>Small orange tetrahedron</i></b>	
<b>2S and 2P (gate)</b>	<b><i>Orange tetrahedrons</i></b>	
<b>Start</b>	<b><i>RC boats with orange flags</i></b>	
<b>Finish</b>	(Course 4) <b><i>RC boats with orange flags</i></b> (Course 5) <b><i>RC boat with an orange flag and an orange ball</i></b>	

## 10. Areas That Are Obstructions

No areas are designated as obstructions.

## 11. Start

- 11.1 Races will be started using RRS26 - warning signal 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 11.2 The starting line will be between staffs displaying orange flags on the starting marks.
- 11.3 Race committee may broadcast starting information, countdowns and the bow numbers of any boats OCS on the VHF channel stated in SI 27.4. Failure to make or receive such broadcasts will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 11.4 The race committee may broadcast the bow or sail number of all boats subject to individual recall (RRS 29.1); it will not alter the list based on a boat's actions subsequent to the start.
- 11.5 RRS 30.4 is changed to permit the race committee to display the bow number(s) after a general recall.
- 11.6 [NP] A boat starting later than 6 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A4 and A5.

## 12. Change of the Next Leg of the Course

- 12.1 A course change to the next leg of the course will be signaled according to RRS33. A new mark 1 will not have an associated mark 1a (offset).

- 12.2 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 12.3 Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the race committee signaling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee vessel to starboard. This changes RRS 28.

### **13. The Finish**

The finishing line will be between a RC boat displaying an orange flag line and either a second RC boat displaying an orange flag (course 4) or a nearby finish mark (course 5). When racing is completed for the day, race committee will display AP over A.

### **14. Penalty System**

- 14.1 RRS Appendix T will apply, as modified below.
  - 14.1.1A boat may accept a Post-Race scoring penalty of 30% only until the end of the Protest time Limit by completing a Penalty Acceptance Form available at the Protest Desk. This changes RRS App T.1.(a) and T.1.(b).
  - 14.1.2A boat accepting a Post-Race scoring penalty after an arbitration hearing shall be penalized 40%. This changes RRS App T.1.(b).
- 14.2 The first two sentences of RRS 44.1 are changed to: "A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or RRS 31 in an incident while *racing*. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 while in the *zone* around a *mark* other than a starting *mark*, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty."
- 14.3 Except if the course is shortened to finish at the windward mark, penalties while in the zone of the windward mark or on the offset leg may be delayed and taken as soon as possible on the downwind leg. This changes RRS 44.2

### **15. Time Limits and Target Times**

- 15.1 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) without a hearing. A TLE score shall be two more points than the number of boats that have finished within the time limit. This changes RRS 35, 63.1, A4, A5, and A11.
- 15.2 The race committee will lower the blue "on station" flag with a long sound when the finishing window is closed.

### **16. Protests and Requests for Redress**

- 16.1 Protest forms are available at the official notice board. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 16.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the race committee boat is docked and will be posted on the official notice board as soon as practicable. The same time limit applies to protests by the race committee and jury about incidents they observe in the racing area and to requests for redress. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.

- 16.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of a hearing in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located in the *"Alejandro Alvarez Guerrero"* room.
- 16.4 The race committee will post a list of penalties being assigned by the race committee or jury prior to the end of the protest time limit. The deadline for requests for redress based on these assigned penalties will be either 30 minutes after posting or the protest time limit, whichever is later.
- 16.5 Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 16.6 On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.
- 16.7 Decisions of the international jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

## **17. Scoring**

- 17.1 A minimum of four races is required to constitute a championship.
- 17.2 When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When five or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score. This modifies Appendix A.

## **18. Safety Regulations**

- 18.1 [NP][DP] A boat that retires from a race or does not intend to compete in a race or returns to the racing area shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 18.2 [NP][DP] Before the warning signal of the first race each day, each boat shall sail on starboard tack past the stern of a designated race committee boat displaying flag L and hail her bow number until acknowledged by the race committee repeating her bow number.

## **19. Replacement of Crew or Equipment**

- 19.1 There shall be no crew replacement or substitutions unless allowed per RRS 87 and described in SI 1.13
- 19.2 Even if replacement/substitution is allowed, the number of crew shall not change during the regatta.
- 19.3 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the technical committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the technical committee at the first reasonable opportunity. Substitution of spinnaker poles or rudders with spares that have been measured and carry event limitation marks for this event may be done without notification.

## **20. Equipment and Measurement Checks**

On the water, a boat can be instructed by a member of the race committee or the technical committee to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection by the technical committee.

## **21. Event Advertising**

[NP][DP] Boats shall display event advertising that is supplied by the organizing authority. Such advertising shall be installed according to the instructions supplied with them and shall remain in place for the duration of the regatta.

## **22. Official Vessels**

Official Vessels shall display official flags if provided by the organizing authority.

## **23. Support Vessels**

23.1 [NP][DP] Support vessels shall comply with SI 1.4.

23.2 [NP][DP] Support vessels shall register during scheduled registration, declaring to which boat or boats they are attached. They may be required to display an identification flag supplied by the organizing authority.

23.3 [NP][DP] Support vessels and support persons shall remain no less than 150m from the race course from the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee has signaled a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

23.4 [NP][DP] Support vessel drivers shall have valid third-party liability insurance in the same amount as is required of each participating boat and provide proof of that insurance at registration.

## **24. Trash Handling**

Trash shall not intentionally be disposed of in the water and shall be held for proper disposal ashore or placed aboard a support or official vessel.

## **25. Afloat and Haul-out Restrictions**

[NP][DP] Boats shall be afloat by Monday, April 1 at 1800 and shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with, and according to the terms of prior written permission of the technical committee. This includes rudders.

## **26. Diving Equipment, Plastic Pools and Other Prohibited Actions**

26.1 [DP] Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used between the time the boat is afloat and the end of the regatta. The hull may be cleaned at any time by swimming or keelhauling using ropes, cloth or other equipment designed for that use.

26.2 [DP] Careening by any means for the purpose of cleaning or inspecting the hull is prohibited during the regatta.

26.3 [DP] Use of dehumidifiers or electric fans are prohibited at all times while boats are afloat.



## **27. Radio Communication**

- 27.1 [DP] Except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not freely available to all boats. This shall apply from the time she leaves her mooring for the first race of the day until racing for the day is complete.
- 27.2 The race committee will use VHF radio to communicate to the fleet as a courtesy to all competitors. Failure to make broadcasts or failure to hear broadcasts shall not constitute grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1
- 27.3 The race committee will use VHF radio to communicate to the fleet, including the location of the starting area, countdown to the start, OCS bow or sail numbers, general recalls and postponements. Failure to make broadcasts or failure to hear broadcasts shall not constitute grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a)
- 27.4 VHF channel 69 will be used to communicate with competitors.

## **28. Prizes**

- 28.1 Prizes will be awarded to at least the top 5 places.
- 28.2 The IJCA Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the winning driver which will earn a berth to the 2020 J/24 World Championship in Poole, England.

## **29. Disclaimer of Liability**

- 29.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta.
- 29.2 All competitors will be required to sign a Competitor Liability Waiver.

## **30. Insurance**

- 30.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party insurance with a minimum coverage of \$25,000 USD per incident or the equivalent.

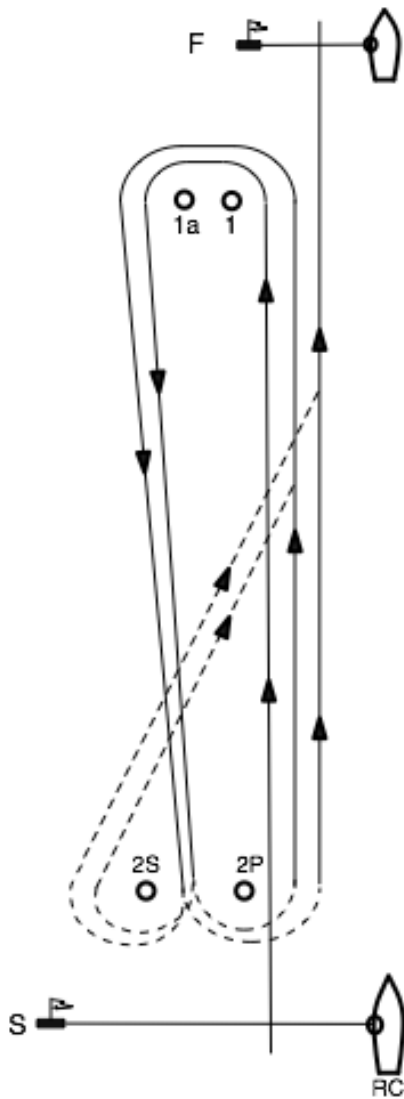
## **31. Regatta Committee**

Regatta Chair:	Leopoldo Farias – MEX
Treasurer:	Jorge Castillo – MEX
Jury Chair:	Willii Gohl – GER
Technical Chair:	Tim Winger – USA, Kenneth Porter – MEX
Principal Race Officer:	Chip Till - USA
Race Officers:	Nikolay Borissov – BUL, Bernardo Ramirez – MEX
Class President:	Javier Velasquez – MEX
Class Secretary:	Rosalia Lechuga – MEX

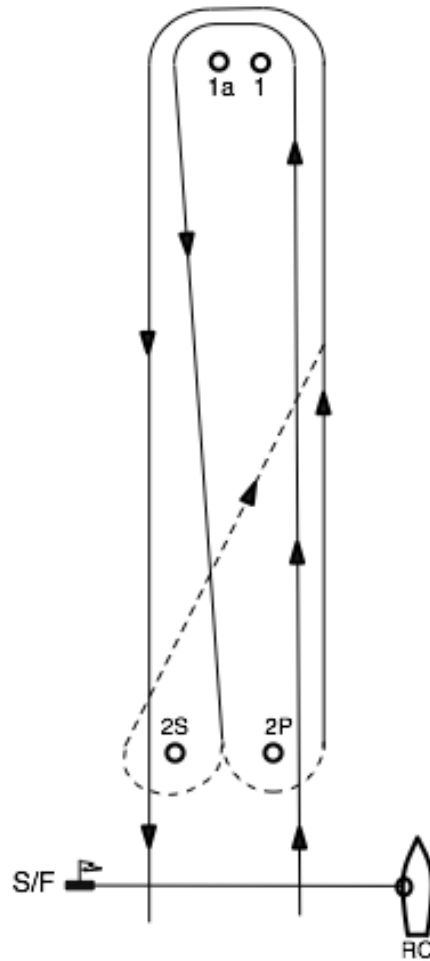


## ATTACHMENT A - COURSE DIAGRAMS

**COURSE 5**  
START - 1 - 1a - 2S/2P - 1 - 1a - 2S/2P - FINISH



**COURSE 4**  
START - 1 - 1a - 2S/2P - 1 - 1a - FINISH



NOTE: If the gate (mark 2P and mark 2P) is not present, mark 2 will be set in place of marks 2P and 2S, and shall be rounded to port and 2S/2P in the rounding sequence for the courses is replaced by 2.

## ATTACHMENT B - RACING AREA

Club Nautico Valle de Bravo A.C. is located at the red pinned area.

The racing area will be in the vicinity of the yellow circled area.

