



Notice of Race

2022 Australian Laser Open & Youth Championships

1 – 8 January 2022

Venue: Fremantle, Western Australia, Australia

Organising Authority: Fremantle Sailing Club (FSC), Western Australian Laser Association (WALA) and the Australian Laser Class Association (ALCA)

1. RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 2 Off the Beach boats shall apply.
- 1.3 ILCA class rule 7 (a) is restricted as follows: "Only one person (the registered sailor) shall be on board while racing."
- 1.4 RRS Appendix P "Special Procedures for Rule 42" will apply with changes to include allowing a National Jury initiated redress, a points penalty for a first penalty given after finishing and to prohibit a boat that has been disqualified for a RRS 42 infringement or has retired in recognition of a RRS 42 infringement from sailing in the race if that race is restarted or re-sailed.
- 1.5 RRS Appendix T "Arbitration" will apply.
- 1.6 In all rules governing this event.
 - (a) (DP) denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the protest committee; and
 - (b) (NP) denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 1.7 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2. ADVERTISING (DP, NP)

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

3. ENTRY REGULATIONS

- 3.1 Only current, fully paid members of the International Laser Class Association and of a World Sailing member national authority may enter the event. These memberships shall be with the ILCA Fleet/District Association and with the World Sailing member national authority of the country, where the sailor normally sails, even though such place may not be their permanent residence; however, such member, for any valid reason and with the approval of both District Chairperson, may select instead the Fleet/District and the World Sailing member national authority in which he has permanent residence in accordance with the ILCA Constitution, Article 10 (3) and the ILCA Class Rules, Part Two, Article 9. The sailor can only be member of one ILCA Fleet/District Association.
- 3.2 Crew substitution of the registered sailor is not permitted.
- 3.3 No resale or transfer of entries is allowed.
- 3.4 Eligibility for Youth and Junior Divisions is the competitor's age as at 31st December 2022 and the Divisions are as follows:

Class	Division	Criteria	Birth Year
Laser 4.7	Junior	Under 16	2007 & later
	Youth	Under 18	2005 & 2006
Laser Radial	Junior	Under 17	2006 & later
	Youth	Under 19	2004 & 2005
	Under 21	Under 21	2002 & later
Laser Standard	Men	Under 21	2002 & later

3.5 COVID PROVISIONS

- (a) The ALCA has issued a policy in regards to COVID-19 and ALCA events covering this Championship.
- (b) This policy includes a provision that if restrictions on attendance apply anywhere in Australia on 1st January 2022, then this Championship can revert to a Regatta and no cubes or perpetual trophies shall be awarded.

- (c) In the event that the Organising Authority declares that this event is no longer an Australian Championship and reverts to a Regatta, any boat that has entered can request their entry be rescinded. In this event the organising authority will use reasonable endeavors to refund as much of the entry fee as possible, though the amount of any such refunds cannot be guaranteed.
- (d) The Organising Committee can make this declaration at any time up to 1st January 2022 via a notice on the regatta website (www.auslasernationals.com.au) or via the Australian Laser app.

4. ENTRY

- 4.1 Entries will be accepted via the Australian Lasers App and at: www.clubops.com.au/event/GHJOV
- 4.2 The entry closing date is 30 November 2021.
- 4.3 The entry fee is AUD\$395.
- 4.4 The entry fee includes one ticket to each of the Welcome Function and Presentation Function.
- 4.5 Entries completed after the entry closing date may be accepted solely at the discretion of the organising authority and upon payment of a late entry fee of AUD\$495 (AUD\$395 + AUD\$100).

5. CHARTER BOATS

- 5.1 A limited number of charter boats will be provided by NB Sailsports for this event. These can be booked on the NB Sailsports web site or by contacting them.
www.nbsailsports.com.au
 Phone: 02 9371 7475
 Mobile: 0432 823 872
 Email: info@nbsailsports.com.au
- 5.2 The pricing and conditions of the charter are as set by NB Sailsports. The Organising Authority is not involved in any charter boat transactions.
- 5.3 If other charter options eventuate these will be publicised on the Australian Laser App and on the event web site.

6. BOATS AND EQUIPMENT (NP, DP)

- 6.1 The event will be sailed in Laser class sailboats as recognised by World Sailing, commonly sold under the brand name "ILCA" or "Laser." All boats must have a valid World Sailing plaque attached in accordance with the ILCA Class Rules to the aft face of the cockpit.
- 6.2 All competitors shall use only one hull, sail, batten set, mast, boom, centreboard and rudder; all of which shall be identified during equipment inspection.
- 6.3 In the event of damage, boats and equipment may only be substituted with the written permission of the event equipment inspector in accordance with the sailing instructions.
- 6.4 For the purposes of RRS G1.1, sails shall display the national letters of the World Sailing member national authority under which the entry was accepted. This changes RRS G1.1.
- 6.5 When ashore boats shall be kept in their assigned places at the venue.
- 6.6 Boats may be required to display identification numbers and fleet identification colors supplied by the organising authority.
- 6.7 Access to the boat park may be restricted during certain hours including the hours of darkness.

7. RACING FORMAT

- 7.1 The entries may be split into fleets and if so will sail a qualifying series followed by a final series.
- 7.2 If four races have not been completed by the end of the third scheduled racing day the qualifying series will continue until the end of the racing day in which a fourth qualifying race is completed.
- 7.3 A qualifying series race will not count until all qualifying series fleets have completed that race.

8. SCHEDULE

- 8.1 Twelve races are scheduled.
- 8.2

1 st January	Registration & Measurement	0900hrs - 1800hrs
2 nd January	Registration & Measurement	0800hrs - 1130hrs
	Competitor Meeting	1130hrs
	Registration & Measurement	1300hrs – 1700hrs
	Practice Race	1430hrs
	Welcome Function	1800hrs
3 rd January	Racing – 2 races	1330hrs
4 th January	Racing – 2 races	1330hrs
5 th January	Racing – 2 races	1330hrs
6 th January	Racing – 2 races	1330hrs
7 th January	Racing – 2 races	1330hrs
8 th January	Racing – 2 races	1230hrs
	Presentation Function	1900hrs

- 8.3 Each day succeeding races will be started as soon as practicable after the finish of the previous race.
- 8.4 On the last day of the championship, no warning signal will be made after 1500.

9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available via the Australian Lasers App.

10. RACE OFFICE

The race office is located at FSC.

11. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION (NP, DP)

- 11.1 Information on equipment inspection will be posted on the official notice board. Boats shall be presented with all equipment that shall be used in the event, with the bottom mast and boom with all control lines rigged and with the sail and top section derigged ready for inspection.
- 11.2 Wet clothing and equipment inspections may be made throughout the event at the discretion of the class representative, race committee or the protest committee.
- 11.3 Dollies will be shared during the regatta. All boats shall be presented at measurement on serviceable dollies. 'Serviceable' specifically includes being fitted with tyres at least 60 mm wide (or equivalent) and having adequate padding. Any boat presented with an unsatisfactory or unserviceable dolly will be refused entry at measurement.

12. COACH REGISTRATION & TEAM/COACH/SUPPORT BOATS (NP, DP)

- 12.1 All coach/support boats shall pre-register via the Australian Lasers App before or on 2 January 2022.
- 12.2 All coach/support boat drivers shall confirm registration of their boats and submit the names and sails numbers of the sailors they are supporting at the race office before 1830 on 2 January 2022.
- 12.3 Each coach/support boat shall clearly display an identification number supplied at registration. No other individual support boats shall be used.
- 12.4 Each coach/support boat is required to carry a VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving all international ship-to-ship channels.
- 12.5 Coach/support boat drivers and crews shall wear a personal flotation device securely fastened at all times when afloat except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices.
- 12.6 When the coach/support boat engine is running, coach/support boat drivers shall be connected to a device that will stop the engine if the boat driver falls out the boat or is otherwise not in control of the boat.
- 12.7 The movements of coach/support boats will be restricted as defined in the sailing instructions.
- 12.8 There will be a coach meeting at the race office 2.5 hours before the first scheduled start time of the first race each day. The objectives of these meetings are to receive feedback from the coaches on the event organization, exchange points of view and inform the coaches about changes in the sailing instructions and event organization in general.

13. COURSES

Trapezoid courses will be used. The target time for the first boat in each race will be 50 minutes.

14. NATIONAL JURY

A National Jury will be appointed and approval for denial of right of appeal will be applied for to Australian Sailing. An approval letter will be displayed on the Official Notice Board.

15. RADIO COMMUNICATION (DP)

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

16. SAFETY (DP)

Each competitor shall wear a personal flotation device at all times when afloat except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices.

17. SCORING

- 17.1 Six races are required to be completed to constitute a championship.
- 17.2 When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores.
- 17.3 When six to nine races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 17.4 When ten or more races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
- 17.5 All Division prizes will be awarded based on the ranking of competitors in the overall results of the applicable Class.

18. TITLES & PRIZES

- 18.1 Laser class cubes and prizes shall be awarded in accordance with the ILCA Honour Award By-Law.
- 18.2 Only Australian residents shall be eligible for Laser class perpetual trophies. An Australian resident is one who meets all eligibility requirements for residency and who reasonably satisfies the Organising Authority of their long-term residency of at least one year.
- 18.3 Australian Championships Perpetual trophies will be awarded in accordance with ALCA policy.
- 18.4 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.
- 18.5 Where competitors in several age categories start together the age category results will be extracted and calculated separately.

19. PHOTOGRAPHY CONSENT

By entering the event competitors accept that they may be photographed and/or videotaped participating in the event and/or using the event facilities and they consent to the taking of such images and to the use, reuse, publication and republication of such images in any media, in conjunction with the competitors name or not, without compensation and without the competitors approval of such images or any use thereof.

20. LIABILITY AND INDEMNIFICATION

- 20.1 The Organising Authority and all their officers, members and volunteers do not accept liability for loss of life or property, or personal injury or damage caused by or arising out of the event. Competitors take part in the event at their own risk.
- 20.2 The establishment of the notice of race and the sailing instructions in no way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibilities of a competitor being solely and entirely responsible for the management of a boat he is sailing.
- 20.3 All competitors shall maintain their boats in a safe and seaworthy condition.
- 20.4 A competitor shall be of good health and a competent sailor capable of racing a Laser Standard, Laser Radial or Laser 4.7 in open water in all conditions including strong winds.
- 20.5 At-fault occurrences to other boats are the responsibility of the helmsman. Competitors are not covered by any liability insurance provided by the organising authority and should provide their own coverage for personal goods and liability protection. The organising authority recommends that competitors consult their own insurance carriers to assure they are covered at this event and regarding additional personal liability insurance coverage.
- 20.6 A competitor is recommended to have personal accident and health insurance that covers him while attending the event and while racing.
- 20.7 To the fullest extent permitted by law, each competitor agrees to indemnify and hold the Organising Authority, owners, affiliates, officers, employees, agents, committee persons and race officials acting in their official capacities harmless, from any third party claim to the extent arising from a competitor's acts or omissions.

21. CHANGES TO THE NOTICE OF RACE

This notice of race may be subject to amendments which will be posted via the Australian Laser App and event website.