

2024 TURKEY TOUR STANDARD SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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Official Notice Board

GENERAL INFORMATION

- These Standard Sailing Instructions (SSIs) may be used in place of the printed SSIs issued to each boat.
- All documents related to the races will be announced on the online Official Notice Board (ONB).
- This SSIs J/70 will be valid for races organised by TSB between 01/01/2024 and 31/12/2024.
- The Organising Committee (OA) may change the programme or make another application due to the Global pandemic or any force majeure. In such a case, OA will announce the fairest application to the parties separately.
- For a breach of the rules marked [DP] the Protest Committee may penalise a boat less than DSQ. (RRS 60.1 changes)
- Boats may not lodge a protest or request a correction for a breach of the rules marked with [NP] (RRS 60.1 changes)
- In the event of a breach of the rules marked [SP], the Race Committee may impose a penalty without a hearing (replaces RRS 63.1 A4 and A5).

1. RULES

1.1. The rules written in the 2024 Tour of Turkey General Notice of Race will be applied.

2. [NP] NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Online Official Notice Board (ONB) will be set up at <https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/events/7950> . All announcements to racers will be made via the online Official Notice Board. Failure to receive these announcements cannot be grounds for a correction request.
- 2.2. Announcements about the competitors can be made by general broadcast on VHF (Ch) 74 when necessary.
- 2.3. A Whatsapp group can also be set up to draw attention to ONB announcements.
- 2.4. All these notifications will constitute an official announcement to the competitors. It is the competitors' own responsibility to check the Official Notice Board regularly. Failure to display the "L" flag will not be grounds for a request of redress.
- 2.5. All boats will follow the announcements to be made on VHF 74 with additional instructions.
- 2.6. The location of the Race Office will be indicated in the **Supplement**.

3. [NP] CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any changes in the Racing Instructions will be published in the ONB before 0800 hours on the day of implementation.
- 3.2. Any change to the schedule of races will be posted not later than 2200, on the day before it will effect.
- 3.3. (RRS 25.1 changes).
- 3.4. The Race Committee can make oral changes on the water via VHF Channel 74 or in writing from the Whatsapp group to be established between RC and the helmsmans/boat owners.
- 3.5. In such cases it will not be compulsory to distribute a separate written instruction to each vessel (RRS 90.2(c)).

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. While inside the marina, signals will be given from the Race Committee boat, other than that, no signals will be given from the shore.
- 4.2. When flag AP displayed ashore "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" in the race signal AP. (RRS Race Signals change)

5. THE FORMAT OF THE RACES AND THE RACE SCHEDULE

- 5.1. The format will be as specified in the Race Notice.
- 5.2. The programme of the races will be as specified in the **Supplement**.
- 5.3. The total number of target races in the series will be EIGHT (8).
- 5.4. The targeted number of races in the Turkish Championship will be eleven (11).
- 5.5. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race of each day will be stated **in the Supplement**.
- 5.6. The RC may organise one (1) additional race due to the number of races falling behind the programme.

6. CLASS FLAGS / WARNING SIGNALS

- 6.1. The J/70 Turkey Class pennant (red J70 logo on a white background with a white crescent star inside) will be used as a warning sign.
- 6.2. Head number stickers must be affixed in a visible place on both sides of the boat as specified in the J/70 class rules.
- 6.3. (DP) The Protest Committee may penalise boats not displaying their numbers, pennants, number stickers and sponsor pennants.
- 6.4. Except for protest (when necessary) and class flags, no other flags (including the national flag) will be displayed on the back pole during races.

7. [NP]THE COURSES

- 7.1. The race course will be as specified in the [Supplement](#).
- 7.2. The Race Committee will announce the approximate compass bearing and distance of the first mark before the warning signal on VHF Ch 74.
- 7.3. If one of the gate buoys is not in place for any reason, the only available buoy will be left on the port side.

8. [NP] MARKS

- 8.1. Yellow and/or orange coloured inflatable conical and/or cylindrical buoys will be used in the races.
- 8.2. Robotic buoy can be used.
- 8.3. As with the route description, the absence of an appropriate number or colour on the buoy, or the absence of any number at all, cannot be grounds for a correction request.

9. [NP] START

- 9.1. Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26 unless otherwise stated in the appendix (5 minutes-4 minutes-1 minute-Start)
- 9.2. (DP) Before the start all boats will approach the RC boat and identify themselves.
- 9.3. **The starting line** will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat and a staff displaying an orange flag on the Pin End Boat. If the Pin End Boat is not on station, it will be replaced by an inflatable starting mark.
- 9.4. **Alternative Starting line** The Starting line will be between two yellow inflatable buoys. The Race Committee's signal vessel may be at either end of the starting line.
- 9.5. If the Race Committee deems it appropriate, she may use her engine to maintain her position.
- 9.6. (SP) A boat that fails to start within five (5) minutes after the start signal will be scored as "Did Not Start (DNS)" without a hearing. This amends RRS A4 and A5. This also applies to boats making an premature start (OCS).

10. RECALL

- 10.1. (NP) Individual Recall: The Race Committee will endeavour to broadcast the OCS boats' division number/hull (tag) number on VHF Ch.74. Failure to broadcast or improper timing will not be grounds for a correction request (This amends RRS 62.1(a)) Race Committee announcements will not be considered outside help.

11. [NP] CHANGE THE NEXT LEG OF COURSE

- 11.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finish line) and remove the original mark as soon as possible.
- 11.2. If there is a change in the position of the windward mark, the offset (1a) mark will not be used.

12. THE FINISH

- 12.1. The finishing line will be between staff displaying blue flag on the RC vessel and the course side of the finishing mark.
- 12.2. The finishing line may be a shorter length than the starting line.
- 12.3. (DP) Finishing boats shall keep clear of the finishing line and act in such a way that they do not interfere with the boats finishing after them and the finishing committee. The RC may protest against boats not complying with this.
- 12.4. When the International Tango "T" pennant is displayed at the finish line, it will mean "one more race, go to the start line for a new start".

13. PENALTY SYSTEMS

- 13.1. Delete the first and second sentences of RRS 44.1 and substitute the following: 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 of a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns penalty. (This changes RRS 44.1)

14. DECLARATION

- 14.1. Boats that have received a One Turn or Two Turn Penalty or have withdrawn from the race will fill in the online declaration form in the ONB and declare it on-line within the protest time limit. Failure to make this declaration will mean that the boat has not made a penalty turn.

- 14.2. [Any outside assistance or use of the engine for rescue, assistance or other reasons shall be reported in writing to the Race Committee within the protest period, stating the reasons for such actions and the times the engine was started and stopped (if used).
- 14.3. In special circumstances, the Race Committee may consider VHF notification to be sufficient.
- 15. (NP) TIME LIMITS and TARGET TIMES**
- 15.1. The target time for each race shall be sixty (60) minutes. However, failure to achieve the target time shall not be grounds for a request. (This amendment amends RRS 62.1.(a))
- 15.2. The total time limit for the lead boat will be ninety (90) minutes.
- 15.3. If within thirty (30) minutes no boat has rounded buoy number 1 on the first leg, the Race Committee may abandon the race.
- 15.4. (SP) Finish Time Window. After the first boat completes the course and finishes, the time allowed for the boats to finish is 15 minutes. Boats that continue to compete but do not finish within the finishing time window will be given Time Limit Expired (TLE) points. The TLE score will be equal to the DNF score. This amends RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.
- 15.5. Unless another time limit is specified in the annex, races will not be continued after sunset local time. However, if the first boat finishes after sunset, the finishing time window time will be observed. For this purpose, the Race Committee will specify the sunset time in the **Supplement**.
- 16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR CORRECTION**
- 16.1. A boat intending to protest shall inform the other boat/s at **the first reasonable opportunity (as soon as possible)** as follows:
- 16.1.(a). When the protest concerns **an incident in the racing area** that she is involved in or sees, she shall:
- 16.1.a.i. **Hail** "PROTEST";
- 16.1.a.ii. **Inform** the protested boat/s by VHF 74 (This changes RRS 61.1(a)),
- 16.1.a.iii. **Display** conspicuously a protest (red) flag **on the backstay**. If the boat has no backstay, protest flag shall be displayed on the best visible place at or near the boat stern. The flag shall be displayed until she is no longer racing.
- 16.1.a.iv. **Inform** the Race Committee at the finishing line by VHF Ch.74 about the identity of the boat to be protested and keep the protest flag displayed until it is confirmed by the Race Committee (This changes RRS 61.1(a)). **It is not necessary to inform the Race Committee at the time of the incident.**
- 16.1.(b). When protesting for any other reason, she shall inform the protested boat/s **immediately** after coming ashore.
- 16.2. A boat that intends to protest but could not continue and finish the race, or retires, shall inform the Race Committee finishing vessel by VHF Ch.74 **as soon as possible** (This changes RRS 61.1(a)).
- 16.3. If any of the foregoing conditions are not fulfilled, the Protest Committee shall declare this protest invalid.
- 16.4. Hearing request forms are available at ONB (electronic version). Protests and Requests for Redress must be submitted here within the protest period. This can also be done on-line.
- 16.5. The protest time limit is 30 minutes from the time the Race Committee vessel docks at the Marina (This amends RRS 61.3 and RRS 62.2). The Protest Committee may extend this time limit if necessary.
- 16.6. Online Notifications will be posted within 15 minutes after the end of the protest period to inform competitors of any hearings to which they are a party or have been named as a witness. Notifications of protests by RC,TC or PC will be published within the protest period to inform boats.
- 16.7. Protest hearings will be held at the Race Office.
- 16.8. A party to the hearing may request the hearing to be reopened on reasonable grounds, such as the discovery of new evidence and/or witnesses, not exceeding the protest time limit for the current day, even if the decision was notified to him/her on the previous day. However, on the last day of racing, the time limit for reopening the hearing will be 15 minutes from the notification of the decision (Amendment to RRS 66).
- 16.9. A boat's protest and/or request of redress fee will be as specified in the **Supplement**. This does not apply to protests made by the Race, Technical and Protest Committee.
- 16.10. The fee will be refunded if the protest is upheld or the correction is accepted, or if the protest/request for correction is withdrawn with the permission of the Protest Committee.
- 16.11. **Class rules (Measurement) Protests:**
- 16.11.(a). Both parties shall pay in advance to the Racing Office all expenses related to the measurement to be made, such as measurer's fee and/or weighing facility fee, etc. The winner will be reimbursed because of the hearing.
- 16.11.(b). The protesting vessel shall pay the protest fee separately.
- 16.11.(c). At the end of the weighing and measurement process, the party that lost the measurement protest will pay all measurement/measurement fees and the advance amount paid by the winning party will be refunded.
- 16.12. All protests and requests of redress shall be made in the language specified in the **Supplement**.
- 16.13. The parties shall bring their own interpreters to the hearing. They shall be responsible for the accuracy of the translation.

17. SCORING

- 17.1. RRS A4, Low Points System will be used.
- 17.2. Discards;
- 17.2.(a). When five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the sum of all her points.
- 17.2.(b). When five (5) or more races have been completed, a boat's score will be the sum of her race points excluding her worst score.
- 17.3. J/70 TCA 2024 Tour of Türkiye Trophy Overall Scoring and prizes see Annex #1.

18. PRIZES

- 18.1. Series prizes will be awarded as soon as possible after the last day's racing and after the protests.

19. [DP] [NP] SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 19.1. A boat retiring from any race for any reason shall inform the Race Committee as soon as possible.
- 19.2. In wind conditions more than twenty-five (25) knots or when there is a risk to the safety of life and property, the Race Committee may not start the race or may shorten or abandon the race. This will not constitute grounds for a request for redress.
- 19.3. As required by the J/70 Class Rules, all safety equipment must be on board. Otherwise, the Protest Committee may penalize the boat.

20. [DP] REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 20.1. No substitution of competitors is allowed without the prior written permission of the Race Committee.
- 20.2. Unless authorised in writing by the Race Committee, no replacement of damaged or lost equipment is permitted, except for a spare spinnaker, the carriage of which is permitted by class rule. Requests for replacement shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity after the race.
- 20.3. Team and equipment changes will be made through the ONB application.

21. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 21.1. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Class Rules and Race Instructions.

22. (NP) RACE COMMITTEE BOATS

- 22.1. Race Committee Boats shall display their "RC" flags. The absence of the RC flag will not be grounds for a correction request.
- 22.2. Boats used by the press, photographers, film crews, VIPs, etc. are not under the authority of RC. Any action taken by these boats will not be grounds for a claim for compensation by the boats. This amends RRS 60.1(b).
- 22.3. Race Committee Boats may use engines to maintain their position on the start and finish lines due to weather conditions and/or technical reasons. This will not constitute grounds for a correction request.

23. [DP] SUPPORT TEAMS

- 23.1. All support boats shall carry a marine VHF radio and shall remain outside the racing areas where boats are racing from the time the preparation signal for each race is given until all boats have finished or withdrawn from the race or until the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandon.
- 23.2. All support vessels must comply with RRS 37 Search and Rescue Instructions.

24. (DP) TRASH DISPOSAL

- 24.1. Competitors may not intentionally throw rubbish into the water. This rule always applies when on the water (RRS 47).

25. (NP)(DP) RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 25.1. Racing boats are required to have a VHF marine radio and keep it tuned to Ch. 74 during races. Failure to receive the Race Committee's announcements will not be grounds for claiming compensation.
- 25.2. Except in emergencies, a competing boat shall not make any special broadcast on VHF.

26. RESPONSIBILITIES

- 26.1. Sailing races can be dangerous. Competitors enter the Race at their own risk. See RRS 3 Race Decision: "A boat's decision to enter or continue in a race is solely at her own risk."
- 26.2. The Organiser, its agents, sponsors, Race, Technical and Protest Committees are not responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury resulting directly or indirectly from the races.
- 26.3. In particular, the boat owner and crew shall accept responsibility for their crew (including insurance), the seaworthiness of the boats, safe navigation, the decision to start and/or continue the race.
- 26.4. By participating in the race, each competitor, boat owner and support personnel agrees to be bound by SI 1 and to accept any penalty or other action taken under these rules as the final determination of any matter arising under these rules, subject to the appeal and review procedures provided for in the rules, and to have no recourse to any court or other tribunal not provided for in the rules in respect of any such determination.
- 26.5. Before the start of the race, boat owners or skippers will inform their crew. Their signature on the entry form indicates acceptance of all these responsibilities.

27. PERSONAL DATA PROTECTION

- 27.1. In accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), OA will only use the information provided by competitors for the purposes of event administration. This data will be held in accordance with the GDPR and will not be shared with any third party or used for marketing purposes other than to contact competitors by email, post, SMS and telephone with information about this event or future events. Competitors will need to give specific consent to this on their entry form.
- 27.2. Competitors automatically grant the Organising Authority the right to make, use and show any moving image, still image and live, taped or filmed television broadcast, live, taped or filmed, of or relating to the event, without any payment whatsoever, for an indefinite period of time, provided that this does not violate the confidentiality rights of the participants.

J/70 CLASS ASSOCIATION OF TURKEY

DATE : 01 March 2024

TIME : 1200 (local)
