



Notice of Race

2023 Oceania & Australian Laser Open & Youth Championships 1 – 8 January 2023

Venue: Georges River Sailing Club Sanoni Ave, Sandringham NSW 2219 Australia

Organising Authority: Georges River Sailing Club (GRSC), NSW & ACT Laser Association (NALA), Australian Laser Class Association (ALCA) and the Oceania Laser Class Association (OLCA)

1. RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 2 Off the Beach boats shall apply.
- 1.3 ILCA class rule 7 (a) is restricted as follows: "Only one person (the registered sailor) shall be on board while racing."
- 1.4 RRS Appendix P "Special Procedures for Rule 42" will apply with changes to include allowing a protest committee-initiated redress, a points penalty for a first penalty given after finishing and to prohibit a boat that has been disqualified for a RRS 42 infringement or has retired in recognition of a RRS 42 infringement from sailing in the race if that race is restarted or re-sailed.
- 1.5 RRS Appendix T "Arbitration" will apply.
- 1.6 In all rules governing this event.
 - (a) (DP) denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the protest committee; and
 - (b) (NP) denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 1.7 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2. ADVERTISING (DP, NP)

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

3. ENTRY REGULATIONS

- 3.1 Only current, fully paid members of the International Laser Class Association and of a World Sailing member national authority may enter the event. These memberships shall be with the ILCA Fleet/District Association and with the World Sailing member national authority of the country where the sailor normally sails, even though such place may not be their permanent residence; however, such member, for any valid reason and with the approval of both District Chairpersons, may select instead the Fleet/District and the World Sailing member national authority in which he has permanent residence in accordance with the ILCA Constitution, Article 10 (3) and the ILCA Class Rules, Part Two, Article 9. The sailor can only be a member of one ILCA Fleet/District Association.
- 3.2 Crew substitution of the registered sailor is not permitted.
- 3.3 No resale or transfer of entries is allowed.
- 3.4 Eligibility for Youth and Junior Divisions is the competitor's age at 31st December 2023 and the Divisions are as follows:

Class	Division	Criteria	Birth Year
Laser 4.7	Junior	Under 16	2008 & Later
	Youth	Under 18	2006 & 2007
Laser Radial	Junior	Under 17	2007 & later
	Youth	Under 19	2005 & 2006
	Under 21	Under 21	2003 & later
Laser Standard	Men	Under 21	2003 & later

3.5 COVID PROVISIONS

- (a) The ALCA has a policy regarding COVID-19 and ALCA events covering this Championship. The policy is on the ALCA web site at <http://www.lasersdownunder.com/governance-and-membership/>
- (b) This policy includes a provision that if restrictions on attendance apply anywhere in Australia on 1st January 2023, then this Championship can revert to a National Regatta and no cubes or perpetual trophies shall be awarded.
- (c) If the Organising Authority declares that this event is no longer an Australian Championship and reverts to a National Regatta, any boat that has entered can request their entry be rescinded. In this event the organising authority will refund the entry fee.
- (d) The Organising Committee can make this declaration at any time up to 1st January 2023 via a notice on the regatta website www.auslasernationals.com.au and via the Australian Laser app.

4. ENTRY

- 4.1 Entries will be accepted online at <https://www.clubops.com.au/event/GHJRP>.
- 4.2 The entry closing date is 30 November 2022.
- 4.3 The entry fee is AUD 350.
- 4.4 Entries completed after the entry closing date may be accepted solely at the discretion of the organising authority and on the payment of a late entry fee of AUD 430 (AUD 350 + AUD 80).

5. CHARTER BOATS

- 5.1 Charter boats for this event will be provided by NB Sailsports and Performance Sailcraft. These can be booked on their web sites or by contacting them.
 - nbsailsports.com.au Phone: 02 9371 7475 Mobile: 0432 823 872 Email: info@nbsailsports.com.au
 - <https://psasailing.com.au> Phone: 02 4389 1088 Email: info@psasailing.com.au
- 5.2 The pricing and conditions of the charter are as set by these companies. The event organising authority is not involved in any charter boat transactions.
- 5.3 If other charter options become available then these will be publicised on the Australian Laser App and on the event web site www.auslasernationals.com.au.

6. BOATS AND EQUIPMENT (NP, DP)

- 6.1 The event will be sailed in Laser class sailboats as recognised by World Sailing, commonly sold under the brand name "ILCA" or "Laser." All boats must have a valid World Sailing plaque attached in accordance with the ILCA Class Rules to the aft face of the cockpit.
- 6.2 All competitors shall use only one hull, sail, batten set, mast, boom, centreboard and rudder; all of which shall be identified during equipment inspection.
- 6.3 In the event of damage, boats and equipment may only be substituted with the written permission of the event equipment inspector in accordance with the sailing instructions.
- 6.4 For the purposes of RRS G1.1, sails shall display the national letters of the World Sailing membership authority under which the entry was accepted. This changes RRS G1.1.
- 6.5 Boats may be required to display identification numbers and fleet identification colors supplied by the organising authority.

7. RACING FORMAT

- 7.1 The entries may be split into fleets and if so will sail a qualifying series followed by a final series.
7.2 If four races have not been completed by the end of the third scheduled racing day the qualifying series will continue until the end of the racing day in which a fourth qualifying race is completed.

8. SCHEDULE

- 8.1 Twelve races are scheduled.
8.2

1 st January	Registration & Measurement	0900hrs - 1800hrs
2 nd January	Registration & Measurement	0800hrs - 1130hrs
	Competitor Meeting	1130hrs
	Registration & Measurement	1300hrs – 1700hrs
	Practice Race	1430hrs
	Welcome Function	1800hrs
3 rd January	Racing – 2 races	1430hrs
4 th January	Racing – 2 races	1430hrs
5 th January	Racing – 2 races	1430hrs
6 th January	Racing – 2 races	1430hrs
7 th January	Racing – 2 races	1430hrs
8 th January	Racing – 2 races	1300hrs
	Presentation Function	1900hrs

- 8.3 Each day succeeding races will be started as soon as practicable after the finish of the previous race.
8.4 On the last day of the championship, no warning signal will be made after 1500.

9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available via the Australian Lasers App and on the event web site www.auslasernationals.com.au.

10. RACE OFFICE

The race office is located at GRSC.

11. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION (NP, DP)

- 11.1 Information on equipment inspection will be posted on the official notice board. Boats shall be presented with all equipment that is to be used in the event, with the bottom mast and boom with all control lines rigged and with the sail and top section derigged ready for inspection.
11.2 Wet clothing and equipment inspections may be made throughout the event at the discretion of the class representative, race committee or the protest committee.
11.3 Dollies will be shared during the regatta. All boats shall be presented at measurement on serviceable dollies. 'serviceable' specifically includes being fitted with tyres at least 60 mm wide (or equivalent) and having adequate padding. Any boat presented with an unsatisfactory or unserviceable dolly will be refused entry at measurement.

12. COACH REGISTRATION & TEAM/COACH/SUPPORT BOATS (NP, DP)

- 12.1 All coach/support boats shall pre-register via the Australian Lasers App before or on 2 January 2023.
12.2 All coach/support boat drivers shall confirm registration of their boats and submit the names and sail numbers of the sailors they are supporting at the race office before 1830 on 2 January 2023.
12.3 Each coach/support boat shall clearly display an identification number supplied at registration. No other individual support boats shall be used.

- 12.4 Each coach/support boat is required to carry a VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving all international ship-to-ship channels.
- 12.5 Coach/support boat drivers and crews shall wear a personal flotation device securely fastened at all times when afloat except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices.
- 12.6 When the coach/support boat engine is running, coach/support boat drivers shall be connected to a device that will stop the engine if the boat driver falls out of the boat or is otherwise not in control of the boat.
- 12.7 The movements of coach/support boats will be restricted as defined in the sailing instructions.
- 12.8 There will be a coach meeting at the race office 2½ hours before the first scheduled start time of the first race each day. The objectives of these meetings are to receive feedback from the coaches on the event organisation, exchange points of view and inform the coaches about changes in the sailing instructions and event organisation in general.

13. COURSES

Trapezoid courses will be used. The target time for the first boat in each race will be 50 minutes.

14. PROTEST COMMITTEE

A National Jury will be appointed and approval for denial of right of appeal will be applied for to Australian Sailing. An approval letter will be displayed on the Official Notice Board.

15. RADIO COMMUNICATION (DP)

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio communication while racing nor receive radiocommunications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

16. SAFETY

Each competitor shall wear a personal flotation device at all times when afloat except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices.

17. SCORING

- 17.1 Six races are required to be completed to constitute a championship.
- 17.2 When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores.
- 17.3 When six to nine races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 17.4 When ten or more races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
- 17.5 When a qualifying and final series is sailed:
 - The qualifying series races and final series races will count for the total points in the regatta
 - A qualifying series race will not count until all qualifying fleets have completed that race
 - If four or more qualifying series races have been completed, the boats qualifying series score will exclude her worst qualifying series score
 - If four or more final series races have been completed, the boats final series score will exclude her worst final series score
- 17.6 All Division prizes will be awarded based on the ranking of competitors in the overall results of the applicable Class.

18. TITLES & PRIZES

- 18.1 Laser class cups and prizes shall be awarded in accordance with the ILCA Honour Award By-Law.
- 18.2 Only Australian residents shall be eligible for Laser class perpetual trophies. An Australian resident is one who meets all eligibility requirements for residency and who reasonably satisfies the Organising Authority of their long-term residency of at least one year.
- 18.3 Australian Championships perpetual trophies will be awarded in accordance with ALCA policy.
- 18.4 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

19. PHOTOGRAPHY CONSENT

By entering the event competitors accept that they may be photographed and/or videotaped participating in the event and/or using the event facilities and they consent to the taking of such images and to the use, reuse, publication and republication of such images in any media, in

conjunction with the competitors name or not, without compensation and without the competitor's approval of such images or any use thereof.

20. LIABILITY AND INDEMNIFICATION

- 20.1 The Organising Authority and all their officers, members and volunteers do not accept liability for loss of life or property, or personal injury or damage caused by or arising out of the event. Competitors take part in the event at their own risk.
- 20.2 The establishment of the notice of race and the sailing instructions in no way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibilities of a competitor being solely and entirely responsible for the management of a boat he or she is sailing.
- 20.3 All competitors shall maintain their boats in a safe and seaworthy condition.
- 20.4 A competitor shall be of good health and a competent sailor capable of racing a Laser Standard, Laser Radial or Laser 4.7 in all conditions including strong winds.
- 20.5 At-fault occurrences to other boats are the responsibility of the helmsman. Competitors are not covered by any liability insurance provided by the organising authority and should provide their own coverage for personal goods and liability protection. The organising authority recommends that competitors consult their own insurance carriers to assure they are covered at this event and regarding additional personal liability insurance coverage.
- 20.6 A competitor is recommended to have personal accident and health insurance that covers him while attending the event and while racing.
- 20.7 To the fullest extent permitted by law, each competitor agrees to indemnify and hold the Organising Authority, owners, affiliates, officers, employees, agents, committee persons and race officials acting in their official capacities harmless, from any third-party claim to the extent arising from a competitor's acts or omissions.

21. CHANGES TO THE NOTICE OF RACE

This notice of race may be subject to amendments which will be posted via the Australian Laser App and the event web site www.auslasernationals.com.au.