



CHAMPIONSHIP RULES



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INTERNATIONAL MELGES 24 **WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP RULES**

The Melges Performance Sailboats Trophy

The International Melges 24 World Championship is raced for the Melges Performance Sailboats Trophy. This trophy was presented in 1998 by the Melges family of Melges Boatworks, Zenda, USA. to the International Melges 24 Class as the World Championship Perpetual Trophy.

In agreement with the Committee of the International Melges 24 Class Association the Melges Performance Sailboats Trophy will be the perpetual trophy of the Melges 24 European Championship.

Rules

- 1 The World Championships shall be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, the rules of the Melges 24 World Championship, the International Melges 24 Class Event Regulations, and any amendments thereto approved in writing by the IMCA and in force one month prior to the date the Notice of Race is issued.

Frequency

- 2 The Championship shall be held annually.

Venue

- 3 The Championship shall take place in the following areas in as decided by the IMCA World Council:-

Europe

America

North and South American continents, Bermuda and the Caribbean.

Australia

Asia

- 4 Countries having an active National Melges 24 Fleet and National Class Association, shall be entitled to apply to run the World Championship, the International Melges 24 Class Association shall make the venue selection.

Entries

- 5 The event is an open event with no entry restrictions. If the number of entries exceeds 100, consideration may be given to divided fleets in consultation with the IMCA.
- 6 Entry shall be from individual crews.
- 7 The names of helmsman, crew and boat shall be in the hands of the organising authority at least 20 days before the first race.

Eligibility

- 8 The owner and helmsman shall be current members of their National Melges 24 Class Association.
- 9 The owner and helmsman shall be members of a yacht club recognised by the National Authority of the country in which they are resident.
- 10 Helmsmen and crew may be substituted during a series for good and sufficient reason if approved by the Jury.
- 11 For the purposes of entry "resident" means a passport holder of that country.

Measurement

- 12 Entries shall be limited to boats holding a valid certificate of measurement, which shall be inspected by the organising authority.
- 13 Boats and sails may be subject to event equipment inspection in accordance with the International Melges 24 Class Rules and the IMCA Technical Committee instructions.
- 14 The organisers shall appoint a Chief Event Equipment Inspector as per the requirements of the Event Regulations.

Course

- 15 The type of course shall be of a windward - Leeward configuration.

Number of Races

16 The championship shall comprise either:

10 or 12 races of which the score of one may be discarded if 6 or more races are completed. If less than 5 races are sailed the Trophy shall not be awarded.

OR:

When the fleet is split a 12 race series with 2 races per day for the first three days to provide a gold and silver fleet and then 2 races per day for the remaining 3 days for the championship. One race may be discarded from the first six races and then subsequently one discarded from the overall series. If less than 5 races are sailed the Trophy shall not be awarded.

A spare day shall not be scheduled for the last day of the regatta series.

Jury

17 The organising authority shall appoint an International Jury - as per the requirements of *The Racing Rules of Sailing* and the Event Regulations.

Prizes

18 The title of World Champion shall be awarded to the helmsman who has won the Championship.

19 The trophy shall be held by the winning helmsman or owner until the next championship, but will remain the property of the donor. It will be the responsibility of the holder to see that the trophy is cared for and in the hands of the organising authority by the start of the next Championship.

20 Trophies shall be provided for the winning helmsmen and crew of at least the first 8 boats.

Interpretation

21 These rules shall be subject to interpretation and amendment by the Trophy Donor if appropriate and the Committee of the International Melges 24 Class Association by mutual agreement.

INTERNATIONAL MELGES 24 **NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP** **RULES**

The Trophy

Rules

- 1 The North American Championships shall be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, the rules of the Melges 24 North American Championship, the International Melges 24 Class Event Regulations and any amendments thereto approved in writing by the IMCA and in force one month prior to the date the Notice of Race is issued.

Frequency

- 2 The Championship shall be held when the World Championships are not on the North American Continent.

Venue

- 3 The races shall be organised in accordance with a schedule decided by the IMCA World Council.
- 4 North American Districts having an active National Melges 24 Fleet shall be entitled to apply to run the North American Championship; the International Melges 24 Class Association shall make the venue selection.
- 5 The Championship shall be held at the same venue as the subsequent world championships to ensure that the race team and club are prepared for the World Championships.

Entries

- 5 The event is an open event with no entry restrictions. If the number of entries exceeds 100, consideration may be given to divided fleets in consultation with the IMCA.
- 6 Entry shall be from individual crews.
- 7 The names of helmsman, crew and boat shall be in the hands of the organising authority at least 20 days before the first race.

Eligibility

- 8 The owner and helmsman shall be current members of their National Melges 24 Class Association.
- 9 The owner and helmsman shall be members of a yacht club recognised by the National Authority of the country in which they are resident.
- 10 Helmsmen and crew may be substituted during a series for good and sufficient reason if approved by the Jury.
- 11 For the purposes of entry "resident" means a passport holder of that country.

Measurement

- 12 Entries shall be limited to boats holding a valid certificate of measurement, which shall be inspected by the organising authority.
- 13 Boats and sails may be subject to event equipment inspection in accordance with the International Melges 24 Class Rules and the IMCA Technical Committee instructions.
- 14 The organisers shall appoint a Chief Event Equipment Inspector as per the requirements of the Event Regulations.

Course

- 15 The type of course shall be of a windward - Leeward configuration.

Number of Races

- 16 The championship shall comprise either:
- 10 or 12 races of which the score of one may be discarded if 6 or more races are completed. If less than 5 races are sailed the Trophy shall not be awarded

OR:

When the fleet is split a 12 race series with 2 races per day for the first three days to provide a gold and silver fleet and then 2 races per day for

the remaining 3 days for the championship. One race may be discarded from the first six races and then subsequently one discarded from the overall series. If less than 5 races are sailed the Trophy shall not be awarded.

A spare day cannot be scheduled for the last day of the regatta series

Jury

- 17 The organising authority shall appoint an International Jury - as per the requirements of *The_Racing Rules of Sailing* and the Event Regulations.

Prizes

- 18 The title of North American Champion will be awarded to the Helmsman who has won the Championship
- 19 The trophy shall be held by the winning helmsman or owner until the next championship, but will remain the property of the donor. It will be the responsibility of the holder to see that the trophy is cared for and in the hands of the organising authority by the start of the next Championship.
- 20 Trophies shall also be presented to the helmsman and crew of at least the first 8 placed boats.

Interpretation

- 21 These rules shall be subject to interpretation and amendment by the Trophy Donor if appropriate and the Committee of the International Melges 24 Class Association by mutual agreement.

INTERNATIONAL MELGES 24 **EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP RULES**

The Giorgio Zuccoli Trophy

The International Melges 24 European Championship is raced for the Giorgio Zuccoli Trophy. The trophy is assigned to the International Melges 24 Class, but remains the property of the Zuccoli family.

In agreement with the Committee of the International Melges 24 Class Association the Giorgio Zuccoli Trophy" will be the perpetual trophy of the Melges 24 European Championship.

Rules

1. The European Championships shall be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, the Rules of the Melges 24 European Championship, the International Melges 24 Class Event Regulations and any amendments thereto approved in writing by the IMCA, and in force one month prior to the date the Notice of Race is issued.

Frequency

2. The Championship shall be held every year in which the World Championships are on another continent.

Venue

3. The races shall be organised in accordance with a schedule decided by the IMCA World Council.
4. European countries having an active National Melges 24 Fleet and National Class Association, shall be entitled to apply to run the European Championship, the International Melges 24 Class Association shall make the venue selection.

Entries

5. The event is an open event with no entry restrictions. If the number of entries exceeds 100, consideration may be given to divided fleets in consultation with the IMCA.

6. Entry shall be from individual crews.
7. The names of helmsman, crew and boat shall be in the hands of the organising authority at least 20 days before the first race.

Eligibility

8. The owner and helmsman shall be current members of their National Melges 24 Class Association.
9. The owner and helmsman shall be members of a yacht club recognised by the National Authority of the country in which they are resident.
10. Helmsmen and crew may be substituted during a series for good and sufficient reason if approved by the Jury.
11. For the purposes of entry "resident" means a passport holder of that country.

Measurement

12. Entries shall be limited to boats holding a valid certificate of measurement, which shall be inspected by the organising authority.
13. Boats and sails may be subject to event equipment inspection in accordance with the International Melges 24 Class Rules and the IMCA Technical Committee's instructions.
14. The organisers shall appoint a Chief Event Equipment Inspector as per the requirements of the Event Regulations.

Course

15. The type of course shall be of a windward - leeward configuration.

Number of Races

16. The championship shall comprise either:
17. 10 or 12 races of which the score of one may be discarded if 6 or more races are completed. If less than 5 races are sailed the Trophy shall not be awarded

OR:

When the fleet is split a 12 race series with 2 races per day for the first three days to provide a gold and silver fleet and then 2 races per day for

the remaining 3 days for the championship. One race may be discarded from the first six races and then subsequently one discarded from the overall series. If less than 5 races are sailed the Trophy shall not be awarded.

A spare day cannot be scheduled for the last day of the regatta series

Jury

18. The organising authority shall appoint an International Jury - as per the requirements of *The Racing Rules of Sailing* and the Event Regulations.

Trophy and Prizes

19. The title of European Champion will be awarded to the Helmsman who has won the Championship.
20. The trophy shall be held by the winning helmsman or owner until the next championship, but will remain the property of the donor. It will be the responsibility of the holder to see that the trophy is cared for and in the hands of the organising authority by the start of the next Championship.
21. Trophies shall also be presented to the helmsman and crew of at least the first 8 placed boats.

Interpretation

22. These rules shall be subject to interpretation and amendment by the Trophy Donor if appropriate and the Committee of the International Melges 24 Class Association by mutual agreement.

INTERNATIONAL MELGES 24 **AUSTRALASIAN CHAMPIONSHIP RULES**

The Trophy

Rules

1. The Australasian Championships shall be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, the rules of the Melges 24 Australian Championship, the International Melges 24 Class Event Regulations and any amendments thereto approved in writing by the IMCA and in force one month prior to the date the Notice of Race is issued.

Frequency

2. The Championship shall be held when the World Championships are not on the Australasian Continent.

Venue

3. The races shall be organised in accordance with a schedule decided by the IMCA World Council.
4. Australasian Nations having an active National Melges 24 Fleet shall be entitled to apply to run the Australasian Championship; the International Melges 24 Class Association shall make the venue selection.
5. The Championship shall be held at the same venue as any subsequent World Championships to ensure that the race team and club are prepared for the World Championships.

Entries

6. The event is an open event with no entry restrictions. If the number of entries exceeds 100, consideration may be given to divided fleets in consultation with the IMCA.
7. Entry shall be from individual crews.
8. The names of helmsman, crew and boat shall be in the hands of the organising authority at least 20 days before the first race.

Eligibility

9. The owner and helmsman shall be current members of their National Melges 24 Class Association.
10. The owner and helmsman shall be members of a yacht club recognised by the National Authority of the country in which they are resident.
11. Helmsmen and crew may be substituted during a series for good and sufficient reason if approved by the Jury.
12. For the purposes of entry "resident" means a passport holder of that country.

Measurement

13. Entries shall be limited to boats holding a valid certificate of measurement, which shall be inspected by the organising authority.
14. Boats and sails may be subject to event equipment inspection in accordance with the International Melges 24 Class Rules and the IMCA Technical Committee instructions.
15. The organisers shall appoint a Chief Event Equipment Inspector as per the requirements of the Event Regulations.

Course

16. The type of course shall be of a windward - Leeward configuration.

Number of Races

17. The championship shall comprise either:
18. 10 or 12 races of which the score of one may be discarded if 6 or more races are completed. If less than 5 races are sailed the Trophy shall not be awarded

OR:

When the fleet is split a 12 race series with 2 races per day for the first three days to provide a gold and silver fleet and then 2 races per day for the remaining 3 days for the championship. One race may be discarded from the first six races and then subsequently one discarded from the

overall series. If less than 5 races are sailed the Trophy shall not be awarded.

A spare day cannot be scheduled for the last day of the regatta series

Jury

19. The organising authority shall appoint an International Jury - as per the requirements of *The Racing Rules of Sailing* and the Event Regulations.

Prizes

20. The title of Australian Champion will be awarded to the Helmsman who has won the Championship
21. The trophy shall be held by the winning helmsman or owner until the next championship, but will remain the property of the donor. It will be the responsibility of the holder to see that the trophy is cared for and in the hands of the organising authority by the start of the next Championship.
22. Trophies shall also be presented to the helmsman and crew of at least the first 8 placed boats.

Interpretation

23. These rules shall be subject to interpretation and amendment by the Trophy Donor if appropriate and the Committee of the International Melges 24 Class Association by mutual agreement.

INTERNATIONAL MELGES 24 **ASIAN CHAMPIONSHIP RULES**

The Trophy

Rules

1. The Asian Championships shall be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, the rules of the Melges 24 Asian Championship, the International Melges 24 Class Event Regulations and any amendments thereto approved in writing by the IMCA and in force one month prior to the date the Notice of Race is issued.

Frequency

2. The Championship shall be held when the World Championships are not on the Asian Continent.

Venue

3. The races shall be organised in accordance with a schedule decided by the IMCA World Council.
4. Asian countries having an active National Melges 24 Fleet shall be entitled to apply to run the Asian Championship; the International Melges 24 Class Association shall make the venue selection.
5. The Championship shall be held at the same venue as any subsequent world championships to ensure that the race team and club are prepared for the World Championships.

Entries

6. The event is an open event with no entry restrictions. If the number of entries exceeds 100, consideration may be given to divided fleets in consultation with the IMCA.
7. Entry shall be from individual crews.
8. The names of helmsman, crew and boat shall be in the hands of the organising authority at least 20 days before the first race.

Eligibility

9. The owner and helmsman shall be current members of their National Melges 24 Class Association.
10. The owner and helmsman shall be members of a yacht club recognised by the National Authority of the country in which they are resident.
11. Helmsmen and crew may be substituted during a series for good and sufficient reason if approved by the Jury.
12. For the purposes of entry "resident" means a passport holder of that country.

Measurement

13. Entries shall be limited to boats holding a valid certificate of measurement, which shall be inspected by the organising authority.
13. Boats and sails may be subject to event equipment inspection in accordance with the International Melges 24 Class Rules and the IMCA Technical Committee instructions.
14. The organisers shall appoint a Chief Event Equipment Inspector as per the requirements of the Event Regulations.

Course

15. The type of course shall be of a windward - Leeward configuration.

Number of Races

16. The championship shall comprise either:
17. 10 or 12 races of which the score of one may be discarded if 6 or more races are completed. If less than 5 races are sailed the Trophy shall not be awarded

OR:

When the fleet is split a 12 race series with 2 races per day for the first three days to provide a gold and silver fleet and then 2 races per day for the remaining 3 days for the championship. One race may be discarded

from the first six races and then subsequently one discarded from the overall series. If less than 5 races are sailed the Trophy shall not be awarded.

A spare day cannot be scheduled for the last day of the regatta series

Jury

18. The organising authority shall appoint an International Jury - as per the requirements of *The Racing Rules of Sailing* and the Event Regulations.

Prizes

19. The title of Asia Champion will be awarded to the Helmsman who has won the Championship
20. The trophy shall be held by the winning helmsman or owner until the next championship, but will remain the property of the donor. It will be the responsibility of the holder to see that the trophy is cared for and in the hands of the organising authority by the start of the next Championship.
21. Trophies shall also be presented to the helmsman and crew of at least the first 8 placed boats.

Interpretation

22. These rules shall be subject to interpretation and amendment by the Trophy Donor if appropriate and the Committee of the International Melges 24 Class Association by mutual agreement.

INTERNATIONAL MELGES 24 CLASS **CORINTHIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Rules

- 1 The Corinthian Trophies shall be awarded as part of other International and Continental Championships. Racing shall be governed by the rules that apply to those Championships.

Event Trophies

- 2 The trophies are as follows:

World: "The Challenge Henri Samuel Trophy"

European: "The Menno Meyer European Corinthian Trophy"

North American:

Australasian:

Asian:

Entries

- 3 The event is open to crews who fulfil the requirements of eligibility.
- 4 Entries shall be declared on the entry form for the event.

Eligibility

- 5 The ISAF Sailors Classification Code shall be used.
- 6 The helmsman and crew shall all meet the requirements of Group 1.
- 7 Burden of proof shall rest with the individual sailor.
- 8 Helmsmen and crew may be substituted during a series for good and sufficient reason if approved by the Jury.

Prizes

- 9 The trophy shall be held by the winning helmsman until the next championship, but will remain the property of the donor. It will be the responsibility of the holder to see that the trophy is in the hands of the organising authority by the start of the next Championship.
- 10 Trophies shall be provided for the winning helmsmen and crew of at least the first Corinthian crewed 6 boats.

Interpretation

- 11 These rules will be subject to interpretation and amendment by the IMCA