



2019 J/24 NORTHAMERICAN Championship

(30 31 MARCH 1-5 APRIL 2019)

CLUB NAUTICO VALLE DE BRAVO A.C., CLASE J24 A.C., Federación Mexicana de Vela A.C. and the International J/24 Class Association

Valle de Bravo, Estado de México, México

www.j24mex.com

Notice of Race

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 Boats – Notwithstanding the Preamble of Part 4 rules, RRS 41 shall apply from the time a boat leaves her mooring for the first race of each day until she returns to her mooring after racing. If RC displays Race Signal AP over H, RRS 41 restrictions are suspended until she leaves her mooring again.
- 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 Part 5, Section B of the RRS and RRS 44 will be changed to permit Protest Arbitration.
- 1.9 RRS 61.1(a) will be 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.



- 1.10 RRS 44.3 will be changed so that code flag “I” may be used as the yellow flag and so that the flag used (either yellow or code flag “I”) shall have a hoist of not less than 150mm and a fly of not less than 200mm.
- 1.11 Class rule C.2.1(b) will be replaced in the Sailing Instructions with class rule J.4.3 that allows limited crew substitution.

2. Advertising:

- 2.1 Competitor advertising shall comply with RRS 80 and World Sailing Regulation 20.
- 2.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

3. Eligibility and Entry:

- 3.1 The *North American* Championship is open to J/24 Class boats as defined by the IJCA class rules, and that qualify as prescribed in the IJCA Regatta Regulations, and whose entries are accepted by the organizing authority.
- 3.2 Championship drivers must be either nationals or residents and members of the National J/24 Class Association of the country that they represent.
- 3.3 Eligible boats may register online at www.j24mex.com by Dec 31-2018
- 3.4 Late entries will be accepted paying a fee of \$500.00 USD
- 3.5 If there are co-drivers, one of them shall be designated as the primary driver for this regatta.

4. Fees:

- 4.1 The required entry fee is \$400.00 USD
- 4.2 Fee includes measurement, launching, hauling, storage/mooring while at the regatta, racing, scheduled social functions for all crew, prizes.
- 4.3 Additional individual social function passes may be purchased at registration for an additional fee.
- 4.4 All fees are payable online at: www.j24mex.com



5. Schedule:

5.1 (the schedule below is an example only)

Day	Date	Time	Event/Activity
Saturday	30 March	1000 - 1800	Registration/Measurement/Crew Weigh-in
Sunday	31 March	1000 – 1800	Registration/Measurement/ Crew Weigh-in
Monday	1 April	0930-1000 1200 1800	Crew weigh-in* Warning for Practice Race Social Event
Tuesday	2 April	0930-1000 1200 1800	Crew Weigh-in* Warning for First Race of the Day Social Event?
Wednesday	3 April	0930 – 1000 1200 1800	Crew Weigh-in* Warning for First Race of the Day Social Event?
Thursday	4 April	0930 – 1000 1200 1800	Crew Weigh-in* Warning for First Race of the Day Social Event?
Friday	5 April	0930-1000 1200 1400 1900	Crew Weigh-in* Warning for First Race of the Day No warning signal will be made Awards ceremony

* These scheduled crew weigh-ins are only for approved replacement crews per 1.11.

5.2 Ten races are scheduled over four consecutive days.

5.3 Normally 2 races are scheduled per day. One extra race per day may be sailed provided that the regatta does not become more than one race ahead of schedule and the change is made according to the provisions of the Sailing Instructions. If the regatta is behind schedule, extra races to a maximum of four races may be sailed in a single day.

6. Registration and Measurement:

6.1 At registration each boat shall present:

- (a) A valid, IJCA issued Measurement Certificate, Including Part C: Inventory of Required and Optional Equipment. Boats that do not have a valid, IJCA issued Measurement Certificate must make arrangements to have their boat measured prior to the regatta. No first time or full measurement will be available during the scheduled regatta measurement time.



(b) Proof of current marine liability insurance coverage in the amount of \$25,000.00 (twenty five thousand US dollars) marine liability insurance (property and injury) covering the person in charge. The Organizing Committee will provide an optional marine liability insurance. The cost will be announced at registration.

(c) Proof of J/24 Class Association membership in the country they represent for the owner and the driver(s).

6.2 All competitors will be weighed during registration. Competitors must have a passport or other photo identification at weigh-in.

6.3 Inspection and measurement will be carried out on all boats for compliance with class rule C.6.1(a) (all up weight of 1330kg.) and on sails for compliance with class rules C.10 and Section G and on forestays for compliance with class rule C.9.7(a).

6.4 Boats will be subject to inspection at any time and for any class rules during the regatta.

7. Sailing Instructions:

7.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available at Registration and on the event website at www.j24mex.com by February 20, 2019.

8. Venue:

8.1 Attachment A shows the location of the regatta harbor.

8.2 Attachment B shows the location of the racing areas.

9. The Courses:

9.1 The courses to be sailed will be windward/leeward with 4 or 5 legs.

9.2 The target time for each race is approximately 70 – 85 minutes.

9.3 An offset mark at the weather mark will be used. Exceptions will be described in the Sailing Instructions

9.4 A gate at the leeward mark will be used. Exceptions will be described in the Sailing Instructions.



10. Penalty System:

- 10.1 The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3, will apply, with penalties as modified by the IJCA. See J/24 Scoring Penalties on the Class website, <http://www.j24class.org> Class Documents. These modifications will be printed in the Sailing Instructions.
- 10.2 An International Jury will be appointed according to RRS 70.5, whose decisions will be final.
- 10.3 Arbitration may be used prior to the protest hearing for incidents involving the rules of Part 2 or RRS 31.
- 10.4 Some other penalties as per RRS 64.1 will apply for breaking some IJCA rules. See J/24 Class Rule Penalties on the Class website. These penalties will be printed in the Sailing Instructions.

11. Scoring:

- 11.1 Four races are required to be completed to constitute a championship.
- 11.2 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. Appendix A will be changed accordingly.
- 11.3 **(optional)** Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. Boats scored TLE will be scored points equal to the number of boats finishing within the time limit plus two points by the race committee. RRS A4.2, A5 and A11 will be changed accordingly.

12. Support Boats:

- 12.1 Support boats shall comply with NOR 1.4.
- 12.2 Support boats 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.

13. Berthing:

- 13.1 Boats shall be kept in their assigned places or areas, as directed by the organizing authority.

14. Haul-out Restrictions:

- 14.1 Boats shall be afloat by 1800 Hrs Monday 1 March and shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with, and according to the terms of prior written permission of the jury. This includes rudders.



15. Diving Equipment, Plastic Pools and Other Prohibited Actions:

- 15.1 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.
- 15.2 Careening by any means for the purpose of cleaning or inspecting the hull is prohibited during the regatta.

16. Radio Communication:

- 16.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not 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.
- 16.2 The race committee may choose to make VHF radio communications to the fleet on a channel to be announced in the sailing instructions. It is strongly encouraged that each boat have a VHF radio on board capable of receiving these communications.

17. Prizes:

- 17.1 Prizes will be awarded to at least the top 10 of boats entered.
- 17.2 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 2019 J/24 World Championship. This berth is allocated by the International J/24 Class and is available to sailors from any country
- 17.3 Prizes will be awarded to the top Female crew and top Junior crew.

18. Disclaimer of Liability:

- 18.1 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.
- 18.2 All competitors will be required to sign a Competitor Liability Waiver form to be provided in the registration package.



19. Insurance:

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

20. Media Rights:

20.1 Competitors give absolute right and permission to the IJCA, the Mexican J/24 Class Association, The Organizing Committee 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

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