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Rules of the ISCYRA (updated January 2023)

Summary

The Star is a two person one-design sailboat and was designed by William Gardner/Francis Sweisguth in 1910/1911.

In its old history the International Star Class Yacht Racing Association (ISCYRA), founded in 1922 by George A. Corry, has not only maintained the rules, but has constantly advanced the technical development of the boat and sailing in general.

The Star founded the first Sailing World Championship ever in 1923.

Since 1932 the Star has become the oldest Olympic class and is the king discipline of keelboat sailing.

In the decades until now the Star has further developed to a high-tech boat without losing any of its charm and elegance

1. **Name** The name of the Association shall be the International Star Class Yacht Racing Association (ISCYRA).
2. **Insignia** The emblem of the Star Class shall be a five-pointed red star.
3. **Object** The object of the ISCYRA shall be to promote, develop and govern Star Class racing throughout the world, under uniform rules, and is organized exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, or scientific purposes within the meaning of Section 501 C (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The ISCYRA is the Association of Star Sailors and shall be the world's pre-eminent One-Design Keelboat Class for International Racing.
4. **Policy** It shall be the policy of the ISCYRA:
 - 4.1. To co-operate with all other sailing organizations, in return for which observance and enforcement of the rules of the ISCYRA are expected.
 - 4.2. To keep the Star Class within the financial reach of the person of moderate means without handicapping ability or encouraging neglect in conditioning yachts.
5. **Organization**
 - 5.1. Member. The individual shall join through the fleet on whose waters the individual normally sails. The power to accept or reject applications for membership is vested in each fleet, subject to refusal, for cause, by the Class Management Committee (CMC). An individual which was accepted by a fleet is called an ISCYRA Member.
 - 5.2. Fleet. The Fleet, a territorial branch or unit, is open to all eligible persons within its territory, elects its own officers, which must include a Fleet Secretary and a Fleet Captain, and is self-governing in local matters not conflicting with ISCYRA rules. The Fleet Captain of a fleet can be the Fleet Secretary of the same fleet at the same time.

The Fleet Captain and Fleet Secretary are the Fleet Officers of a fleet. A Fleet Captain must be a member of the Fleet and an ISCYRA member (STCR 9). A Fleet Secretary need not be a member of the Fleet. There shall be a Fleet Secretary for each fleet. If there is only a Fleet Captain named, he or she has also the roll of Fleet Secretary.
 - 5.3. Districts. Groups of fleets in distinctive localities constitute Districts.
 - 5.4. Hemisphere. Districts are assigned to two Hemispheres.
 - 5.4.1 Western Hemisphere. There is one Hemisphere which is named "Western Hemisphere":

Located between longitude 20 degrees W and 160 degrees E.
The Western Hemisphere shall include Districts 1-8, 11, 12, 18-21.
 - 5.4.2. Eastern Hemisphere. There is one Hemisphere which is named "Eastern Hemisphere"

Located between longitude 160 degrees E and 20 degrees W.
The Eastern Hemisphere shall include Districts 9, 10, 13-17.
6. **Jurisdiction**
 - 6.1. The ISCYRA has jurisdiction over all Star activities and the use of properties of the Class.
 - 6.2. The powers of the ISCYRA shall be vested in and administered by its International Governing Committee (IGC).

6.3. The Star Class Association Rules (STCR Part 1 of the Rules of the ISCYRA) and the Rules Governing Star Class Sanctioned Events and Fleet Qualifications (STCR Part 2 of the Rules of the ISCYRA) are binding upon all members and fleets and govern all ISCYRA sanctioned events and fleet qualifications. Each member of the Class agrees:

- a) To be governed by these rules,
- b) To accept the penalties imposed and other action taken under these rules, subject to the appeal and review procedures provided in them as the final determination of any matter arising under these rules, and procedures provided in them as the final determination of any matter arising under these rules, and
- c) With respect to such determination, not to resort to any court or other tribunal not provided by these rules.

7. ISCYRA Responsibilities

7.1. Language. The official language of the ISCYRA shall be English.

7.2. Obligation. It is the obligation of the ISCYRA to prepare and distribute the forms by means of which the business of the ISCYRA is conducted.

7.3. Boat Numbers. The ISCYRA shall assign a permanent official number to each new boat upon application. This number shall be displayed on both sides of the mainsail and cut into or permanently affixed to the keelson or hull. Hull numbers shall be issued only in sequential order.

7.4. Liability. The ISCYRA shall not be liable for any debts contracted by its fleets, officers or members other than expenditures authorized by the budget or by written order of the International President, in accordance with the approved budget.

8. Fleet Responsibilities

8.1. A new Fleet may be granted a charter upon application to the appropriate Continental First Vice-President by five or more owners or prospective owners of five or more Star boats not within the locality of an organized Fleet.

8.2. Application should be filed by the Continental Vice-President with the cognizant International Vice-President. New charters are conditional until ratified at an annual meeting of the ISCYRA.

8.3. Each fleet shall hold an annual meeting by the end of January. Each Fleet shall file the date of the fleet meeting with the Central Office by 1 January of that year.

8.4. Results of election of fleet officers shall be filed promptly with the ISCYRA.

8.5. Each fleet shall collect its members' Association dues or direct its members to join directly with ISCYRA. Fleets that collect dues shall forward these each month to the ISCYRA together with the registration form.

8.6. Each fleet shall file an annual report with the ISCYRA during January.

8.7. It is the obligation of each fleet to maintain a minimum quota of three life and/or active members in good standing, and a minimum of three eligible Stars.

8.8. The charter of any fleet shall be suspended on March 1 for failure to have filed an annual report with dues for at least three such members, listing ownership of at least three eligible Stars, or for other adequate cause. Suspended fleets cannot be reinstated until all requirements of the ISCYRA have been fulfilled. Suspended charters are subject to revocation at an annual meeting of the ISCYRA.

8.9. Each fleet shall be responsible:

8.9.1. For making suitable provision covering local races.

8.9.2. For governing the use of sails.

8.9.3. For the measurement of sails, spars, rudders, skegs and positions not included on the Measurement Certificate.

9. Membership

9.1. Classes of membership. There shall be different classes of membership.

9.1.1. Active. An active member may hold office, vote, and skipper a Star boat except as modified in Rules Governing Star Class Events and Racing regardless of age, sex, race or creed. He must be an owner, part owner, designated syndicate representative, or bona fide charterer of a Star. If he ceases to be a Star owner, part owner, designated syndicate representative, or bona fide charterer, he shall retain his membership status until the end of the calendar year. Solely for purposes of qualifying for the right to sail in a Gold or Silver Event pursuant to STCR 29.1, an Active Member shall also have sailed in a representative number of races (at least five) in his own home waters (either Fleet or District) during the 12 months prior to the entry deadline of the event and registered with the ISCYRA with current annual dues paid.

9.1.2. Life. A life member is entitled to all the rights and privileges of an active member, regardless of ownership status, except as modified by skipper eligibility rules. There shall be not more than 100 life members. Applicants must have reached the age of 21 and have been members of the ISCYRA for at least one year. When the quota of 100 is filled, new life memberships will be granted by the Class Management Committee in order of application whenever a vacancy occurs.

9.1.3. Associate. An associate member is a Corinthian non-owner of a Star, who may represent his fleet as a crew. He cannot vote, hold an ISCYRA office, or represent his fleet as a skipper. An associate member can act as a Fleet Secretary.

9.1.4. Isolated. An isolated member is one who meets all the requirements of active or associate membership except that he does not sail in or near the territory of a fleet in good standing. If he owns a Star he is entitled to all privileges of an active member except fleet representation.

When five or more isolated members own and sail Stars in the same locality, they shall apply for a fleet charter or renewal of charter and become active members.

9.1.5. Supporting. A supporting member is one who because of his support and interest in ISCYRA, is elected to membership by the CMC. A supporting member shall have all the rights of an associate member. The CMC has the power to admit different categories of supporting members in relation to their financial support of the Class.

9.1.6. Age Groups

All Star sailors (as described above in 9.1.1 to 9.1.5) are combined in Age Groups depending on their birthday in the current year as follows:

Youth	not reached 20 th birthday (< 20 years)
Junior	reached 20 th birthday but not reached 30 th birthday (≥ 20 years < 30 years)
Senior	reached 30 th birthday but not reached 50 th birthday (≥ 30 years < 50 years)
Master	reached 50 th birthday but not reached 60 th birthday (≥ 50 years < 60 years)
Grand Master	reached 60 th birthday but not reached 70 th birthday (≥ 60 years < 70 years)
Exalted Grand Master	reached 70 th birthday (≥ 70 years)

9.1.7. Age Group Responsibilities.

A Youth member is one who has not yet reached his or her 20th birthday. A Youth member shall have all the rights of an Associate member, and in addition may also represent his or her fleet as a skipper. If a Youth or Junior member qualifies for a Gold or Silver level championship he or she shall upgrade to Junior Active membership in order to be eligible to compete. Each Fleet is encouraged to sponsor one Youth or Junior member per year.

A Junior member is one who has not yet reached his or her 30th birthday. A Junior Active member shall have all the rights of an Active member.

Only Youth and Junior members are eligible to skipper a star during sanctioned J (J-Gold and J-Silver) Events.

9.1.8. Retired. A retired member is one who:

- a) is not actively sailing Star at the moment or anymore, or
- b) served the class (e.g. a wife of a sailor as a Fleet Secretary) or was related to a member actively sailing Star.

A retired member shall have no rights of an associate or active member, and in addition may also not represent his or her fleet as a crew or skipper. If a retired member wants to qualify for a Star class event, he or she shall upgrade to active or associate membership in order to be eligible to compete. The retired member is informed about all ISCYRA activities only via email or e-Starlight by the Central Office. There are no ISCYRA dues for this membership status.

9.2. A member cannot belong to more than one fleet at a time. A member may change fleets at any time by paying fleet dues to the new fleet. He immediately becomes eligible to compete in local races of that fleet. His eligibility to represent that fleet is governed by Rule 26.

10. ISCYRA Dues

10.1. ISCYRA dues and taxes shall be fixed by the IGC.

10.2. The IGC shall establish the dues each year for active, associate, and isolated members in amounts not exceeding the maximum provided under 10.3. Dues for junior members shall be 25% of Active membership. Dues for Junior Active members shall be 50% of Active membership.

10.3. All members must register annually. Annual dues, payable on registration, shall be established from time to time by the IGC, provided that the dues for each membership category for any calendar year shall not exceed the dues for such membership category during the preceding calendar year by more than 25% unless such increase is approved by majority vote at the annual meeting of the Class.

10.3.1 Dues for junior members under twenty-five years of age shall be a maximum of twenty-five dollars.

10.4. Dues for supporting members shall be not less than dues for active members.

10.5. Annual dues are payable in January in US Dollars in San Diego, California, USA.

10.6. When an application for life membership is approved, the new life member shall make a single payment equal to 20 times the active dues in effect at the time.

10.7. Fleet dues, if any, shall be fixed by the fleet.

10.8. ISCYRA and fleet dues must be paid before a member can be in good standing.

11. ISCYRA Officers

ISCYRA Officers shall be elected annually by mail vote of the membership and serve terms, as prescribed below, beginning in the ensuing calendar year or until their successors qualify.

11.1. International Officers. International Officers, (in charge of ISCYRA business) when elected, shall serve terms of four years, but may serve no more than a total of eight years in such office. The election of the International President and Secretary shall occur at a two-year interval to the election of the International Vice-Presidents and Treasurer. (Such interval was established by an election of the International Vice-Presidents and Treasurer in the year 2003.)

11.1.1. International President. The International President (IP) is the Chief Executive of the ISCYRA. He shall preside at meetings and serve as chairman of the CMC. He shall rule on procedure and jurisdiction, summarize decisions, and appoint special committees. He together with one International Vice President has sole authority to pay or authorize payment of accounts.

The names of former International Presidents, with dates of tenure of office, shall appear in the LOG beneath the name of the International President but in smaller type. All former International Presidents shall retain their title and sleeve stripes, but not their gold stars.

11.1.2. International Vice-Presidents. There shall be two International Vice-Presidents (IVP), not from the same hemisphere. The International Vice-President having the greater seniority shall perform the duties of the President in his absence. If both IVP.'s have been in office for the same period of time, the IGC, by ballot, will select the successor. Each IVP shall supervise the work of the Continental officers and act as chairman of the Continental Committees of his hemisphere. The Vice-Presidents are empowered to grant charters if for any reason a continent is temporarily without Continental officers. Each IVP shall be elected by the entire active membership.

11.1.3. International Secretary. The International Secretary shall keep minutes of meetings and supervise the ISCYRA's system of forms and records for all members.

11.1.4. International Treasurer. The International Treasurer is the custodian of the financial assets of the ISCYRA. He shall keep the ISCYRA's books, financial records, and securities, and shall place funds in a depository approved by the CMC. He shall disburse funds only on the order of the International President.

The International Treasurer shall deliver an annual financial statement at the annual meeting to all members. This annual financial statement will be published exclusively for all members.

11.1.5. International Governing Committee. There shall be an International Governing Committee (IGC) consisting of nine (9) members constituted and having the duties as set forth in Rules 14.1-14.1.6.

11.2. Continental Officers. Continental Officers, when elected, shall serve terms of four years.

11.2.1. First Vice-President. There shall be one First Vice-President for each continent, who is the chief officer of this continent. He shall preside at an annual meeting in the absence of all International officers, officiate at continental events and appoint their race committees and juries, and have general supervision of the work of district secretaries within his continent and adjacent islands. Each FVP, when elected, shall serve terms of four (4) years, but may serve no more than eight (8) years in such office. In calculation of term limit, only periods of time to which the officer was elected (as opposed to periods during which the officer served out another incumbency) shall be counted. First election shall take place December 2013 for First Term of 2014-2018.

11.2.2. Second Vice-President. There shall be one Second Vice-President for each continent, who shall officiate in the absence of the Continental FVP and generally assist him in the performance of his duties.

11.2.3. If a vacancy occurs in the office of First Vice President, the Second Vice President for this continent will automatically fill the vacancy. If a vacancy occurs in the office of Second Vice President, the IGC shall appoint an acting Second Vice President for the remainder of the term.

11.3. Commodores. There shall be one Commodore who shall serve a term of four years, two Vice-Commodores and three Rear Commodores, each of whom shall serve a term of two years. The ranking Commodore present shall be in charge of all social functions, shall be toastmaster at such functions, and shall make the opening address at annual meetings.

Each Commodore, Vice-Commodores or Rear Commodore has the right to participate at any ISCYRA meeting - with no vote in the meeting and no right to speak other than upon invitation.

The names of former Commodores, with dates of tenure of office, shall appear in the LOG beneath the name of the active Commodores but in smaller type. All former Commodores shall retain their title and sleeve stripes, but not their gold stars.

11.4. All the International Officers, in connection with the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and World Sailing, must work in a coordinate way to maintain the "Olympic Status" for the Class, as pointed out in Rules 23.5.1, 23.5.6 and 40.

12. District Officers

The following District Officers shall be elected bi-annually by mail vote of the active membership of each district and shall serve for the ensuing two calendar years or until their successors qualify.

12.1. District Secretary. The District Secretary (DS) shall have general supervision over all Star activities in his district, be responsible for checking entries in sanctioned events and approving Star race committees conducting championships of his district.

12.2. Assistant District Secretary. The Assistant District Secretary shall assist the DS, serve in his absence as chairman of special race committees, and automatically become DS for the remainder of the unexpired term should that office be vacated.

13. Election Procedure

13.1. Nominations. Each fleet shall be sent nominating forms for Commodores and for International, Continental and District officers at such time as may be ordered by the Class Management Committee, returnable to the Central Office at a specified date.

Commodores must be nominated by at least two fleets.

Continental officers must be nominated by at least two fleets, which must be in different districts if the continent has more than one district.

International officers must be nominated by at least two fleets not within the same district.

District officers must be nominated by one fleet.

If a continent has three or less fleets, nominations may be received from only one fleet.

13.2. Eligibility. A candidate for office, before his name can be placed on the ballot, must certify in writing that he is willing and able to serve if elected. A candidate for the office of International President, Secretary or Treasurer must be in a position to attend Class Management Committee meetings at the Central Office of the ISCYRA at frequent intervals.

A candidate for any office on the ballot must be an active, life or boat-owning isolated member of the ISCYRA and so recorded on the date when nominations for that office close. If any officer's membership is not renewed by March 1, the Class Management Committee shall have the power, thirty days after serving notice upon him to his last recorded address, to declare the said office vacant.

13.3. Voting. Each life, active and boat owning isolated member will receive a ballot on which he shall record his votes. This ballot must be returned to the office of the International Secretary or such place as the Class Management Committee may designate on or before December 10 or the 90th day after the annual meeting, whichever is later. The ballots may be sealed. In the case of joint or syndicate ownership, a boat shall be entitled to only one vote, the vote cast by the first of the two or more names of joint owners appearing on the records of the ISCYRA.

13.4. Election. The ballots shall be opened and counted on December 10 or the 90th day after the annual meeting, whichever is later (or the first weekday following if this date falls on a holiday) at such hour and place as the CMC may designate.

The votes shall be tabulated by three or more inspectors of election, who are not candidates for office and who are, if possible, members of different fleets.

The candidate for each office receiving the greatest number of votes shall be considered elected, except that the two candidates for Vice-Commodore receiving the greatest number of votes, who are not on the same continent, shall be considered elected, and the three candidates for Rear Commodore receiving the greatest number of votes, not two of whom are on the same continent, shall be considered elected.

Except for members of the IGC, a candidate cannot be elected to more than one Association or District Office at the same time; he/she shall be considered elected to the higher of such office.

14. Standing Committees

14.1. International Governing Committee. The powers of the ISCYRA are vested in the IGC subject to the limitations imposed by these Rules. The IGC shall consist of the International President, the two International Vice-Presidents, two of the four First Continental Vice-Presidents and four Members at Large, each of whom is now or has been an Association officer, designated by the International President to serve for two calendar years.

The International President may designate alternates from each region. An alternate may participate in the deliberations of the IGC but shall not vote except in the absence of a regular member from his region. The International President shall designate the priority of each region's alternates to fill the voting seats of regular members who are absent.

The IGC shall meet at least once a year, at the time and place of the World's Championship, and at such other times and places as it may determine.

The IGC shall elect its own chairman. Between meetings the Chairman, the International President, and a third member elected by the IGC shall constitute the Executive Committee of the IGC and may act, if necessary, on any matter within the IGC's powers even though its action may affect a period of time beyond its term of office. The Executive Committee may act either at a meeting or by, a unanimous written consent signed by each of its members. Any meeting of the Executive Committee may be held by conference

telephone or similar communication equipment, so long as all three members can hear one another, and all such members shall be deemed to be present in person at the meeting. Alternatively, the full IGC may act between meetings by a unanimous written consent signed by each regular member of the IGC, or, in the case of the election of the Chairman of the IGC and third member of the Executive Committee, by mail ballot by majority vote. The Chairman and the third member of the Executive Committee shall not be members of the CMC. Not all three members of the Executive Committee shall come from the same continent. Upon taking office the IGC is empowered to:

14.1.1. Determine questions of policy.

14.1.2. Suspend members or impeach officers for cause and subject to the provisions of STCR 17.

14.1.3. Fill vacancies, including vacancies on the IGC except as otherwise provided by the Star Class Association Rules.

14.1.4. Appoint the Chairman of the IRC and the President of the IJ and approve their members.

14.1.5. Fix or alter territorial boundaries of districts and decide all inter-fleet disputes.

14.1.6. Act upon any other matters not otherwise provided for by Star Class Association Rules.

14.1.7. Permit the Class to sail in a World Sailing-sponsored World Championship sailed under World Sailing and/or International Olympic Committee (IOC) Rules. The decision of participation is made by the IGC.

14.2. Class Management Committee.

The Class Management Committee shall have charge of the daily affairs of the ISCYRA and shall consist of the International President as chairman, the four other International Officers and two district officers appointed by the International President with approval of the IGC, with terms corresponding to their elected terms of office. The Chairman of the Technical Advisory Board and Marketing Manager shall be members of the CMC without vote. It shall meet at frequent intervals. Its actions and decisions shall be reported to, and be subject to veto by, the IGC.

The composition of the Executive Committee of the Class Management Committee shall be the International President, International Treasurer, a member of the CMC designated by the International President, and a member of the CMC designated by the CMC. The Executive Committee will have the authority to resolve the matters of the CMC during the time between two meetings of the Class Management Committee.

Upon taking office the CMC is empowered to:

14.2.1. Transact all the daily business of the ISCYRA.

14.2.2. Purchase and sell securities.

14.2.3. Approve of depositories.

14.2.4. Act upon other administrative and procedural matters not otherwise provided for by the Star Class Association Rules.

14.3. Continental Committees. The Continental Committee for each continent shall consist of an International Vice-President as chairman and the Vice-Presidents of that continent. A majority vote shall decide all questions.

The Continental Committee shall sanction events and grant charters and shall immediately report such actions to the Central Office of the ISCYRA.

The Continental Committee may act upon continental matters not connected with dues, finances or other fiscal business of the ISCYRA. It shall have no power to take any action conflicting with the rules or principles of the ISCYRA, but it may submit recommendations to the IGC or CMC. It shall approve race committees and juries for Class Silver Events.

14.4 Communication with Class Members

All Standing Committees (specifically the IGC, CMC and CC) inform on matters in their responsibility per established means of communication at least as follows: in the Star Class LOG -annually; e-starlights or designated email – frequently; on the ISCYRA website – as required; on a quarterly basis and at least after each annual meeting (AGM) defined in Rule 16.

15. Appointed Positions and Committees

The following positions and committees shall be appointed by the International President and ratified by the CMC and serve for one calendar year (except for the Judiciary Board)

15.1. Executive Director.

The Executive Director maintains necessary communication with the fleet secretaries, handles and channels forms, receives and routes correspondence, maintains central office records, issues boat numbers, keeps the register of Star boats, is responsible for maintaining the mailing list, acts as secretary of the President, assists the Treasurer by keeping the cash book and making bank deposits, answers routine and semi-routine correspondence, keeps the central office supplied and inventoried and administers other details connected with the operation of that office. The CMC has the authority to revise and adjust the description of duties of the Executive Director.

15.2. Technical Advisory Board.

The Technical Advisory Board (TAB) shall be responsible for clarifying, interpreting and advising the membership and the builders and

suppliers on questions pertaining to the Plans, Specifications and Measurement Rules. It shall maintain the clear and informative statement of the Plans and Specifications and in accordance with STCR 18.1 review all resolutions involving changes in the Plans and Specifications and incorporate the amendments passed by the membership. In addition, it shall conduct such special studies as may be designated by the IGC.

The TAB shall establish and maintain the measurement standards, forms and techniques and ensure an appropriate measurement procedure. The Chief Measurer shall instruct and supervise the Certified Measurers, grant or reject Measurement Certificates and organize the corresponding administration.

The Chief Measurer or Co-Chief Measurers will be appointed by the Chairman of the TAB.

The Chief Measurer or Co-Chief Measurers shall report to the chairman of the TAB.

15.2.1. Chief Measurer. The Chief Measurer or Co-Chief Measurer will be appointed by the Chairman of the TAB, and report to the Chairman of the TAB. The Chief Measurer shall supervise all certified measurers, grant or reject measurement certificates, issue duplicates, collect transfer fees, sell plans and specifications, and answer questions on measurement rules. Subject to the approval of the TAB, he shall establish and maintain measurement standards, forms, and techniques. He shall maintain liaison with the TAB and may recommend to that board changes in Plans and Specifications.

The Chief Measurer, with the final approval of the CMC may appoint continental measurers. The continental measurer has the power to act on behalf of the Chief Measurer at any Gold, Silver or Blue event.

15.2.2. Co-Chief Measurer. There can be more than one Co-Chief Measurer appointed.

15.2.3. Continental Measurer. Names of continental measurers are listed on the ISCYRA website

15.3. Marketing Manager. The Marketing Manager shall advise the CMC on all matters pertaining to advertising, promotion and publicity and shall work with the Communications Director as requested by the CMC. It shall take whatever action is appropriate to develop new fleets and shall maintain contact with all isolated members for that purpose.

15.4. Editor. The Editor is responsible for the monthly publication of Starlights and the compiling and editing of the annual LOG.

15.5. This paragraph is void.

15.6. Judiciary Board. The Judiciary Board (JB) shall consist of five members and one alternate, none of whom shall be an International or a Continental Officer. Four constitutes a quorum. A majority vote decides all questions. JB decisions are binding and cannot be appealed.

The CMC subject to IGC veto, shall each year appoint one member to serve for five years, and shall designate one of the members as chairman for the calendar year. If a vacancy occurs during the year a replacement shall be appointed for the remainder of the unexpired term.

The JB shall:

15.6.1. Decide all appeals properly brought before it in accordance with Rules 38 and 39, including all Fleet decisions and any action affecting an individual's membership in the ISCYRA.

15.6.2. On request of a member of the IGC, the CMC or a CC, interpret any conflict or ambiguity in the Rules of the ISCYRA.

15.6.3. Conform the Rules of the ISCYRA to incorporate all amendments passed by the membership.

15.6.4. Clarify the wording of the Rules of the ISCYRA at any time without changing their intent or meaning.

15.6.5. Resolve any questions of authority arising between the International and Continental officers.

15.6.6. Advise the delegates at an annual meeting or the membership if it considers a proposed resolution to be improper.

15.7. Regatta Manager. The Regatta Manager, in cooperation with the Chief Measurer and others as required, shall take all actions necessary to improve the quality of all sanctioned events. The Regatta Manager shall prepare race management manuals and model instructions and conditions for use in sanctioned events. Sailing Instructions and conditions for Gold and Silver events must be submitted to the Regatta Manager for approval.

The organization of Gold and Silver events, including facilities on land and on the water, measurement, transport and social events shall be reviewed by the Regatta Manager. Wherever possible the Regatta Manager shall visit the venue of a Gold or Silver event to inspect and approve the organization of the event, such visit to take place not later than sixty days before the first race of the event.

15.8. Reserved

15.9. Other. Special officers or committees may be appointed at any time by the IGC.

15.10. Star Class Central Office. The Star Class Central Office is there to serve the International President and organize the work for the ISCYRA. The Star Class Central Office is run by the Executive Director. The location of the Central Office is determined by the CMC.

16. Annual Meeting

16.1. An annual meeting shall be held at a time and place fixed by the IGC, which shall be during the period of and in the vicinity of the World's Championship. If an annual meeting predicts a situation where any fleet or International Officer cannot assure fair representation, the IGC may elect to postpone or reschedule the annual meeting. Any rescheduling of the annual meeting shall be posted on the Class website no sooner than 90 days prior.

16.2. Each fleet shall be responsible for the selection and instruction of a delegate or proxy, who shall present the fleet's views and cast its votes. Alternate delegates or proxies may be named, but an order of preference must be specified, and only the highest present is entitled to vote.

16.3. The fleets present at an annual meeting shall constitute a quorum. Fleets answering the roll call shall be deemed present throughout the meeting.

16.4. Each fleet shall be entitled to cast one vote for each Star boat enrolled in that fleet and properly recorded with the ISCYRA by a separate active member in good standing. Membership books close ten days before the meeting or as ordered by the IGC. Any member may be heard; but only properly accredited delegates and proxies, duly authorized and certified, and isolated members shall vote on motions and must vote unless excused by the chair. Except when otherwise specified in the ISCYRA Rules a majority of the votes present shall decide all questions. In the event of a tie the chair shall cast the deciding vote.

16.5. The chair may fix a time limit on speakers and debate.

16.6. The order of business at an annual meeting shall be:

16.6.1. Call to order.

16.6.2. Reading of minutes.

16.6.3. Reports of ISCYRA Officers.

16.6.4. Ratification of the IRC and IJ.

16.6.5. Ratification and revocation of fleet charters.

16.6.6. Unfinished business.

16.6.7. Proposed amendments.

16.6.8. Other new business and open discussion concerning current subjects of interest. .

16.6.9. Adjournment.

16.7. Each delegate to annual meeting is entitled to vote on his own fleet's behalf and for no more than 10 other fleets for which he holds properly granted proxies. IGC and CMC members are entitled to vote only on behalf of their own fleet.

17. Suspension, Expulsion and Impeachment

17.1. Suspension. A member may be suspended by the IGC for gross violation of the rules or for unsportsmanlike conduct, or, after due warning, for willful and persistent disregard of rulings. The duration of a suspension is fixed by the IGC but may not exceed the IGC's own term of office unless the suspension is extended by the succeeding IGC Notwithstanding the foregoing, a suspension may be terminated by majority vote at an annual meeting.

17.2. Expulsion. A member may be expelled only by 3/4 vote at an annual meeting.

17.3. Impeachment. Any officer may be impeached by the IGC for a willful and unjustifiable act of commission or omission detrimental to the Star Class or to its members.

18. Amendments

18.1. ISCYRA Rules, Rules Governing Star Class sanctioned Events and Fleet Qualifications, and Plans and Specifications can never be suspended but may be amended, except as specified in STCR 18.2, by the following procedure: an amendment can be proposed only by a fleet meeting advance notice of which must have been sent to all its voting members. When the proposed resolution is sent to the Star Class Central Office, a copy of the letter of advance notice to fleet members must accompany the resolution. Also a statement as to how many voting members attended the meeting signed by fleet captain and secretary.

Each proposed amendment must next be filed with the CMC at least 120 days prior to the date of the next annual meeting. It will then be automatically submitted by the CMC to the JB for review. The resolution will then be published on the ISCYRA web page no later than 45 days before the next annual meeting, in order to be put on the agenda of or considered by that annual meeting.

The proposed amendment must then be approved by the majority vote at the annual meeting. It shall then be submitted to the active membership for vote. Enactment shall be by ballot of the active and life members and shall require a 2/3 vote of the members voting on the amendment. An enacted amendment shall take effect January 1st of the ensuing year, or 91 days after the annual meeting,

whichever is later. Voting eligibility regulations are those of Rule 13.3 Members or groups, including IGC, for or against an approved resolution may set forth their views in Starlights.

Exceptions:

18.1.1. An annual meeting itself can order the required advance publication of a proposed amendment for consideration the ensuing year.

18.1.2. An amendment to the Plans and Specifications shall require approval by the TAB before publication; but such an amendment disapproved by the TAB may be filed again the following year and shall then be published, and if it is approved by two successive annual meetings, shall be submitted to the active membership as hereinafter provided.

18.2. The basic principles of STCR 3, 4, 5 and 6 of the ISCYRA Rules cannot be changed. No amendment can be passed which would render ineligible a yacht or an active member whose eligibility has been established under existing rules and whose status could not be changed to conform with the proposed amendment. An amendment retroactively affecting active members' or fleets' existing rights can be enacted only by a 3/4 vote of the total voting strength of the active membership.

18.2.1 The IGC may, upon a majority vote of the IGC, waive or suspend a specific Star Class Rule within STCR 23 through 35, STCR 37 and STCR 40. Such waiver or suspension of Star Class Rules shall be approved by the IGC and published on the Star Class web page not less than 90 days prior to any test Event and shall be effective only for a single Event. . Such waiver or suspension of Star Class Rules may be repeated for subsequent events at the discretion of the IGC if appropriately approved and published but no longer than 24 months from the first test event to the last test event. STCR 18.2.1 shall not be used to waive or suspend Star Class Rules 1 through 22, STCR 36, STCR 38 or STCR 39.

19. Dissolution

Upon the dissolution of the ISCYRA, the IGC shall, after making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the ISCYRA, dispose of all the assets of the ISCYRA exclusively for the purposes of the ISCYRA in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable educational, religious or scientific purposes, as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501 C (3) of the US Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future U.S. Internal Revenue Law) as the IGC shall determine. Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by the court of general jurisdiction of the country in which the principal office of the ISCYRA is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

20. *(This number is reserved for future use)*

2023 CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

Rules Governing Star Class Sanctioned Events and Fleet Qualifications

21. Eligible Boats

21.1. A boat is eligible and considered to be in the Star Class only if it has been properly registered, conforms to measurement rules, is built by an active builder and is owned by a qualified active or life member recorded at the time as in good standing with the ISCYRA. An ineligible boat must be barred from all Star races, and cannot be reinstated until all requirements of the ISCYRA have been fulfilled.

21.2. Any Star sailing with a number not yet issued (7.3 and 15.1) must be disqualified from all races in which such a number was displayed.

21.3. A boat cannot be registered in more than one fleet at a time.

22. Observance of the Rules of the ISCYRA

The enforcement of the Rules of the ISCYRA is essential to the protection of all Star owners. Members are required to report to the ISCYRA any race held for the Star Class as such, wherein the Rules of the ISCYRA are not respected and enforced by the organization conducting it, or where entries of ineligible boats are knowingly accepted. A member who makes himself party to such practices, by knowingly and after due warning entering such an outlawed event, shall himself be subject to suspension. A Continental Committee may outlaw any event for cause.

23. Championship Events

23.1. The purpose of the Championship shall be to determine annually the appropriate champions by competition among eligible boats.

23.2. All series for major Star championships territorially greater than one fleet, and events for perpetual, semi-perpetual or open trophies, may be sanctioned by the appropriate Continental Committee. Honor insignia and Award (23.5.9.) cannot be awarded unless a sanction has been granted.

23.3. A sanction granted to an event for at least two consecutive years shall become automatic and need not be applied for again, even though the event is held in different localities, unless the event has lapsed for more than two years. The Continental Committee may, however, at any time cancel or withdraw a sanction if it deems such action advisable.

23.4. Application for sanction should be filed with the Central Office on a form obtainable from that office. The Continental Committee will then act on the application (14.3.)

23.5. Sanctioned Events and Awards. Except Gold and Silver Events, all other Events can be sailed as "Combined Events" with separate results.

23.5.1. Gold. World Championship. Open to all Members of all Fleets and to Isolated Members. Entries per STCR 29.1 GOLD awards. The Olympics is also considered a Gold event. (See ASSOCIATION INSIGNIA AND AWARDS)

23.5.2. Silver. An established championship of a continent or hemisphere. Open to all Members of all Fleets and to Isolated Members. Entries per STCR 29.1 A minimum number of fifteen competitors shall finish at least one race is required. SILVER awards.

23.5.3. Blue. District Championship. Open to all Members of all Fleets and to Isolated Members. Entries per STCR 29.2 BLUE awards. To allow all members to participate in another District Championship, it can be sailed as an "Open District Championship." Honor Awards for the Event and qualifications via the Event are only granted to the winners which are either Members of the organizing District or participating as Isolated Members.

23.5.4. Green. District Championship restricted to Novices (STCR 23.7.1 and 23.7.2). Open to all Novices of a District. GREEN awards.

23.5.5. U30 Championships in which boats may be skippered by other than their skipper-owner may be held, as sanctioned, at any of the above competitive levels. A World U30 Championship would be designated as Gold U30, Continental as Silver U30, etc. Entries in accordance with above rules of each classification. Awards are stars only, as above, but with a large U30 of contrasting color inserted in the star. No chevrons or bars awarded.

23.5.6. Except for the Olympics or World Sailing-sponsored World Championships or other World Sailing-sponsored events (e.g. World Cup), the above events are under the auspices of the ISCYRA. For Gold and Silver events, the Organizing Authority will be the ISCYRA in conjunction with the host club. For Blue and Green events, the Organizing Authority will be the District Committee and/or local fleet in conjunction with the host club. No other races to be scheduled in the vicinity and courses must be adequately patrolled. Except as Combined Events are allowed by STCR 23.5, no other races may be scheduled in the vicinity, and courses must be adequately patrolled.

23.5.7. Red. An established event of inter-fleet character featuring the Star Class. Open to all fleets, entries unlimited. To winner: THREE RED chevrons.

23.5.8. Fleet Qualifications. Open to all skipper-owners (or part owners), registered before the first race, who are members of the fleet. To winner: ONE RED chevron.

23.5.9. Honor Awards. Honor awards are displayed on main sails. Awards rank in the following order: gold, silver, blue, green and red. For example, one gold chevron outranks a silver star. Only the highest award ever won by any one skipper (either as skipper or crew) shall be displayed or kept on record, except that chevrons of higher rank may be used with a championship star of lesser rank. For example, a skipper entitled to a blue star may use his gold chevrons beneath it. The winner of two championship stars of the same color inscribes both dates in the star.

Awards are made to the skipper (Star, Olympian or Star and chevrons) and crew (Olympian with bars or Star with Bars), not to the boat; if the boat is sold, awards are retained by the skipper for use on any other Star boat he may own while a member of the ISCYRA.

If a crew acts as a skipper he shows his highest award ever won either as skipper or crew.

Ranking of the Honor Awards is: 1.) highest color, 2.) highest place, 3.) highest won as a skipper before Honor Award won as a crew.

23.6. Special Events.

23.6.1 The Vintage Gold Cup is a sanctioned event with honors. It is sailed by eligible skippers in restored wooden boats of the Star Class and open to all fleets. The Winner is awarded a gold laurel wreath.

23.6.2 Events not specified in this paragraph or ones above, but under ISCYRA jurisdiction, require no sanction and rate no honor awards. Intercollegiate, U30, Ladies' or other races in which Stars are sailed by other than their skipper-owners (unless specified above), are not under ISCYRA jurisdiction in any form.

23.7. Definitions.

23.7.1. A Novice Skipper is one who has never as a skipper won any series honor that is higher than a Green event honor, or as a skipper won a Green event.

23.7.2. A Novice Crew is one who has never as a skipper or crew won a Gold or Silver event.

23.7.3. A Youth Member is a person who will not have reached his or her 20th birthday before the first race of the event. A Junior is a person who will not have reached his or her 30th birthday before the first race of the event.

24. Perpetual Trophies

24.1. There shall be awarded to the winner of the series such perpetual trophy or trophies as have been donated or deeded for the purpose.

24.2. The trophies shall be held by the winning fleet until the time of the next series, subject to IGC approval and order.

24.3. Title to the trophies shall be and remain in the individuals who are the current members of the IGC, who may impose any conditions necessary for the safe keeping of the trophies.

25. Location

25.1. The IGC shall designate the place of the World Championship, having in mind the purposes of development, promotion, equitable distribution, and selection of a location with suitable facilities and racing conditions. In the event of multiple applications from the same continent for the same World Championship, the IGC shall obtain the recommendation of the appropriate Continental Committee prior to selecting the Championship venue. The IGC's selection shall be subject to the following restrictions:

25.1.1. It cannot be held in the same fleet or locality twice in two consecutive years.

25.1.2. It cannot be held in the same district for more than two consecutive years.

25.1.3. It cannot be held on the same continent (including adjacent island districts) for more than three consecutive years.

25.1.4. It cannot be held in the same hemisphere for more than five consecutive years.

25.1.5. The responsibility for arranging and providing proper facilities, prizes and entertainment shall rest with the fleet sponsoring the event. In this regard it shall cooperate with and be guided by the IGC.

25.2. The place of Silver Star (Silver) championships shall be determined by the Continental Committee and subject to the restrictions of STCR 25.1.1 and 25.1.2, unless otherwise provided for by a well-established precedent or by a signed agreement among a representative number of District Secretaries, filed with and approved by the IGC.

25.3. The site of the Blue-Star (Blue) Championship shall be determined by the District Secretary, subject to the following restrictions: It cannot be held by the same fleet for more than two consecutive years. If the winning fleet is ineligible to hold the event it shall be awarded to that fleet having the highest total point score for the past three years which is able and willing to hold it, unless otherwise provided for by established precedent or by a written agreement adopted by a majority of the fleet secretaries and filed with and approved by the IGC.

25.4. STCR 25 shall not be amended so as to effect a change of location of the series for the following year.

25.5. All Rules under STCR 25 are exposed when the ISCYRA is asked to sail in an World Sailing-sponsored World Championship sailed under World Sailing, World Sailing-sponsored Continental Championship and/or an Olympic Regatta organized by the International Olympic Committee (IOC). The decision of participation in that year is made by the IGC.

26. Eligibility

26.1. For Gold, Silver and Blue events, the skipper (helmsman) must:

26.1.1. Be an active or life member and have been one since the entry was filed.

26.1.2. Be enrolled in the fleet he represents.

26.1.3. Not have been enrolled as a member in any fleet other than the one he represents for two months prior to the first race, nor can he have been a member of more than two fleets for a period of one year prior to the first race.

26.2. For Gold, Silver and Blue events the crew must:

26.2.1. Be a member and have been one since the entry was filed.

26.2.2. Be designated and act as crew, touching the helm only if necessary for brief temporary relief.

26.3. For Green Events, each helmsman must be a Novice and an active or life member and have been one since the entry was filed and be enrolled in the fleet he represents.

26.4. For all other (except U30) events, only the skipper must be a member.

26.5. For U30 events excluding U30 Gold and U30 Silver events no membership is necessary.

27. Scheduling and Number of Races

27.1 The ISCYRA World Championship (a Gold Star Event) shall consist of a minimum of five completed races of six scheduled, one race per day. A race postponed, abandoned or incomplete will be rescheduled and resailed as soon as possible. The Race Committee is authorized to get one race ahead of schedule should expected sailing conditions warrant.

27.2. The Hemisphere and Continental Championships (Silver Star events) using:

Format A shall consist of a minimum of six (6) scheduled races.

Format B shall consist of a minimum of seven (7) scheduled races.

Format C shall consist of a minimum of eight (8) scheduled races.

A race postponed or abandoned will be rescheduled and resailed as soon as possible. There may be one reserve day for possible resails provided that such option be stated in the Notice of Race. The race committee shall make every reasonable effort to complete all scheduled races within the published date (including reserve day if any). If it is not possible to complete four races, the series shall be canceled.

27.3. U-30 Gold and Silver events, regardless of requirements in STCR 27.1 or of Format in STCR 27.2 above, shall consist of 3 race days, two races per day scheduled, and a minimum of three completed races to make a championship. Note – discard policy is described in STCR 34.6.2

27.4. Other events shall consist of three completed races minimum. Blue Star Events (District Championship) shall be scheduled for six races minimum and shall consist of three completed races. The number of scheduled races shall be defined by the Notice of Race

27.5. A race committee is not empowered to shorten any series except as provided in STCR 27.2; but if the JB on appeal declares a race no contest and the race cannot be resailed, the series scores shall be re-computed on the basis of the valid races completed even though it be an even number of races.

28. Entry Forms and Terms

28.1. Entries to the World Championship (Gold) and to the Hemisphere or Continental Championships (Silver) Events must be fully completed and filed in duplicate on an approved entry form. Entry deadline for the World Championship event is 30 days before the first race. Entry deadline for Silver Championship events is 21 days before the first race. The entry forms shall be sent:

One copy to the Central Office

One copy to the organizing club

28.2. Entries for District (Blue and Green) Events must be fully completed and filed in duplicate on an approved entry form, and must be received 7 days before the first race. The entry forms shall be sent:

One copy to the District Secretary

One copy to the organizing club

28.3. Late entries to Gold, Silver and Blue/Green Championship Events.

28.3.1 Gold Events: The CMC need not accept a late or incomplete entry.

28.3.2 Silver Events: The appropriate Continental Committee may accept a late entry for a Silver event.

28.3.3 The appropriate District Secretary may accept a late entry for a Blue/Green event.

29. Entries

29.1. Entries to a Gold and Silver event shall be open to all Life and Active Members of a Fleet and to Isolated Members and Junior Active Members. For the sole purpose of this STCR 29.1, in addition to the requirements set forth in STCR 9.1.1, an Active Member is one who also has sailed in a representative number of races (at least five) in his own home waters (either Fleet or District) during the 12 months prior to the entry deadline of the event and registered with the ISCYRA with current annual dues paid.

29.2. Entries to a Blue event shall be open to all Members of any Fleet and to Isolated Members.

30. Substitution

30.1. In Gold, Silver or Blue events, the boat, skipper and crew starting the series must sail throughout except in the case of proven accident or illness.

30.2. Permission for any substitution must be obtained from the Race Committee or the Jury before the race. Such permission shall be denied if unfair advantage is granted thereby or if the substitution is not an absolute necessity, or if the substitution results in non-compliance with the STCRs.

31. Racing Restrictions

31.1. Personnel.

31.1.1. The maximum number of persons allowed in each boat shall be two.

31.1.2. Each person on the boat shall be eligible to compete in accordance with RRS Appendix K. Additional eligibility requirements may be imposed by organizing authorities for regattas other than Gold, Silver and Blue events and Fleet Qualifications.

31.1.3. Team Weight. For Gold, Silver, and Blue events, Fleet Qualifications, the Olympic Regatta, all respective Olympic Trial Regattas and all World Sailing Grade One Ranking Regattas, the total team weight is limited according to the following formula:
 $S = \text{Skipper's weight, } C = \text{Crew's weight in kilograms: } C = ([100 - S] / 1.5) + 100$

Weighing before the event is required. Only for Gold events: Weighing during or after the event is optional at the discretion of the organizing authority as posted in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions. For all applicable events other than Gold, weighing during or after the event is only allowed pursuant to a properly filed protest. Teams found to be in violation of the rule shall be subject to disqualification from any race sailed on the day of the violation.

31.1.4. For Gold and Silver events a yacht shall receive no outside assistance from support boats or otherwise once she has left the dock for the day until the finish of the last race of the day, except in the case of emergency and/or towing supplied by the organizer and available to all participants.

[This rule shall not be used at World Sailing World Cup or World Sailing Combined Worlds events.]

31.2. Equipment

31.2.1. Dead weight shall not be carried as stationary or movable ballast. A competitor shall not wear or carry any clothing or equipment for the purpose of increasing his weight. The total weight of clothing and equipment permitted by RRS 50.1 (b) shall not exceed 10 kilograms.

31.2.2. Each boat must carry:

- (a) Two approved personal flotation devices (life jackets), which when not worn, must be readily available within 30 cm (1 ft.) of the cockpit coaming.
- (b) One paddle or oar.
- (c) One line, minimum diameter 8mm, minimum length 20 m.

31.2.3. The use of stays, sheets, or lines other than those specifically described in this section to support the body of the skipper or crew is prohibited. During the normal act of tacking or jibing both feet of the crew and skipper must remain on or inside the deck edge when looking in profile. No hiking aids or aids to support the skipper or crew outboard are permitted except:

(a) For skipper and crew, foot straps are permitted, of material no more elastic than nylon webbing, securely fastened within the cockpit. These may be adjustable but shall not reach beyond the sheer line (outboard edge of the deck) when fully extended. All foot straps shall be designed so as to come completely off the feet in the normal act of tacking or jibing. The use of hobbles or an individually closed strap for each foot is specifically prohibited. Doubled foot straps, if used, must have sufficient clearance between them so that the user may easily step out of the straps without the use of hands or extraordinary movement of the feet.

(b) For the crew only, a hiking vest that is securely attached within the cockpit or to the deck is permitted. The vest must be attached to the hull by means of a quick release device approved by the Technical Committee. The Technical Committee has approved only the following three attachment devices:

(1) The Ball Lock device consists of a wire attached to the hiking vest at one end with one or more swaged balls on the pennant. The lock (keyhole type) is mounted on the deck. The ball on the wire pennant fits into the lock on the deck while hiking; however, the ball must release from the lock while in the act of tacking.

(2) The Hiking Tang device consists of a rope or wire attached to the hiking vest at one end with a bent right-angle tang at the other end. The bent tang may be hooked over the backstay track or into a flat slotted plate on the deck; however, the tang must release from the plate while in the act of tacking.

(3) The Rope in Cleat device consists of an open-ended rope of sufficient tensile strength, which attaches to a jam-cleat mounted on the deck; however, the rope must release from the cleat while in the act of tacking. Vests must weigh no more than 2.5 kg. The hiking vest shall not be used without the crew's feet being in the approved foot straps and shall not be used in any manner to enable the crew to adopt a hiking position different from what would be possible in the absence of the vest.

Commodore For skipper and crew, hand holds mounted on the deck which do not measure more than 50 mm above the deck and are mounted aft of the forward end of the mast opening are permitted.

(d) For skipper and crew, padded trousers or shorts that have sewn-in battens on the backs of the upper legs from above the knee to below the seat to assist in supporting outboard weight when hiking.

31.2.4. The jib may be winged by means of a whisker pole the inboard end of which, when in use, shall rest against the mast.

31.2.5. No sails other than the approved jib and mainsail can be used, and only one of each of these, on the proper hoist, can be above deck at the same time. A race committee shall not allow the use of a sail bearing an incorrect number unless all contestants are advised of the change before the start of the race.

A skipper shall not use or measure in more than two mainsails and two jibs in any series of races.

31.2.6. Electronic devices

The Star Class Technical Advisory Board (TAB) maintains a list of recommended electronic devices and only those approved by the TAB and listed on the Star Class website are allowed to be used during ISCYRA events.

- (a) Compass/Timer/Computer: Self-contained digital compasses – giving no more than direction, tacking prompt and timer are allowed as is GPS positioning.
- (b) Handheld VHF radios are allowed. A competitor may carry a VHF radio for safety purposes and race committee communication. Use of the VHF radio is not permitted while racing except for emergencies. This restriction may be modified to allow communication from the Race Committee to competitors on a predetermined channel if so stated in both the Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions and if not prohibited by law.

32. Measuring, Weighing and Sail Controls

32.1. At Gold and Silver Championship events, measurement is required as determined by the Technical Advisory Board. Measurement may include boat and mast-tip weighing, measuring of sails and spars, checking required equipment, and such measurement of hull, keel, skeg and rudder as the Technical Advisory Board shall find necessary. At Blue and lower events, if required by the event authorities, measurement may include such checks and measurements required for higher events as these authorities find necessary.

32.2. When measurement is required, a measurement period to close not later than the start of the first race shall be scheduled and announced, and a regatta measurer with power of approval shall be appointed by the appropriate authority (e.g. The ISCYRA at Gold and Silver Events, or the District at Blue Events). Except as provided by special rules or by action of the event authorities, no item may be submitted for approval after the close of the measurement period.

32.3. This section applies when measurement includes weighing to verify compliance with Specs. 13. A Certified Measurer authorized to weigh and seal boats as provided in Specs. 13 shall be present. Additional material shall be added to an underweight boat to the extent necessary to meet the minimum weight. Existing additional material may be removed to the extent a boat exceeds the minimum weight. If additional material is added or removed, the additional material thereafter remaining shall be sealed as provided in Specs. 13, and a new plaque affixed to the boat stating the amount of additional material carried. Additional material may be added or removed in accordance with this section at any time during the prescribed measurement period for the event.

32.4. Sails approved for entry shall be indelibly and distinctively marked and only sails so marked may be used. No approved sails may be altered during the event. Repairs are permitted, subject to any special rules regarding permission and reapproval, provided no alterations are made. Approved sails may be used only on the boat for which they were submitted. To control the number of sails used, sails may be marked without measuring, in which case such marking does not constitute any finding of compliance with the Specifications.

32.5. At Blue and lower events, if weight control consists of inspection of weight seals and plaques, such inspection does not constitute any finding of compliance with minimum weight requirement.

32.6. When measurement is required, approval is required for eligibility. Nothing in this Rule, nor any action by the event measurement authorities, shall be taken to reduce or limit the provisions of the STCR regarding eligibility.

33. Measurement Certificates

33.1. No boat shall be eligible to enter any race for the Star Class until it has been granted a measurement certificate.

33.2. Qualified certified measurers are appointed by the chairman of the Technical Advisory Board.

A certified measurer status is granted only by attending a certification course organized by ISCYRA.

The certified measurer status has to be renewed every four years.

Their authority is restricted to the taking of actual measurements and filling a report thereof. No certified measurer shall measure his own boat except under supervision of a disinterested person appointed by the technical Advisory Board. Measurers are entitled to a fee approved by the IGC. The owner of a boat being measured shall pay the measure's fee whether or not a certificate is granted.

33.3. The ISCYRA's measurement certificates shall be binding upon all organizations conducting races for the Star Class. A boat holding a certificate shall not be subject to remeasurement or protest on measurements unless reasonable grounds can be shown to suspect subsequent alterations or previous mismeasurement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a boat is always subject to remeasurement by order of the IGC, CMC, IJ, the TAB, or a Continental Measurer (see STCR 15.2.1).

33.4. A protest of the measurements of a certified boat, except as to matters covered by Rule 8.9.3., must be accompanied by a deposit of US \$50, if permitted by the host's member National Authority, which is returnable only if the protest be sustained.

34. Racing Procedure

34.1. Entries shall report to the Race Committee on reaching the starting area, and shall follow all official accounting instructions.

34.2. Races shall be held in open water as free as possible from headlands, shoals, obstructions and aids to navigation. Aids to navigation, unless otherwise specified, must be left on the required or channel side.

34.3. Courses. See pdf of courses posted on website.

34.3.1. . Course 0, 1, 2, 3, 6 and 7 are described below. In Gold and Silver events course 0, 1, 3, 4, 6 or 7 shall be used; Course 2 may be used in Silver events if requested by the sponsoring fleet and approved by the Continental Committee. In Blue and Green events, course 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 or 7 shall be used. Leg lengths refer to the first leg of a course and are measured from the Start line to Mark 1. Mark 3 may be no more than .25nm from the Start Line. No course shall be shortened under RRS 32 (flag S). Course legs may be altered under RRS 33(b) (flag C and + or -) within the leg length limits applicable to the Format of the regatta. In Red events, the above courses are not mandatory and may be shortened

34.3.2. Course 0.

An isosceles right-angled triangle, followed by a windward and return, and finishing on a final windward leg, the right-angle mark being omitted after the first round.

34.3.3. Course 1.

An isosceles right-angled triangle, followed by a windward and return, the right-angle mark being omitted after the first round.

34.3.4. Course 2.

Two isosceles right-angled triangles, with a windward and return in between, the right-angle mark being omitted during the second round, and finishing on a final windward leg.

34.3.5. Course 3.

Two complete right-angled triangles, with the hypotenuse the third leg, followed by a final windward leg (7 legs). The triangle is intended to be basically a windward-leeward circuit, with the second leg consisting of a reach of approximately 55 meters at right angles to the direction of the first leg.

34.3.6. Course 4.

Two complete right-angled triangles, with the hypotenuse the third leg (6 legs), finishing downwind. The triangle is intended to be basically a windward-leeward circuit, with the second leg consisting of a reach of approximately 55 meters at right angles to the direction of the first leg.

34.3.7 Course 6.

Two complete right angled isosceles triangles, with the hypotenuse being legs 1 and 4, finishing at the end of leg 6

34.3.8 Course 7.

Two complete right angled isosceles triangles, with the hypotenuse being legs 1, 4 and 7, finishing at the end of leg 7.

34.3.9 Length of legs for all courses and time limits:

Format A -Sixty (60) or more boats competing: Minimum of 2 nautical miles (n.m.) and maximum of 2.5 n.m. legs. 45-minute maximum time limit for first beat, 3.5 hours maximum time limit for completed course. No more than 2 races per day.

Format B - 30-59 boats competing: Minimum of 1.25 n.m and maximum of 1.8 n.m. legs. 40-minute maximum time limit for first beat, target time per race is 1.5 hours. 3-hour maximum time limit for completed course. No more than 3 races per day.

Format C - Under 30 boats competing: Minimum of 1 n.m. and maximum of 1.5 n.m. legs. 30-minute maximum time limit for first beat, target time per race is 1 hour. 2-hour maximum time limit for completed course. No more than 3 races per day.

At the discretion of an agreement between the Organizing Authority and the CMC, and if the conditions warrant a format may be chosen not based on the number of competitors.

34.4. Modification of Course.

34.4.1. For Blue, Green, Red and U30 events, the Race Committee may modify the official course by using the leeward mark as the starting pin.

34.4.2. Starting line. Text deleted

34.4.3. For Blue, Green, Red and U30 events, the Race Committee may modify the official course by using a mark of the course as the finishing mark.

34.4.4. A gate at the leeward mark instead of the leeward course mark may be laid out. This leeward gate will consist of a pair of marks. The two marks will be located approximately 7 to 10 boat lengths apart. Boats shall first sail through the gate and then either leave mark 3S to starboard or mark 3P to port.

34.4.5. An offset mark, approximately 75 to 100 meters and approximately 90° from the windward mark of Courses 3 and 4 is mandatory and is recommended for Courses 0, 1 and 2.

34.5. Time Limit. Text deleted.

34.6. Scoring.

34.6.1. Scoring will be in accordance with RRS A2, Low Point Scoring System, except as modified in these rules.

34.6.2. In Gold and Silver Championship events, each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, discarding her worst score if more than four races have been completed.

34.6.3. In Gold and Silver Championship events, the order of finish and finish times shall be recorded and scored for only:

Format A: 60 minutes after the first boat finishes

Format B: 45 minutes after the first boat finishes

Format C: 30 minutes after the first boat finishes

All boats not finishing within these limits and still sailing the course shall be scored TLE. TLE will be defined as the theoretical average score of all boats not *finished* and still sailing the course at the close of the window.

34.7. Starting Time. A boat not starting within 10 minutes after the starting signal will receive a score equal to a boat not starting (DNS).

34.8. Team Racing. Team racing tactics in all events are prohibited unless specified in the sailing instructions.

35. Rules

35.1. The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of the WORLD SAILING shall govern in all Star races.

35.2. National Letters shall be displayed, if elected to be displayed by a competitor or when required by a World Sailing National Authority, or by applicable World Sailing rules. They shall be displayed in accordance with Star class specifications.

35.3. Racing instructions and local rules in fleet by-laws or published notices to its members, not conflicting with Class Rules must be observed; but verbal instructions or unrecorded rules are not official. Fleet rules shall not prevail in intersectional or inter-fleet races.

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35.5 In any Star regatta held under Part Two of the Rules of the ISCYRA, the only penalty that will apply under RRS 44.1 or Appendix P will be the "One-turn Penalty" as defined in RRS 44.2

36. Interpretation of the Rules of the ISCYRA

36.1. In deciding any question, the intended meaning of the rules shall be considered. Extenuating circumstances may be taken into consideration in the Rules of the ISCYRA or restrictions if the wording requires interpretation and no deliberate attempt to gain an unfair advantage has been practiced. Precedent and the established policy of the ISCYRA shall be taken into consideration.

36.2. The rulings of the JB and of the IJ shall be preserved for reference

37. Race Committee and International Jury

37.1. Appointment of race committees and juries (when applicable) shall be as follows:

37.1.1. For the World Championship (Gold) events an International Jury (IJ) and a Race Committee (RC) shall be appointed by the Regatta Manager with the approval of the CMC and the IGC.

The International Jury is not authorized to direct the Race Committee.

37.1.2. For Continental Championship (Silver) events a Jury and a Race Committee shall be appointed by the Continental First Vice President with the approval of the Continental Committee.

37.1.3. For District Championship (Blue) events a Jury and a Race Committee shall be appointed by the District Secretary.

38. Appeals to Judiciary Board

38.1. Appeals may be taken to the JB from:

38.1.1. Decisions regarding a competitor's eligibility to compete in a sanctioned Star Class event.

38.1.2. Any action of the TAB regarding an individual boat.

38.2. The following cannot be appealed to the JB:

38.2.1. Decisions of protest committees, International Juries and Juries.

38.2.2. Actions of a race committee regarding the conduct of racing.

38.3. Notice of appeal must be filed with the JB and postmarked within thirty days of publication of the decision from which the appeal is taken. A deposit of US \$30 if permitted by the host's member National Authority, must accompany the appeal.

38.4. An appeal shall consist of a legible (preferably typed) statement, in English, setting forth:

38.4.1. Specific reference, by section and paragraph number, to rule or other authority on which the appeal is based.

38.4.2. Name and address of all persons involved.

38.5. The JB shall issue instructions on procedure and shall fix time limits on filing answers and other information (time determined by postmarks), and those failing to comply with such instructions may forfeit the right to be heard.

38.6. In deciding appeals the JB shall consider the interpretation and proper application of rules. If the facts submitted are not sufficient for a decision, the chairman of the JB may appoint a committee to establish facts.

38.7. If in the opinion of the chairman the JB is without jurisdiction to hear the appeal, he shall so rule and the deposit will be refunded. In that event appellant may demand a hearing by the full JB. If the hearing is not granted the deposit shall be forfeited to the ISCYRA.

38.8. No appeal can be taken from JB decisions

39. Inter-Fleet Disputes

Inter-Fleet disputes not involving an actual protest in a race shall be heard by the IGC. There is no time limit for submitting disputes, but a deposit of US \$30 is required, if permitted by the host's member National Authority. In the event that such disputes involve an interpretation, they shall be filed with the JB.

40. Advertising

Advertising shall be in accordance with RRS as prescribed by World Sailing for Olympic Class Boats.

40.1. A competitor may not be required to carry advertising on his boat or person in a Star Class sanctioned event

40.2 Event Sponsorship. Permission for advertising by an event sponsor shall be subject to the following:

40.2.1 The cognizant Committee may authorize the organizing authority to permit or request such advertising, but in no event shall advertising be required on any boat, person or equipment.

40.3. The IGC may by prescription published on the ISCYRA web page modify or suspend a portion or all of this rule for one or more designated events or in designated geographical areas if it finds the suspension or modification to be in the best interest of the Star Class.