

2023 J/24 European Championship

20-27 August 2023

Balatonfüredi Yacht Club (BYC) in conjunction with the Hungarian Sailing Federation, the Hungarian J/24 Class Association, and the International J/24 Class Association

Balatonfüred, Hungary

(<https://www.j24.hu/ec2023>)

Sailing Instructions



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 RC displays Race Signal AP over H, 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 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 60.4(a) is changed to read: “....but not rules 41, 42, 44, 46, and 49.2 sentences 1 and 2.”

- 1.11 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 RRRS 60.1(a).
- 1.12 [DP] The penalty for breaches of rules, including class rules, other than RRS Parts 1 and 2 may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. This does not change RRS 31 and RRS 69.
- 1.13 Class rule C.2.1(b) is changed to Class rule H.4.2 regarding crew. A crew nominated or listed for this event shall remain the same throughout the event. Emergency changes may be made only with written permission of the Technical Committee.
- 1.14 Class rule C.10.2 is replaced by class rule H.2 that allows a spare spinnaker with restrictions.

2. Changes to the Sailing Instructions

- 2.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted no less than 2 hours before the scheduled start time 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. Communications:

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board(s) located at the event website: <https://www.j24.hu/ec2023>. The onshore unofficial notice board is located **at the entrance of the BYC**.
- 3.2 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.
- 3.3 [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 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.
- 3.4 The race committee may use VHF radio to communicate to the fleet as a courtesy to all competitors, 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 rules 62.1(a)
- 3.5 [NP] On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors via **VHF channel 79**

4. Code of Conduct

- [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5. Signals Made Ashore:

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the main mast on the pier of BYC.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in the race signal AP.
- 5.3 When flag Y is displayed ashore, 40.1 applies at all times while afloat

6. Schedule of Races:

6.1

Day	Date	Time	Event/Activity
Sunday	20 August	9:00 – 12:00 13:30 - 18:00	Registration/Inspection/Crew Weigh-in
Monday	21 August	9:00 – 12:00 13:30 - 18:00	Registration/Inspection/ Crew Weigh-in
Tuesday	22 August	9:00 – 12:00 13:00 14:00 15:00 18:00	Registration/Inspection/ Crew Weigh-in Skippers' Briefing All Boats Afloat Warning for Practice Race Opening Ceremony
Wednesday	23 August	8:00 – 8:30 10:00 19:00	Crew Weigh-in* Warning for First Race of the Day (3 races) Social Event
Thursday	24 August	8:00 – 8:30 10:00 19:00	Crew Weigh-in* Warning for First Race of the Day (2 races) Social Event
Friday	25 August	8:00 – 8:30 10:00 19:00	Crew Weigh-in* Warning for First Race of the Day (2 races) Social Event
Saturday	26 August	8:00 – 8:30 10:00	Crew Weigh-in* Warning for First Race of the Day (2 races)
Sunday	27 August	8:00 – 8:30 10:00 14:00 17:00	Crew Weigh-in* Warning for First Race of the Day (1 race) No warning after Closing Ceremony – Prize Giving Crain out possibilities

*These scheduled crew weigh-ins are only for technical committee approved replacements or crews specified per SI 1.13.

5.2 Ten races are scheduled over five (5) consecutive days.

5.3 *No more than 4 races will be sailed per day.*

6. Class Flag:

The J/24 Class Flag (Blue insignia on a white background) shall be used in accordance with RRS 26.

7. Racing Areas:

7.1 [DP] Boats and support person vessels shall not interfere with commercial vessel traffic when leaving or entering the marina of the Balatonfüredi Yacht Club (BYC).

7.2. Attachment 1 shows the location of the racing areas.

7.3 Racing areas will be identified with the following racing flags.

Racing Area	Flag
ALFA	Black letter A on a yellow background
BRAVO	Black letter B on a yellow background

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 2 show the courses.

8.3 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will display the course designator, the approximate compass bearing and the distance of the first leg. The RC may 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 2P and mark 2S). 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 RC signal vessel at a distance to the discretion of the RC. 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 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 will not be regarded as a leg of the course. This changes RRS 33.

9. Marks:

9.1 Marks 1, 1a, 2s and 2p, start and finish will be:

Mark	Original	New Marks per SI 12.1
1	<i>inflatable yellow</i>	<i>inflatable red</i>
1a (offset)	<i>inflatable yellow</i>	<i>(insert description)not applicable</i>
2s and 2p (GATE)	<i>inflatable yellow</i>	<i>(insert description)inflatable red</i>
Start	<i>RC vessel displaying Orange flag</i>	not applicable
Finish	<i>inflatable thin yellow cylinder</i>	

9.2 A race committee vessel signalling a change of a leg of the course is a mark as provided in instruction 12.2.

10. Areas That Are Obstructions:

No areas are designated as obstructions.

11. Start:

- 11.1 Races will be started using RRS26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 11.2 The Starting Line: The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC Signal vessel and an anchored vessel (RIB) displaying an orange flag on a staff.
- 11.3 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with 1 sound at least 5 minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 11.4 Race Committee may broadcast starting information, countdowns and the bow numbers of any boats OCS. A boat may not base a request for redress on failure to receive such broadcasts. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 11.4 The RC will attempt to broadcast twice the bow/sail numbers of all boats subject to individual recall (RRS 29.1), UFD (RRS 30.3), BFD (RRS 30.4); it will not alter the list based on a boat's actions subsequent to the start. Failure to make or receive such broadcasts will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 11.5 RRS 30.4 is changed to permit the RC to display sail number or bow number after a general recall. This changes RRS 30.4.
- 11.6 [NP] A boat starting later than four (4) minutes after her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, 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 RRS 33.
- 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.

13. The Finish:

- 13.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the RC finishing line vessel and a staff displaying a blue flag on a nearby RC vessel or an inflatable mark described in SI 9.1.

14. Penalty System:

14.1 RRS Appendix T will apply, as modified below.

14.1.1 A 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).

14.1.2 A 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 rule 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 rule 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 The target time for races is 60 to 80 minutes. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

15.2 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat starts, 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 and A5. The RC will lower the blue finish flag with a long sound when the finishing window is closed.

16. Protests and Requests for Redress

16.1 Hearing request forms are available at the protest desk inside the clubhouse of BYC. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

16.2 The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished (within Finishing Window) in the last race of the day or the signal "No more racing today" is made afloat, whichever is later. However, the protest time limit is 30 minutes after the signal "No more racing today" is made ashore.

16.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearing in which they are parties. Parties are responsible for notifying their witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located inside the clubhouse of BYC.

16.4 A list of penalties being assigned by the race committee or jury will be posted prior to the end of the protest time limit. The deadline for requests for redress based on these assigned penalties will be 30 minutes after the protest time limit, whichever is later.

16.5 Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or jury will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

16.7 Decisions of an international jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

17. Scoring:

- 17.1 Four races are required to be completed to constitute a championship.
- 17.2 In accordance with App A2.1, 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.

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.

19. Replacement of Crew or Equipment:

- 19.1 There shall be no crew replacements or substitutions unless allowed by RRS 87 and described in SI 1.13. The Technical Committee may approve a crew substitution during the event in cases of illness or emergency.
- 19.2 Even if replacement or crew substitution is allowed, the number of crew shall not change during the event.
- 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:

- 20.1 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.
- 20.2 Ashore, equipment may be inspected or measured at times specified in the class rules, the notice of race, or at any time by a member of 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 Boats:

Official Vessels shall be marked as follows:

VESSEL	FLAG
Race Committee (RC)	RC
Jury	Jury

Technical Committee/Measurement	Measurer
Media	Media

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 warning signal until all boats have finished or retired from the last race of the day or the race committee has signaled Race Signal AP over H
- 23.4 [NP][DP] Support boat drivers shall have valid third-party marine liability insurance in the same amount as is required of each participating boat and provide proof of that insurance at registration.

24. Trash Handling:

- 24.1 [NP][DP] Competitors shall not dispose of trash in the water. Trash shall be held for proper disposal. This changes RRS 47

25. Afloat and Haul-out Restrictions:

- 25.1 [NP][DP] Boats shall be afloat with rudders mounted by 22 August 1400 and shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with, and according to the terms of prior written permission of the technical committee.

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. Prizes:

Prizes will be awarded to at least the top 10 boats entered to European Championship.

- 27.2 Perpetual trophies will be awarded to the winning team.
- 27.3 A prize will be awarded for the top women's entry in which the entire crew is comprised of women.
- 27.4 Prizes will be awarded to the top youth's entry comprised of a crew in which none are over the age of 25 years.

- 27.5 Prizes will be awarded to the top senior entry sailor at age 65 and over.
- 27.6 There will be a prize for the winners of the day after the place of the daily races, each winner will be awarded once in a series.
- 27.7 Organization Authority give a special prizes to the top 5 boats based on the Overall Ranking Open European championship winners.
- 27.8 A Corinthian Division Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the top Corinthian entry. The Corinthian Division shall be awarded prizes for the top five teams or top 15% of division entries, whichever is greater.
- 27.9 Organization Authority may define other special prizes it will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

28. Disclaimer of Liability:

- 28.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3 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.
- 28.2 All competitors will be required to sign a Competitor Liability Waiver form to be provided in the registration package.

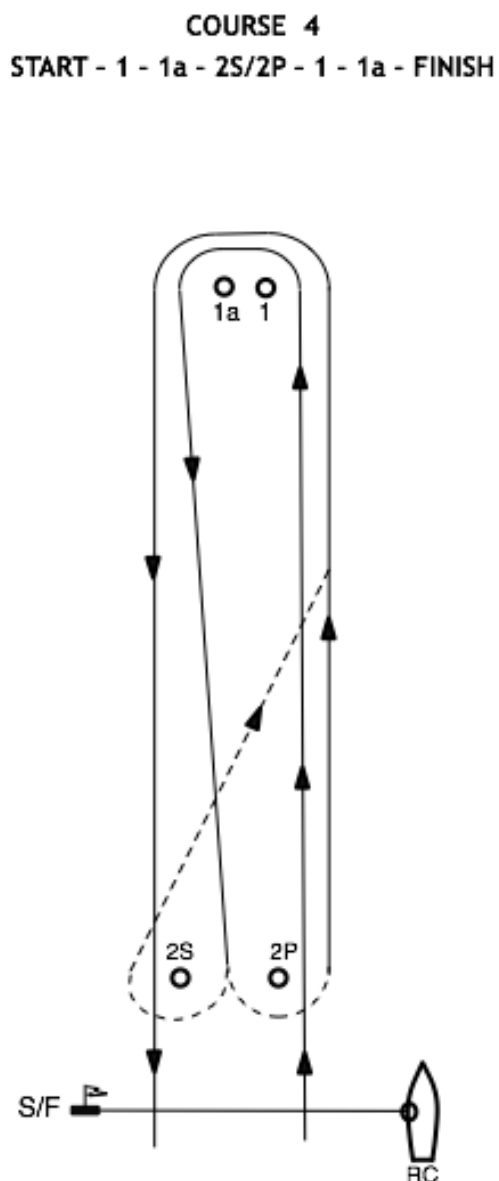
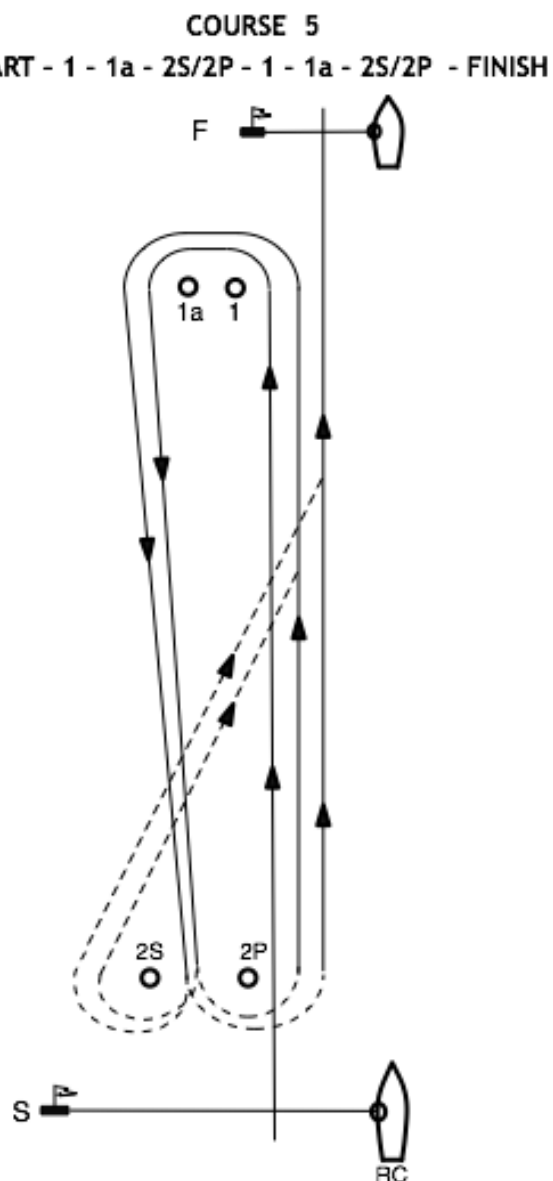
29. Insurance:

- 29.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party insurance with a minimum coverage of 125.000 EUR per incident or the equivalent.

ATTACHMENT 1 – LOCATION OF THE RACING AREA



ATTACHMENT 2 – COURSE DIAGRAMS



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