

# TO2015 Pan Am Games Sailing Competition Equipment Inspection Regulations May 31, 2015

## 1. General requirements

- a. All boats and equipment entered for the TO2015 Pan Am Games Sailing Competition may be inspected in accordance with their Class Rules and any special rules contained in the Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions and these Equipment Inspection Regulations.
- b. An Equipment Inspection Committee (EIC) headed by the Chief Measurer appointed by the Organizing Authority (OA) shall be the final authority for interpreting the Class Rules during the TO2015 Pan Am Games Sailing Competition, and for determining whether equipment complies with the Class Rules.
- c. The EIC may change these Equipment Inspection Regulations. Such changes will be posted on the Official Notice Board in accordance with the provisions governing the posting of changes to the Sailing Instructions.
- d. Athletes are reminded that in accordance with RRS 78.1 they are responsible for ensuring that their boat is maintained in accordance with the Class Rules and that the measurement certificate remains valid. (For the purpose of RRS 78.1 athletes are considered to be the boat's owner.)

## 2. Pre-race equipment inspection

- a. The dates and times of equipment inspection will be published prior to the beginning of the Sailing Competition. The designated time of equipment inspection may be subject to alteration by the EIC. Boats and equipment as indicated below shall be presented at the designated time. Equipment inspection will be scheduled from 8 July to 10 July 2015.
- b. Measurement will take place at the venue starting at **09:00 hours on Wednesday July 8, 2015** and closing at **15:00 hours on Friday July 10, 2015**.
- c. A schedule of times at which boats, crew and equipment must be presented for measurement will be posted no later than **17:00 hours on Monday, July 6, 2015**.

- d. Failure on the part of a competitor to have their boat or equipment available for measurement at the required time may result in the competitor not being able to compete in one or more races.
- e. When submitted for equipment inspection, a boat and its equipment shall comply with the Class Rules, the TO2015 Pan Am Sailing Instructions and the TO2015 Pan Am Sailing Equipment Inspection Regulations.
- f. All boats shall be presented for inspection with the full equipment, including sails, personal buoyancy and personal equipment. Personal buoyancy shall comply with the specific Class Rules. Where not specified in the Class Rules, personal buoyancy shall provide 50 Newtons of buoyancy or be in compliance with EN 393 or ISO 12402-5, level 50 or an equivalent. Personal buoyancy that relies on inflation devices to achieve buoyancy is not accepted.
- g. Snipes, Lightnings and J24s shall be presented for equipment inspection with their valid certification documents. These shall be retained by the EIC for the duration of the equipment inspection period. If any document is a photocopy, its authenticity shall be confirmed with an original stamp and signature from the issuing authority.
- h. Boats and equipment shall be presented for equipment inspection in a dry, clean and salt-free condition. Any item, which is not in a condition to the satisfaction of the Equipment Inspector, may be impounded by the EIC for up to 48 hours prior to the boat or its equipment being re-examined.
- i. Only the team leader or nominated delegate, the boat's crew and one interpreter may be present during the boat's equipment inspection. At least one of these persons shall be present and shall be authorized to remedy any deviations from the rules or to withdraw the boat from the TO2015 Pan Am Games Sailing Competition. Unless authorized by the EIC, only one hull shall be presented for equipment inspection by an entry in each Event.
- j. When equipment is found to contravene the Class Rules, the EIC shall make a report and hand a copy of this report to the boat's representative. The boat may then be resubmitted for inspection at a time arranged through the EIC. If a boat or equipment cannot be corrected to comply with the Class Rules prior to the end of equipment inspection, that boat or equipment shall not be used in the Regatta.
- k. Unless authorized by the EIC, repairs or alterations to boats or equipment shall not be made in the inspection areas.
- l. All equipment shall be certified and marked as required by the Class Rules. When specified in the relevant Class Rules, all sails shall be certified as required by the Class Rules before being presented for equipment inspection.
- m. All mainsails shall be presented for equipment inspection blank except for the class insignia & sailmaker's mark. Nationality Flags may be supplied by the OA and shall be affixed to the mainsail as directed by the EIC.

- n. All boats shall present for equipment inspection with a single suit of sails, except Snipes and Lightnings. (as described below)
- o. All items of equipment subject to TO2015 Pan Am Games Sailing Competition limitation inspection will be marked with the official stamp or sticker. Some items may receive two control marks, one in a readily visible position when afloat, and a second in a position protected from wear and tear. If a mark becomes unclear, insecure or lost, this shall be reported to the EIC so that the mark may be replaced before the next race.
- p. The EIC will report to the Technical Delegate all boats that have satisfactorily completed equipment inspection by the end of the scheduled pre-race equipment inspection period.

### **3. Men and Women's One-Person Dinghy – Laser and Laser Radial**

Each boat shall be presented for equipment inspection with the mast up and rigged as for sailing and shall be accompanied by one set of control lines, rudder, tiller, dagger board and all other equipment required by the Class Rules. A personal buoyancy device shall be presented.

### **4. Men and Women's Windsurfer – RS:X**

- a. The hull, rig and equipment shall be presented as required by the Class Rules for equipment inspection. A personal buoyancy device shall be presented.
- b. Before the close of registration, competitors shall register each piece of equipment they intend to use on the RS:X Equipment Registration Form.

### **5. 49'r FX, Snipe, Lightning and J24**

- a. Each boat shall be presented for equipment inspection with the mast down and shall be accompanied by mast, boom, spinnaker pole (as appropriate), one set of sheets, rudder, tiller, centreboard/daggerboard (as appropriate) and all other equipment required by the Class Rules on board for the purpose of weighing. All inspection hatches and covers, including bulkhead covers, shall be open. Personal buoyancy devices for each crew member shall be presented.
- b. Each boat shall have been built in accordance with the specifications that have been approved by ISAF.
- c. Additionally each Snipe shall be presented for equipment inspection with a 15m x 8mm tow line and a paddle.
- d. Each Snipe shall present a maximum of two mainsails and two jibs for equipment inspection.

- e. Each Lightning shall present a maximum of one mainsail, two jibs and two spinnakers for equipment inspection.
- f. J24 boats all up racing weight (excluding crew) shall not be less than 1310 Kg. with all their required and optional equipment. (This makes a 20 Kg. allowance for the removal of engine and gas tank.)
- g. At Registration, J24 crews will receive additional instructions concerning preparing the boat for equipment inspection.
- h. **J24 class rule 3.1.4 is changed to "Required and optional equipment shall be functional for its intended use except that it is not required that navigation lights be operational."**

## 6. Open Hobie 16 and Sunfish

Each boat shall be presented for equipment inspection as follows:

The boat with the mast down, boom, rigging and all equipment on board for the purpose of weighing. Inspection / access ports shall be open, but with their covers in the boat. Personal buoyancy devices for each crew shall be presented.

## 7. Weighing of crew (as appropriate):

If a class has crew weight limits then the EIC will check weights as per the class rules and the Sailing Instructions and competitors will be required to adhere to any additional instructions that will be published by the EIC at the site.

## 8. Boats and equipment after completion of equipment inspection

- a. After a boat or equipment has passed through equipment inspection, it shall not be removed from the defined boat park, the sailing venue or from the race course areas and the area between the shore and the race courses without the written permission of the EIC.
- b. Alterations: After boats or equipment have completed equipment inspection, no alterations shall be made without the written approval of the EIC.
- c. Repairs: Athletes wishing to make repairs to boats or equipment after it has passed through equipment inspection shall make an application to the EIC. If permission is granted, the EIC will arrange a time for such repairs to be inspected.

- d. Replacement process: Requests for replacements shall be made to the EIC at the first reasonable opportunity. All applications for replacement equipment shall be made on forms available at the Sport Information Desk. In addition, for replacements afloat, athletes shall notify an Equipment Inspector or the Race Committee before racing. An EIC representative will be available at the boat park or via the Equipment Inspection Office no later than 30 minutes after the expiry of the protest time limit for that Event.
- e. Replacement approval: Approval will only be given if the equipment is severely damaged, was not deliberately mistreated, and cannot be repaired satisfactorily in the time available. All replacement equipment shall be certified in accordance with the Class Rules before use. Should the EIC consider that the item could have been used in the race or had been purposely damaged or lost by the athlete or any person associated with his/her team, the EIC may protest and/or file a report with the International Jury.

## **9. Equipment control during the Regatta**

- a. A boat may be checked by the EIC at any time during the TO2015 Pan Am Games Sailing Competition.
- b. After any race, a boat may be informed by an EIC representative that it has been selected for post-race inspection. When hailed, the boat shall allow the EIC representative to inspect the boat immediately and/or the boat shall return directly to the designated area at the sailing venue as per the instructions of the EIC representative.
- c. When a boat has been selected for post-race inspection, no person shall join or leave the boat. On J24s, no person shall go below on the boat. No equipment or other item shall be taken on or off the boat. The notified crew shall not leave the equipment inspection area without the permission of the EIC. After inspection of the crew clothing and equipment, at least one representative of the crew shall remain present during the inspection of the boat. The EIC may require the boat to be impounded in order to dry out before its weight is checked.
- d. If any aspect of the boat does not comply with the Class Rules, or if the EIC has reason to believe that an item of equipment has been altered, repaired or replaced without prior approval, the EIC will either protest or make a report to the International Jury.

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