



2016 Junior and Senior Finn Open European Championships

UNIÓ DE FEDERACIONS ESPORTIVES DE CATALUNYA, FEDERACIÓ CATALANA DE VELA,
REIAL CLUB NÀUTIC DE BARCELONA, REIAL CLUB MARITIM DE BARCELONA, REAL
FEDERACIÓN ESPAÑOLA DE VELA

04 March 2016 to 12 March 2016

NOTICE OF RACE

1. Organizing Authority and Venue

- 1.1 The 2016 Junior and Senior Finn Open European Championships will be held from 04 March to 12 March, 2016 in Barcelona, Spain.
- 1.2 The Organizing Authority is the Unió de Federacions Esportives de Catalunya, Federació Catalana de Vela, Reial Club Nàutic de Barcelona, Reial Club Marítim de Barcelona, Real Federacion Española de Vela in conjunction with the 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 International Finn Class Major Championship rules. These may be changed, where permitted, by the sailing instructions.
- 2.2 ISAF Addendum Q will apply to Medal Races. The version to be used will be available on the ISAF 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 6 March 2016, unless the Organizing Authority extends this date.
- 3.2 The entry quota of Part D "Entry System for IFA Official Championships" of the Finn Class Rules will apply.
- 3.3 To be eligible for the Junior European Championship competitors shall not have been born before 1 January 1994.
- 3.4 Entries shall be submitted online prior to 1 February 2016, unless extended by the Organizing Authority. The entry form is available at 2016.finneuropeans.org
- 3.5 The Entry Fee is EUR 200 and shall be paid in full by 1 February 2016 as detailed on the entry form.
- 3.6 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.
- 3.7 Valid measurement certificates shall be presented or their existence verified at on-site registration in accordance with RRS 78.2.





3.8 Coach and support boats will be required to register and pay a fee of EUR 50, 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 1 February 2016.

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 , 04 March	Measurement/Registration	10:00 - 18:00	Barcelona Internacional Sailing Centre (BISC)
Saturday, 05 March	Measurement/ Registration Opening Ceremony	10:00 - 17:00 18:30	
Sunday, 06 March	Competitor's Meeting	12:00	
	Practice Race	14:00	
Monday, 07 March	Racing (2 races scheduled) First Warning Signal	12:00	
Tuesday 08 March	Racing (2 races scheduled) First Warning Signal	12:00	
Wednesday, 09 March	Racing (2 races scheduled) First Warning Signal	12:00	
Thursday, 10 March	Racing (2 races scheduled) First Warning Signal	12:00	
Friday, 11 March	Racing (2 races scheduled) First Warning Signal	12:00	
Saturday, 12 March	Racing (1 race scheduled) Medal Race and Final Race First Warning Signal	12:00	
Saturday , 12 March	Closing Ceremony & Prize Giving	ASAP	

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. 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.
- 6.2 Succeeding races will be started as soon as practicable after the finish of the previous races.
- 6.3 No warning signal will be made after 16 hours on Saturday 12 March.





- 6.4 All participants are requested by the International Finn Class and the Organizing Authority to attend the Opening and Closing Ceremonies.
- 7. Measurement**
- 7.1 All boats shall undergo measurement of hulls, spars and sails as well as equipment checks according to the Finn Class Rules (including item 9 of "Finn Class Major Championship Rules") unless otherwise decided by the IFA Chief Measurer. All measured equipment will be identified for the Championship. Only identified equipment may be used during the Championship.
- 7.2 Measurement and equipment checks may be made throughout the Regatta at the discretion of the Class Representative, Race Committee or the International Jury.
- 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 racing area is shown in Appendix 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, including the winner of the European Championship. The Organizing Authority will provide prizes for the top 10 boats overall and top 5 juniors. 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 €2,000,000 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 through the official insurance services offered by "Unió de Federacions Esportives de Catalunya" & "Federació Catalana de Vela".
- 15. Support Boats and Personnel**
- 15.1 All support boats shall be registered (see 3.8) with the Organizing Authority and will be required to comply with local legislation and event support boat regulations. The Organizing Authority may refuse registrations and accept later registrations at their sole discretion
- 15.2 All support boats shall clearly display the 3 letter national code of their ISAF Member National Authority 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 hoists a white flag with a red cross all the support boats will have to realize functions of rescue to the orders of the Race committee (security Spanish laws). An addendum regarding "Safety Procedures while racing" will be published on the Sailing Instructions.





- 15.4 Support boats with team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the starting sequence until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 16. Media rights, cameras and electronic equipment.**
- 16.1 By participating in the event, competitors automatically grant to the Organising Authority, and their sponsors, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of the athlete during the period of the competition without compensation.
- 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. Disclaimer of Liability**
- 17.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority will require each competitor to sign a waiver for loss, damage or injury to persons or properties occurring in conjunction with the regatta or on the Yacht Club premises. The Organizing Authority and the International Finn Association, and their respective members, employees, officers and/or agents shall not be responsible for any loss, damage or injury that may occur to person or property whether ashore or at sea as a consequence of the participation of any boat.

18. Information

For further information please contact:

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APPENDIX A

Venue

The regatta will be held in Barcelona at the Barcelona International Sailing Center

Address: Barcelona International Sailing Center
Moll de la Vela, s/n (under photovoltaic cell)
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Racing Area:

