



**ff International**

## **EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP REGULATIONS**

### **1. Status of Regulations**

These Regulations cover the FFI European Championships of the Flying Fifteen Class. They shall be adhered to by an Host Club and shall not be departed from without the prior agreement of the Council of ff International (FFI) or their representative.

### **2. Frequency**

European Championships shall be held biennially, to avoid clashing with the World Championships

### **3. Venues**

The venue for the European Championship shall be agreed to and announced by the Council of FFI, if possible at least four years before the Championship is to take place, but at the latest during the preceding Council Meeting.

### **4. Duration & Divisions**

The European Championship shall be scheduled with a series of 7 to 10 Races over a period of four to five days.

The fleet will comprise of open, silver & classic boats:

- Open Boats are all boats that are neither Classic or Silver Boats
- Classic Boats are defined on the [FFI website](#)
- Silver boats are boats with a sail number below 3200 and are not Classic boats.

### **5. Organisation & Responsibility**

- 5.1. The Organising Authority shall be the Host Club on behalf of Flying Fifteen International (that is to say the Club whose invitation FFI accepts), not with the local Flying Fifteen fleet or any other body.
- 5.2. The European Championship is an open event with no limitation on the number of entries.
- 5.3. The Organising Authority shall clearly state the name of the person who is responsible for liaising on their behalf with FFI and all liaison on behalf of FFI will normally be the responsibility of the European Coordinator of FFI Council.



5.4 The Organising Authority shall liaise with FFI, at an early date to enable full discussion should that be necessary, before any irrevocable decisions have been taken, on such matters as:

5.4.1 Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions be based on RRS Appendix J, and include details of proposed courses;

5.4.2 Entry Forms;

5.4.3 Sailing & Social Programme;

5.4.4 Cost of Entry and Entertainment Tickets;

5.4.5. Competitors are required to hold a World Sailing ID number.

5.5 The Organising Authority in liaison with FFI, is also responsible for such things as:

5.5.1 Provide adequate boat parking ashore, launching, slipping facilities, and trailer parking space; If a wet regatta is proposed the host club shall make application to FFI.

5.5.2 Giving assistance to competitors in finding suitable accommodation.

5.5.3 Arranging any social functions which may be thought desirable.

5.5.4 Ensuring that an Official Flying Fifteen Class Measurer is available throughout the Championship. and if this is not possible an alternative qualified Measurer must be proposed and agreed with FFI.

## **6. Finance and Sponsorship**

6.1 The organisation of the Championship shall be financed from entry fees and from commercial sponsorship; the National Flying Fifteen Association of the host country will endeavour to find a principal sponsor, and the Organising Club shall have full responsibility for obtaining further sponsorship at local level.

6.2. Each competitor shall be responsible for paying for (or finding sponsorship for) their own and their crew's expenses, with or without the help of his National Association.

6.3 The budget shall include the cost of media facilities/people to publicise the event and provide race reports etc. (preferably this would include video/drone footage, etc.)

## **7. Measurement Certificate**

7.1 The Organising Authority shall examine the Certificate of each boat before her first race in a Championship. Only those boats holding a valid Certificates shall compete

7.2 The certificate shall carry sail endorsements in accordance with the Class Rules. The boat shall race only with sails endorsed on her certificate, except that in the case of a sailor sailing a borrowed boat, the boat may race with any combination of the sails endorsed on the certificate of the borrowed boat, or on the certificate of a boat owned by



the competitor. This certificate shall also be examined by the Organising Authority, and such sail numbers declared to the Race Office at registration.

7.3 No boat shall use more than two mainsails, two jibs, two spinnakers, one mast and one boom during the course of a European Championship without permission of the Race Committee which will only be forthcoming in the event that a sail or spar has been lost or damaged to such an extent that it cannot be used.

7.4 A Measurement Certificate shall be deemed invalid if a boat (or any of her equipment) contravenes (with or without dispensation) the Class Rules as authorised by World Sailing and agreed by FFI.

## 8. Measurement

A valid Measurement Certificate produced by the owner or helm of a boat shall be sufficient evidence that a boat's hull, deck, keel and rudder comply with the Class Rules. However, this regulation does not preclude the Organising Authority carrying out a pre-launch inspection of selected items of equipment or the Race Committee's (or competitors) right to have measured any boat or item of equipment.

## 9. Crews

Not more than two persons shall sail the boat during the Championship and their names shall be declared to the Race Office before the start of the Championship and shall not be changed without the permission of the Race Officer and any replacement thus granted shall not helm the boat.

## 10. Courses

Courses shall be agreed between the Organising Authority and FFI. They shall begin with a windward leg and include windward, leeward and reaching legs where practicable

## 11. Time Limit

There shall be a time limit of ninety minutes (from the actual time of the start) for all races. The procedure for shortening course will be in accordance with the RRS.

11.1 Target time for a race shall be 55/65 minutes subject to the race officers' discretion.

11.2 The time limit to the first mark shall be 20 minutes

11.3 The Finishing Window is 20 minutes and is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalised or given redress, will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1 and A5.2.



## 12. Scoring

- 12.1 The Low Point System of the RRS Appendix A will apply. Results are to be recorded using the World Sailing XRR programme.
- 12.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute a European Championship series.
- 12.3. When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When from five (5) to seven (7) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. When eight (8) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
- 12.4 Penalty System - An International Jury does not need to be appointed

## 13. Trophies

- 13.1. All Perpetual Trophies shall be owned by FFI. They may be competed for only after acceptance by the Council who shall decide, in consultation with the donors, to what purpose the Trophy shall be put. Each Trophy shall be covered by a Trust Deed the Trustees being nominated from time to time by the Council.
- 13.2 Perpetual Trophies shall be:
  - 13.2.1 Awarded only to members of Associations affiliated to FFI, to be held until the succeeding European Championship.
  - 13.2.3 Trophies to be engraved by the winners (who shall send the account for the engraving to FFI) OR a booklet kept with the Trophy shall be written up by the winners.
  - 13.2.4 Perpetual Trophies for the European Championship are:

THE UFFA FOX MEMORIAL TROPHY	Winner Overall
(Half model)	
  - 13.2.5 Prizes (keepers)

Equal prizes (keepers) shall be awarded to the helm and crew of prize-winning boats.

## 15 Records

The Organising Authority shall provide each competitor with a summary of the results and a full copy to FFI, including the winners of all perpetual trophies, which record shall be held and filed by the FFI Secretary