



**2018 Open Finn European and  
U23 Open Finn European Championship  
Federación Andaluza de Vela  
Real Federación Española de Vela  
9 to 17 March 2018  
NOTICE OF RACE**

**1. Organizing Authority and Venue**

- 1.1 The 2018 Open Finn European and U23 Open Finn European Championship will be held from the 9 to 17 of March, 2018 in Cadiz, Spain.
- 1.2 The Organizing Authority is the Federación Andaluza de Vela in conjunction with the Real Federación Española de Vela, International Finn Association and the Spanish Finn Class Association.

**2. Rules**

- 2.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the IFA Major Championship Event Manual Parts A and B. These may be changed, where permitted, by the sailing instructions.
- 2.2 World Sailing Addendum Q will apply to Medal Races. The version to be used will be available on the World Sailing website on the first day of the event unless included in the sailing instructions.
- 2.3 No national authority prescriptions will apply.
- 2.4 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.
- 2.5 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority. Such advertising, if any, shall be displayed in accordance with the Sailing Instructions.
- 2.6 All competitors will be required to wear an adequate personal floatation device at all times while afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.
- 2.7 Boats will be required to display their national flag on their sail in accordance with the Class Rules.
- 2.8 Coach and support boat restrictions may be applied. These will be published in or with the Sailing Instructions.

**3. Eligibility and Entry**

- 3.1 Eligible competitors shall be current members of an IFA recognised National Finn Association. They shall complete on-site registration at the venue prior to 11 March 2018, unless the Organizing Authority extends this date.
- 3.2 The entry quota of Part C "Entry System for IFA Official Championships" of the Finn Class Constitution will apply. All entries shall be endorsed by the sailor relevant National Finn Association.
- 3.3 To be eligible for the U23 European Championship competitors shall be under 23 years old on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018
- 3.4 Entries shall be submitted online prior to 9 January 2018, unless extended by the Organizing Authority. The entry form is available at <http://2018.finneuropeans.org>
- 3.5 The Entry Fee is EUR 300 (including a EUR 90 IFA fee) and shall be paid in full by 9 January 2018 as detailed on the entry form.
- 3.6 After the 9<sup>th</sup> of January 2018, late entries may be accepted depending on quota available and after payment of a late entry fee of EUR 400.
- 3.7 An entry is not complete until any entry fees have been paid, the entry has been accepted by the Organizing Authority and the International Finn Association, and registration has been completed.
- 3.8 A valid measurement certificate for the boat entered shall be presented or its existence verified at on-site registration in accordance with RRS 78.2.
- 3.9 Coach and support boats will be required to register and pay a fee of EUR 75, after the 9<sup>th</sup> of January 2018, late entries may be accepted after payment of a late entry fee of EUR 100, be insured and comply with local regulations to be permitted to use launching and berthing at the venue. Registration may be completed on line through the event website. Payment is required by 9 January 2018.

**4. Competition Format**

- 4.1 Eleven races are scheduled, comprising a fleet series and a medal race or final race.



- 4.2 The ten boats ranked highest in the fleet series will be assigned to compete in the medal race, the remaining boats will be assigned to compete in the final race.
- 4.3 This format may be changed with the approval of the IFA and will be specified in the Sailing Instructions.

## 5. Event Schedule

- 5.1 The event schedule may be changed with the approval of the IFA and will be specified in the Sailing Instructions; however, the days allocated for racing will not be changed.

Date	Event	Time	Location
Friday 09 March	Measurement/Registration	09.30 – 19.30	High Performance Center F.A.V.
Saturday 10 March	AGM	09.30 -12.00	High Performance Center F.A.V.
	Measurement/Registration	11.00 – 19.00	Meeting Room
	Opening Ceremony	19.30	
Sunday 11 March	Measurement/Registration	08.30 – 18.00	High Performance Center F.A.V.
	Competitor's Meeting	12.00	
	Practice Race	14.30	
Monday 12 March	Racing	12.00	(2 races scheduled) First Warning Signal
Tuesday 13 March	Racing	12.00	(2 races scheduled) First Warning Signal
Wednesday 14 March	Racing	12.00	(2 races scheduled) First Warning Signal
Thursday, 15 March	Racing	12.00	(2 races scheduled) First Warning Signal
Friday, 16 March	Racing	12.00	(2 races scheduled) First Warning Signal
Saturday, 17 March	Medal Race and Final Race	12.00	First Warning Signal
	Closing Ceremony & Prize Giving	16.00	Last Warning Signal

## 6. Schedule of Races and Attendance at Ceremonies

- 6.1 Two races are scheduled for each day of racing, except for the final day when the Medal Race & Final Race are scheduled.
- 6.2 An additional race may be scheduled on any day to enable the full number of scheduled races to be sailed. A maximum of three races per day will be sailed. This schedule may be changed to fit with any changes to NOR 4 and 5 permitted by the IFA.
- 6.3 Succeeding races will be started as soon as practicable after the finish of the previous races.
- 6.4 No warning signal will be made after 1600 hours on Saturday, 17 March.
- 6.5 All participants are requested by the International Finn Class and the Organizing Authority to attend the Opening and Closing Ceremonies.

## 7. Measurement

- 7.1 Competitors shall present, or verify the existence of, valid certification documentation for their boat, including the Measurement Form and the Certificate with any Reweighing Form. The certification documentation may be retained by the Technical Committee for the duration of the event. If any document is a photocopy, its authenticity shall be confirmed with an original stamp and signature from the issuing authority, from the class database or by a scanned directly to the Organizing Authority document emailed from the issuing authority.
- 7.2 All boats shall undergo measurement of hulls, spars and sails as well as equipment checks according to the Finn Class Rules (Part F of the IFA Major Championship Event Manual) unless otherwise decided by the Technical Committee. All



measured equipment will be identified for the Championship and identified in accordance with instructions available at registration. Only identified equipment may be used during the Championship. [DP]

- 7.3 All items of equipment subject to event limitation control will be marked with the official event stamp or sticker. If a mark becomes unclear, insecure or lost, this shall be reported promptly to the Technical Committee so that the mark may be replaced before the next race or at the first reasonable opportunity. [DP]
- 7.4 All boats selected for full equipment inspection shall be presented for inspection with their full equipment, including sails, personal flotation device(s) and personal equipment.
- 7.5 Personal flotation device shall provide buoyancy in compliance with EN 393 or ISO 12402-5, level 50 or an equivalent. Personal flotation that relies on inflation devices to achieve buoyancy is not accepted.

## **8. Sailing Instructions**

- 8.1 The Sailing Instructions (SI) will be available at on-site registration. A preliminary version may be posted on the event website prior to this date.

## **9. Racing Area**

- 9.1 The intended race-course area will be in the Bay of Cadiz. See Attachment A.

## **10. Courses**

- 10.1 Courses will be as per the current IFA Championship Rules.

## **11. Scoring**

- 11.1 Four races shall be completed to constitute a valid Championship.
- 11.2 Five races shall be completed in the fleet series before a medal race or final race are scheduled.
- 11.3 The Low Point scoring system will be amended in the SI to account for medal races.
- 11.4 Scoring may be changed to fit with changes to NOR 4 and 5 permitted by the IFA

## **12. International Jury**

- 12.1 An International Jury will be appointed in accordance with RRS Appendix N and perform the duties listed in RRS N2.
- 12.2 Decisions of the Jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5

## **13. Prizes**

- 13.1 The class perpetual trophies will be awarded to the Winner of the Open European Championship and the Winner of the Open U23 European Championship. The first European will be crowned European Champion and the first U23 European sailor will be crowned U23 European Champion. Medals will be awarded to the top three Europeans in both divisions.
- 13.2 The Organizing Authority will provide prizes for the top 10 boats overall and top 5 sailors in the U23 division. Prizes will be awarded to the skippers finishing first in each race.

## **14. Insurance**

- 14.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of €1,000,000 or the equivalent thereof in any other currency for any one incident. By entering the event each competitor declares that they hold such insurance.
- 14.2 Insurance may be obtained during the on-site registration at the Race Office

## **15. Support Boats and Personnel**

- 15.1 All support boats (boats with support persons on board as defined by the RRS) shall be registered (see 3.8) with the Organising Authority and will be required to comply with local legislation and event support boat regulations or sailing instructions. The Organising Authority may refuse registrations and accept later registrations at their sole discretion.



- 15.2 All support boats shall clearly display the identification number provided by Organization Authority and the 3 letter national code of their World Sailing Member National Authority in contrasting colour to the background at all times while afloat. The minimum height for the letters shall be 200 mm and visible from both sides of the boat.
- 15.3 Registered support boats shall act as rescue boats in case of need. If the Race Committee displays flag V all support boats shall monitor VHF channel 69 and comply with requests from the Race Committee and any published Safety Procedures.

#### 16. Media Consent: Rights to use Names & Likenesses

- 16.1 Competitors and / or their Parents or Guardians automatically grant the Organizing Authority, the International Finn Association and any party to which they may delegate this right, without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show (including via the internet), any motion pictures, still pictures, live, taped or filmed television, or any other form of media, of or relating to the event.
- 16.2. Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment and positioning equipment as specified by the Organising Authority.
- 16.3. The top three competitors as well as the individual race winners may be required to attend a media press conference each day.
- 16.4. Competitors may be required for interviews at the regatta.

#### 17. Risk Statement

- 17.1 Rule 4 of the RRS states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone." Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:
- (a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
  - (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
  - (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
  - (d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
  - (e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the race organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
  - (f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
  - (g) The fact that the Race Committee conducts inspections, or not, of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race.

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**ATTACHMENT A**

