

National School Sailing Association

Double Handed Team Racing Championship

NOTICE OF RACE

Draycote Water Sailing Club at Draycote Water, Rugby.

Saturday and Sunday 18th & 19th March 2023

The Organising Authority is Draycote Water Sailing Club in conjunction with the National School Sailing Association (NSSA).

1. Rules

- 1.1. The Event will be governed by the Rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)* including *Appendix D Team Racing Rules*, and local byelaws and/or regulations.
- 1.2. The standard UK Team Racing Association [UKTRA] Sailing Instructions will apply. These change some Rules in the RRS and a copy will be posted on the NSSA webpage (<https://www.nssa.org.uk/>) no later than 11th March 2023.
- 1.3. Races will be umpired.
- 1.4. In accordance with RRS 70.5(a) the right of appeal will be denied.
- 1.5. The notation '[DP]' in a rule in this NoR means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the Protest Committee, be less than disqualification

2. Entries

- 2.1.a **Championship Fleet:** The Championship Fleet event will be sailed in teams of two boats and will be sailed in Firefly type dinghies supplied by the Organising Authority. Each boat shall be sailed by two people. All competitors must be under 19 years of age on the 1 September 2023 and be a member of the school, group or association that they represent.
- 2.1.b **Regatta Fleet:** The Regatta Fleet event will be sailed in teams of two boats and will be sailed in RS FEVA type dinghies supplied by the Organising Authority. Each boat shall be sailed by two people. All competitors must be under 17 years of age on the 1 September 2023 and be a member of the school, group or association that they represent.
- 2.2. A maximum of 24 entries will be accepted.
- 2.3. In order for an entry to be valid, the following criteria must be met:
 - a) The organisation that a team is representing must have NSSA Group Membership for the current membership year (April 1st 2022 to March 30th 2023).
 - b) All sailors participating in that team must have NSSA Youth Membership for the current membership year (April 1st 2022 to March 30th 2023).
 - c) Payment for the correct entry fee should be made by BACS to NSSA – details below.
 - d) A completed team entry form (Attachment B) emailed to Vivien Brookes, vivien.brookes@btinternet.com.
- 2.4. There will be two entry deadlines for this event:
 - a) Up to and including Sunday 19th February 2023: NSSA-affiliated organisations may enter a maximum of two teams. Places will be allocated to valid entries on a first-come first-served basis, until the entry limit is reached.
 - b) From Monday 20th February 2023, additional entries will be accepted. Places will be allocated to valid entries on a first-come first-served basis, until the entry limit is reached.
 - c) No entries will be accepted after Sunday 05th March 2023.

- 2.5. If the entry limit is reached before either entry deadline has passed, valid entries will be placed on a waiting list in the order received.
- 2.6. Each team must be accompanied by a responsible adult who will make themselves available to assist the Event Team and should be prepared and equipped to spend the day afloat.
- 2.7. Teams will forfeit their entry fee if an entry is withdrawn after Monday 05th March 2023.
- 2.8. The entry fee will be £180 per team.
- 2.9. By entering, teams agree to be bound by the damage requirements as found in Attachment A.

3.Event Format and Schedule

- 3.1. The format of the event will be outlined in the sailing instructions.
- 3.2. Registration will be in the Wet Bar at Draycote Water SC on Saturday 18th March from 08.00 to 09.00
- 3.3. There will be a competitors' briefing at the waterfront on Saturday 18th March at 0900.
- 3.4. The first warning signal on Saturday 19th March will be not before 0957.
- 3.5. There will be no warning signal after 1500 on Sunday 19th March.

4.Buoyancy and Clothing

- 4.1.RRS 40.1 applies at all times to competitors and support persons whilst afloat or on the pontoons. This changes RRS 40.1.
- 4.2.All competitors will be required to wear wet suits or dry suits unless advised otherwise by the Race Committee through an official notice [DP].

5.Prizes

Prizes will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd teams overall. The Organising Authority may also present other prizes at its own discretion.

6.Data

By participating in this event competitors automatically grant to the Organising Authority the right in perpetuity to make, use and show at their discretion any photography, audio and video recordings and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue until their final departure, without compensation. Any concerns may be made in confidence and in writing to the Event Director (contact details below).

The personal information you provide to the organizing authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the event. If you have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the event (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is contract. If you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest. Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the Organizing Authority's privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the RYA, your national authority and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

7.Risk Statement

Rule 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone".

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk.

By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- a) they are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;

- b) they are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- c) they accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- d) the provision of a race management team, patrol boats, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the OA does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- e) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- f) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to the host venue or the event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.
- g) It is their responsibility to ensure that they are familiar with the type of boat used, and the supplied equipment, and are suitably experienced with its operation.
- h) It is their responsibility for ensuring all supplied equipment is carried on board.
- i) They are fit to sail and that they believe the crew and the boat and crew is capable of competing in the anticipated conditions.

8.Cancellation

The organising authority reserves the right to cancel the event. The entry fee and any deposits will be refunded less any unavoidable costs.

9.Covid-19

9.1.Should the event be cancelled due to Covid-19, a full refund will be issued to all entered teams.

9.2.Should a team be unable to find a replacement for a registered crew member; who is not be able to attend due to government Covid-19 restrictions related to their location of residence, contacts or test result; the entry will be refunded.

9.3.Each competitor and Support Person agrees and acknowledges that they are responsible for complying with any regulations in force from time to time in respect of Covid-19. Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Failure to comply may be misconduct. Reasonable actions by event officials to implement Covid-19 guidance, protocols or legislation, even if they later prove to have been unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions.

Please direct entry enquiries by email to Vivien Brookes (vivien.brookes@btinternet.com)

Please pay by BACS to:

Sort code: 30 14 40

Acc. No: 00564831

Acc. Name: National School Sailing Association

Please use Reference "[Team] DHTR 2023"

Attachment A – Damage

It is required of all competitors to show due care and attention to the boats that are provided for their use during the Event. Damage to boats causes conflict, delay and impacts everyone involved at the event. This attachment intends to help minimise damage; ultimately providing more racing at less cost for everyone.

In the unfortunate case of damage occurring, this attachment provides guidance to competitors and officials on how damage may be assessed, penalised and costs allocated as equitably as possible.

1.DAMAGE AGREEMENT

1.1. By entering the event, the team expressly agrees to follow and comply with this system without delay or dispute. A failure to comply with an instruction or invoice issued may result in disqualification from the event without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1.

1.2. Each team is liable for up to £100 of damage associated costs per incident (this includes boats, equipment and property).

1.3. In the case where damage occurs to a boat and it is not possible to know which team is responsible, the cost of repair will be shared between all teams entered.

1.4. Any decision on the allocation and quantum of any damage associated costs is solely for the Organising Authority to determine. Subject to rule 62, the decision of the Organising Authority is final and teams agree to accept it without dispute.

2.DAMAGE ASSESSMENT

2.1. An initial assessment of damage will be made as soon as possible following an incident.

2.2. Onward assessment of the damage after further inspection will have no effect on a penalty given in accordance with RRS 14 but may affect any damage associated costs.

3.DAMAGE ASSOCIATED COSTS

3.1. The Organising Authority may require a team to make an intermediate payment, to the amount defined in this attachment; against allocated damage costs before the team may sail another event boat.

3.2. If a team is allocated damage associated costs, and these are not paid at the event, the Organising Authority will issue an invoice to the team. Invoices must be paid (without set off or deduction) within 14 days unless an extension is agreed with the Organising Authority.

3.3. Failure to comply with a damage invoice within 14 days (or any extension period) is a breach of this agreement and the Organising Authority may:

(a) disqualify the team in question without a hearing, this changes RRS 63.1;

(b) reject any future entries from the team's organisation.

(c) Suspend the NSSA membership rights of the team's organisation.

3.4. The Organising Authority may amend or cancel a damage notice at any time and may reinstate a team disqualified.