



Women's Finnish Match Racing National Championship

September 23rd – 24th

NOTICE OF RACE

1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority (OA) will HSS Helsingfors Segelsällskap.

2 VENUE

The venue will be Liuskasaari, Helsinki, Finland.

3 EVENT GRADING

The event has applied for World Sailing Grade 3.

This grading is subject to review by World Sailing. The event may be re-graded when there is clear reason to do so.

4 PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

4.1 Schedule

- (a) Race office open from 14:00 until 20:00 on the day prior to the event and on the racing days from 8:00 until the skippers' meeting.
- (b) Registration will take place prior to the first race at the race office which is open as described in 4.1(a).
- (c) Crew weighing at the race office which is open as described in 4.1(a).
- (d) Practice from 10:00 until 20:00 on the day prior to the first racing day.
- (e) First briefing at 9:00 on the first racing day.
- (f) First meeting with umpires following the first briefing.
- (g) *(removed)*
- (h) Racing days are 23rd and 24th of September.
- (i) Time of the first race each day will be at or around 10:00.
- (j) The latest time for an attention signal on the last day of racing will be approximately 19:00.
- (k) Daily press conference, if any, is one hour after the last race of each day.
- (l) Prize giving as soon as possible after last race.
- (m) Social dinner for teams on the evening of September 23rd.

4.2 Unless excused by the OA, attendance at the following is mandatory:

- (a) Initial briefing for skippers.
- (b) Daily briefing, for skippers.
- (c) Daily press conferences, if there is one, for skippers sailing that day.
- (d) Social dinner.
- (e) Prize giving for the final skippers and crews.

5 SKIPPERS ELIGIBILITY

5.1 This Women's Finnish Championship is a women's event and all skippers and crew shall be female.

A maximum of twelve (12) skippers will be invited. Only skippers invited by the OA will be eligible to enter this event. Skippers will be invited on the order of their ISAF ranking position 30 days before the event. However, the OA may issue four (4) wild cards. If an already confirmed skipper cancels her registration the OA will issue additional wild cards.

All participating Finnish skippers and crewmembers must be members of the Finnish Matchrace Association.

The OA must receive a request for invitation by the 2nd of September 2017. Requests for invitation should be addressed to: womensnationals@swanson.fi The email should have the subject "Request for Invitation: Women's Nationals"

Requests for invitation should include the following information:

- 1) ***Skipper Name***
- 2) ***Skipper's World Sailing Sailor ID***
- 3) ***Any dietary restrictions for sailors***

Invited skippers will receive their invitation by the 4th of September and they must confirm their participation by the 8th of September.

- 5.2 The registered skipper shall helm the boat at all times while racing, except in an emergency.
- 5.3 To remain eligible a skipper shall confirm acceptance of the invitation in writing (by email) to be received by the date specified on the letter of invitation.
- 5.4 *(removed)*
- 5.5 All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of World Sailing regulation 19.2.
- 5.6 All competitors shall obtain an World Sailing Sailor ID by registering online at www.sailing.org/isafsailor. Skippers shall inform the OA of their World Sailing Sailor ID at registration.
- 5.7 International competitors are eligible to compete, however they will not be eligible for the Finnish Championship title or perpetual trophies.

6 ENTRIES

6.1 Entering

- (a) The team shall be entered on completion of registration, crew weighing and the payment of all fees and deposits. All payments shall be made in euros or by major credit card.

6.2 Entry Fee

A non-refundable entry fee of 400 € shall be paid by September 17th, 2017 using the payment link provided within the invitation.

This entry fee includes the social dinner for the teams on the evening of September 24th.

The entry fee is discounted by 25 € for each crewmember who is a member of HSS Sailing Center.

6.3 Withdrawal

When a skipper accepts an invitation and later withdraws or leaves the event before the end without written approval from the OA, a zero score may be applied to their Ranking points for that event by World Sailing. (World Sailing Regulation 27.2)

6.4 Damage deposit

- (a) An initial damage deposit of 1 000 € shall be signed at registration, unless extended by the OA. This deposit is the maximum payable by the skipper as a result of any one incident.
- (b) If a deduction from the damage deposit is decided by the OA, it may require that the deposit be restored to its original amount before the skipper will be permitted to continue in the event.
- (c) Any remaining deposit after the event will be refunded within 10 days after the event.

7 RULES

- 7.1 (a) The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the RRS, including Appendix C.
- (b) The rules for the handling of boats will apply, and will also apply to any practice sailing and sponsor races. Class rules will not apply.
- (c) Any prescriptions of the national authority that will apply will be posted on the official notice board.

7.2 Major Alterations to the RRS

- (a) Add to RRS 41: (e) help to recover from the water and return on board a crew member, provided the return on board is at the approximate location of the recovery.
- (b) RRS C8.6 and C6.3 will be changed in the sailing instructions.

8 BOATS AND SAILS

- 8.1 The event will be sailed in Elliott 6m type boats.
- 8.2 6 boats will be provided.
- 8.3 The following sails will be provided for each boat: Mainsail, Jib, Spinnaker.
- 8.4 Boats will be allocated by draw, either daily or for each round as decided by the race committee.

9 CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)

9.1 The number of crew (including the skipper) shall be 3. All registered crew shall sail all races.

9.2 Crew Weighing

(a) The total weight of the crew, including the skipper, dressed in at least shorts and shirts, shall not exceed 204 kg, determined at the time of registration or such time as required by the RC.

9.3 Crew weight may be checked during the regatta. At any re-weighing the total weight limit is increased by 10 kg. Any crew weighing in excess of this increased limit shall not be penalized, but they shall reduce their weight to the increased weight limit before racing again.

9.4 When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event the OA may authorize an original crew member to substitute.

9.5 When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event the OA may authorize a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment.

10 EVENT FORMAT

10.1 Skippers will be seeded into a round robin or divided into two groups based on World Sailing ranking of the skipper 30 days prior to the event.

10.2 The event will consist of the following stages:

Stage 1 - Full round robin or a round robin in groups.

Stage 2 - Semi Finals (Knockout, first to score 2 points goes to Finals)

Stage 3 – Finals & Petit Finals

10.3 The RC may change the format, terminate any stage or the event when, in its opinion, it is impractical to attempt to hold the remainder of matches under the existing conditions or in the remaining time scheduled. Early stages may be terminated in favor of later stages.

11 COURSE

11.1 The course will be windward/leeward with starboard roundings, finishing downwind.

11.2 The intended course area will be South of Liuskasaari, Helsinki.

12 ADVERTISING

12.1 As boats and equipment will be supplied by the Organizing Authority, World Sailing regulation 20.4 applies. Each boat will be required to display advertising as supplied by the OA.

12.3 Competitors may be permitted to display advertising ashore at the venue, but this is subject to individual negotiation with the OA.

12.4 Boats shall not be permitted the right to protest for breaches of any rules regarding advertising (amends RRS 60.1).

13 PRIZES

13.1 The Finnish teams finishing in 1 – 3 places may receive championship medals.

The best Finnish team will earn the title Women's Finnish Champion.

14 MEDIA, IMAGES and SOUND

14.1 If required by the OA:

- (b) Competitors shall wear microphones supplied by the OA during racing and be available for interviews when advised by the OA or RC.
- (c) Registered skippers shall wear communications equipment supplied by the OA that will allow commentators to communicate with them whilst racing.

14.2 Competitors shall not interfere with the normal working of the OA supplied media equipment.

14.3 The OA have the right to use any images and sound recorded during the event free of any charge.

15 COACH BOATS

15.1 Coach boats shall conspicuously display identification of the team being coached.

15.4 The OA may provide berths for coach boats upon request.

15.5 Any interference by a coach boat with the racing or event organization may result in a penalty applied at the discretion of the PC to the associated skipper or team

16 OTHER REQUIREMENTS

16.1 During racing, standby teams may be required to participate in race organizing.

17 DISCLAIMER

All those taking any part in the event do so at their own risk. The OA, its associates and appointees accept no responsibility for any loss, damage, injury or inconvenience incurred, howsoever caused.

18 INVITATIONS

Entries will only be accepted from invited skippers. If you wish to be invited please register your request for an invitation as soon as possible by sending the following information to womensnationals@swanson.fi The email should have the subject "Request for Invitation: Women's Nationals"

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