



OPTIMIST GOLD FLEET QUALIFIER 2018
13 & 14 January 2018
Singapore Sailing Federation
National Sailing Centre

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 National authority prescriptions will apply. For Rule 40 PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES; LIFE-SAVING EQUIPMENT, add on after the rule, the following:-
“Singapore Sailing Federation prescribes that every boat shall carry life-saving equipment conforming to government regulations that apply in the racing area.”
- 1.3 All boats must adhere to Maritime Port Authority of Singapore regulations.
- 1.4 In all rules governing this regatta, the notations:
 - a) [DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the jury and may be less than a disqualification.
 - b) [NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 1.5 RRS Appendix P, *Special Procedures for Rule 42*, will apply.
- 1.6 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.
- 1.7 If there is any conflict between the Sailing Instructions and Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions will take precedence. This changes rule 63.7.

2 [DP][NP] CAMERAS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

- 2.1 Boats may carry or be required to carry cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment as specified by the organizing authority. Information from these equipment shall not be used by a boat as evidence in a hearing. This changes rule 63.6.
- 2.2 The equipment provided, once placed on the boat as instructed by the organising authority, shall not be manipulated by the competitor or support personnel in any way, except when so required by the organising authority.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the canteen at the National Sailing Centre.

4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least 1 hour before the displaying of 'D' flag on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900h on the day before it will take effect.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag staff located within the boat park of National Sailing Centre.

5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.

5.3 [NP][DP] Flag D with one sound means 'The warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after flag D is displayed. Boats shall not leave the harbour until this signal is made.'

6 FORMAT OF RACING

The regatta will consist of a single series.

7 SCHEDULE OF RACES

7.1 Dates of racing:

<i>Start date</i>	<i>End date</i>
<i>13 January 2018</i>	<i>14 January 2018</i>

7.2 Number of races:

<i>Events</i>	<i>Total no. of races</i>	<i>Races per day</i>
<i>Optimist</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>No more than 4</i>

7.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 1100h.

7.4 A skippers meeting will be held one and a half hours before the scheduled first race each day in the National Sailing Centre auditorium.

7.5 On the last day of the regatta, no warning signal will be made after 1700h.

8 CLASS FLAGS

Class flags will be:

<i>Event</i>	<i>Class Insignia</i>	<i>Background colour</i>
<i>Optimist</i>	<i>Optimist (Blue)</i>	<i>Yellow</i>

9 RACING AREAS

9.1 Attachment 1 shows the location of racing areas.

9.2 Classes are assigned to racing areas as follows:

<i>Area B</i>
<i>Optimist</i>

10 THE COURSES

The diagrams in Attachment 2 show the courses, including the course signals, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

11 MARKS

11.1 Marks 1 and 4, or associated gate marks, will be as follows:

Area	Marks 1, 4s, 4p	New Mark	Starting line mark	Finishing line mark
B	Red Spherical	White Spherical	Pink Spherical	Blue Spherical

11.2 New marks, as provided in instruction 13.1, will be white marks.

11.3 A race committee boat signalling a change of a leg of the course is a mark as provided in instruction 13.

12 THE START

12.1 Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.

12.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee boat at the starboard end and a starting line mark at the port end.

12.3 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least 5 minutes before a warning signal is made.

12.4 If Flag U has been displayed as the preparatory signal, no part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment shall be in the triangle formed by the ends of the Starting line and the first mark during the last minute before her starting signal. If a boat breaks this rule and is identified she shall be disqualified without a hearing but not if the race is restarted or resailed or postponed or abandoned before the starting signal. This changes rule 26.

12.5 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.

13 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

13.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

13.2 Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the race committee boat signalling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee boat to starboard. This changes rule 28.1.

14 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the finishing boat at the port end and a finishing mark on the starboard end.

15 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 15.1 Appendix P will apply as changed by instruction(s) 15.2.
- 15.2 Rule P2.3 will not apply and rule P2.2 is changed so that it will apply to any penalty after the first one.
- 15.3 For the optimist class, the scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under instruction 17.7 will be DPI as described in attachment 3.

16 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 16.1 The time limits and target times are as follows:

<i>Class</i>	<i>Time Limit</i>	<i>Mark 1 Time Limit</i>	<i>Finish Window</i>	<i>Target Time</i>
<i>Optimist</i>	<i>60min</i>	<i>30 min</i>	<i>20 min</i>	<i>50 min</i>

- 16.2 If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.
- 16.3 Boats failing to finish within the Finish Window after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

17 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 17.1 Add to rule 61.1(a) "The protesting boat shall inform the Race Committee of the boat/s being protested at the finishing line immediately after finishing."
- 17.2 Protest forms are available at the race office, located at the Race Control Office at National Sailing Centre. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit with a protest deposit fee of \$60.
- 17.3 For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day, after instruction 16.1 has been applied to that race, or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 17.4 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located at second story of the National Sailing Centre, beginning at the time posted.
- 17.5 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 17.6 A list of boats that have been penalized under Appendix P for breaking rule 42 will be posted.
- 17.7 Breaches of instructions 2, 19, 23, 24, 25 and 26 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.

- 17.8 On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered
- (a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
 - (b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes rule 66.
- 17.9 On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for redress from a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

18 SCORING

- 18.1 Three races are required to be completed to constitute an event.
- 18.2 (a) When fewer than 5 series races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (b) When 5 or more series races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 18.3 To request correction of an alleged error in posted race or series results, a boat may complete a scoring enquiry form available at the race office no later than 30 minutes after the results has been posted.

19 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 19.1 [NP] Check-Out and Check-In Procedures:

Each boat shall personally sign-on on the forms provided at the Race Office prior to launching. After arriving on shore, each boat shall personally sign-off on the forms provided within the protest time limit. Duplicate sign-on and sign-off forms may be provided at other neighboring clubs.

- 19.2 [DP][NP] All competitors are required to wear personal flotation devices at all times whilst afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.
- 19.3 [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

20 [DP][NP] REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 20.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.
- 20.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

21 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee, equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

22 OFFICIAL BOATS

Official boats will be marked as follows:

Jury/Judges – White flag with letter “J”

Race Committee – Yellow flag with black letter corresponding to course area

Rescue or Course Marshals – Pink flag with numbering

23 [DP][NP] SUPPORT BOATS

23.1 Support Boat Regulation shall apply. A copy of the Regulation will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

23.2 Support boat safety briefing will be conducted after the Skippers briefing daily.

24 [NP] TRASH DISPOSAL

Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats.

25 [NP] BERTHING

Boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the boat park

26 RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

27 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

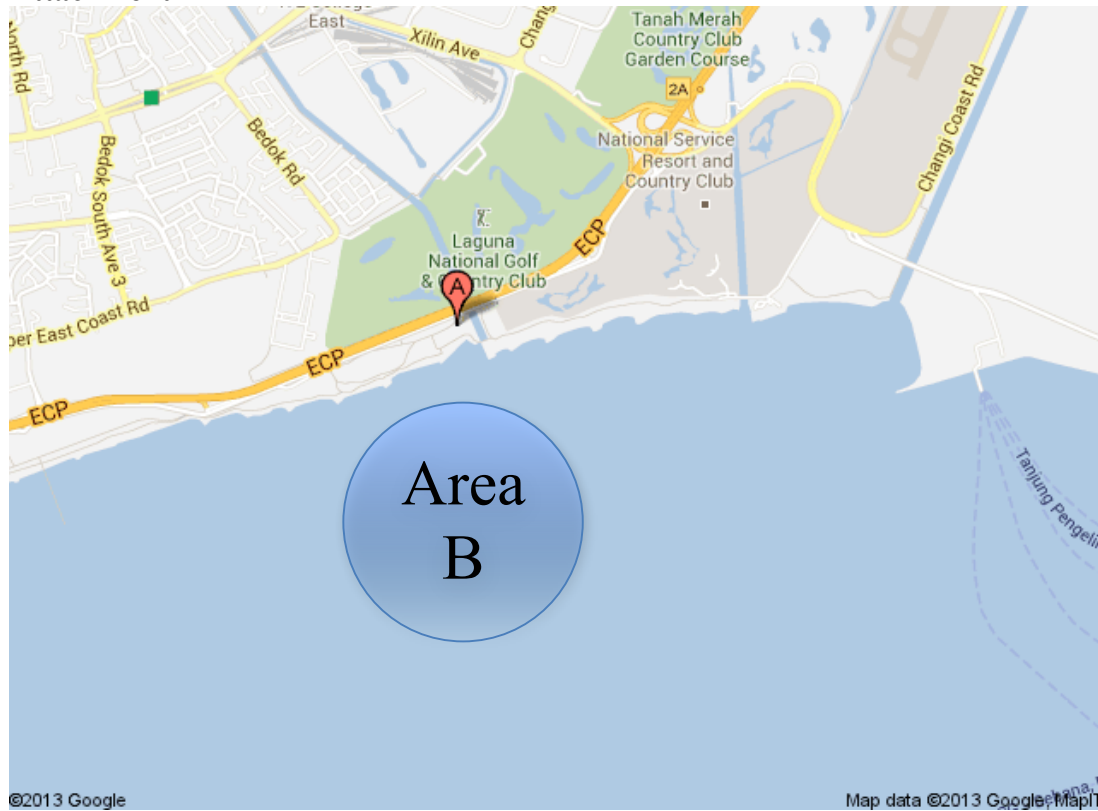
28 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.

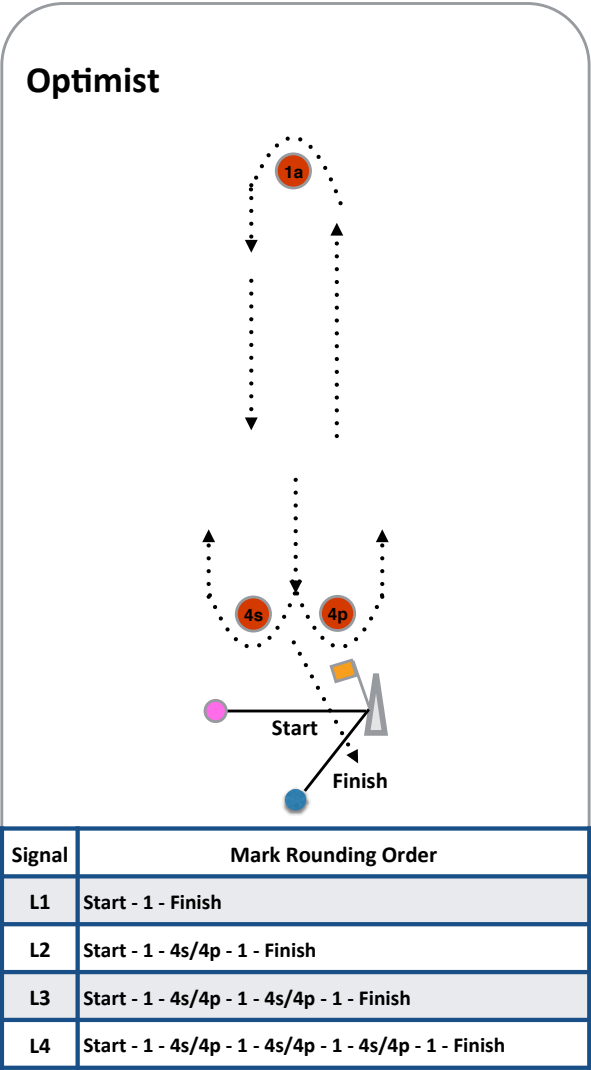
29 RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority and the event sponsors 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.

Attachment 1



Attachment 2



Attachment 3

Graded Penalty System

Minor (technical) penalties

Penalty approximatedly equal to 5% of fleet

- Failure to comply with the requirement to report penalty taken or retirement (SI 19.4)
- Not displaying the coloured ribbon (SI 19.2)
- Breaches of SI 25 Berthing

Intermediate penalties

Penalty equivalent to 10% of fleet

- Baler not attached to the hull (CR 4.3)
- Paddle not attached to the hull (CR 4.3)
- Daggerboard not attached to the hull (CR 3.3.4)
- Painter not attached to the mast step or mast thwart (CR 4.3)
- Whistle not attached to personal flotation device (CR 4.2)
- Breaches of SI 24 Trash disposal
- One sail tie more than 5mm loose (CR 6.6.3.4)
- Two sail ties more than 3mm loose (CR 6.6.3.4)
- Accidental loss of sail tie (CR 6.6.3.4)
- Sailing across a race in progress before starting or after finishing
- Out of the waiting area (SI 12.4)
- Breaches of SI 23 Support Boats

Major penalties

Penalty equivalent to 30% of fleet

- No bailer, paddle or painter in boat (CR 4.3)
- No whistle (CR 4.2)
- No lanyard, locking device or other arrangement to attach mast to the hull (CR 3.5.2.11)
- Sail outside limits of bands (CR 3.5.2.7)
- Two ties looser than 5 mm (CR 6.6.3.4)
- Three or more ties looser than 3 mm (CR 6.6.3.4)
- Throat, tack or clew eyelet more than 3mm loose (CR 6.6.3.4)
- Repeated intermediate penalty

Disqualification (as per RRS)

- All RRS except as amended
- All SI except as amended
- All Optimist Class Rules except as amended
- Use of uninspected equipment
- Use of unapproved fittings
- Repeat of major penalty infringement