

Orlando Micro Magic Open 2009

Sailing Instructions (SI)

1. Races are governed by the current International Sailing Federation (ISAF) Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2009-2012 as amended by RRS Appendix E, the prescriptions of US Sailing when they apply, the rules of the Micro Magic Class, these Sailing Instructions and any amendments to these Sailing Instructions.
2. The Notice of Race is considered a part of these SI.
3. The courses, as well as the starting and finishing lines, shall be selected and set by the Race Director (RD). Preferred course is Olympic course with option for Windward/Leeward dictated by local winds
4. Course/Mark Marshals may be used and their authority will be explained at the Skipper's Meeting.
5. The launch and control area shall be determined by the RD according to the conditions present at the venue at the time and duly communicated to the competitors.
6. The AMYA one-minute starting tape, or a copy, will be used to signal the starting sequence. The AMYA two-minute starting tape may be used at the discretion of the RD. Boats not in the water and free sailing prior to the start of the one minute signal must be held until after the start of that race.
7. There is no limit to the number of races in the time limit, a minimum of 4 races (8 split fleet races) must be completed to constitute an event.
8. The ODD-EVEN Scoring System may be used in the event 16 or more skippers are entered. Initial seeding for the first two races will be by lot. Should the number of participants fall below 16 the RD has the authority to revert to a single fleet format.
9. If the ODD-EVEN two fleet system is being used, there shall be no "Holds" requested by competitors. Competitors will be able to make repairs while waiting to race. However, the RD, solely at his discretion, may allow 5 minute "Holds" during single fleet racing format, or if conditions warrant in the two fleet format (e.g. rain, heat etc.).
10. The Low Point Scoring System (RRS A4.1) will apply with the following exceptions:
 - a) The cumulative score will be the total score for all races minus one discard per each five (5) competitor's race scores, up to two discards.
 - b) In Appendix A, "event" is substituted for the word "series"
 - c) In RRS A4.2 change "event" to "race"
11. All racing rules regarding sportsmanship are applicable. The RD, or designee, will monitor the conduct of the competitors during the regatta and if he directs so, offensive behavior will be grounds for assessing a penalty turn, scoring the competitor as DNF for a race, or to disqualify the competitor from the regatta. No appeal will be allowed on these decisions by the RD.
12. Within the context of RRSE.1.1, the regatta is an "event"

13. RRS E4.1a is modified to permit a competitor to give advice or give assistance to another competitor but not while either one is actually competing.
14. Protests should be significantly minimized by compliance with E4.4 (360 degree penalty turn)
15. Protest notification shall be in accordance with E5.2. Skippers involved in the protest will be granted up to 5 minutes immediately after their race to record relevant facts. Protest hearings will be held during the next prolonged break in racing, e.g. lunch break. Decisions made by the protest committee are final with no right of appeal.
16. Competitors may not protest other competitors for Micro Magic Class Rules infractions, or identification on sail. Only the race committee may bring protests of this nature. Competitors should bring any complaints regarding these infractions to the attention of the race committee who will determine how to proceed.
17. The race committee may amend the Sailing Instructions and notify all competitors of the amendment(s).
18. The RD may, at his/her discretion, impose a time limit for a race(s) and announce the time limit prior to the race(s). Boats that have not finished when a time limit expires will be scored as DNF. If, due to the time limit a race is cancelled, the other race in the Odd/Even pair will also be cancelled.
19. To keep the event moving in light air, the RD, or designate, may ask the competitors still on the water if they will accept a score based on their relative positions on the course. When a single boat remains on the course, it may be scored as last place if it started properly and any time limit has not expired.
20. Transmitters shall comply with current FCC regulations for radio controlled surface craft. If there is frequency conflict on two or more boats, the conflict will be settled by the earliest date the boat was registered for the race.
21. Inadvertent errors in the Sailing Instructions must be pointed out prior to the start of the first race of the regatta otherwise the Sailing Instructions will stand as printed.