

**2019 Open Finn and  
U23 European Championships**  
**Athens International Sailing Center, Greece**  
**Fri 10 to Sat 18 May 2019**

**NOTICE OF RACE**

**1. Organizing Authority and Venue**

- 1.1 The **2019 Open Finn and U23 European Championship** will be held from **10 to 18 May 2019** in the Athens International Sailing Center, Athens, Greece.
- 1.2 The Organizing Authority is the Hellenic Sailing Federation in conjunction with the International Finn Association and the Greek 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 manual. These may be changed, where permitted, by the sailing instructions.
- 2.2 World Sailing Addendum Q will apply to Medal Races or other Final races, as specified in the sailing instructions. 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, except the Hellenic Sailing Federation Prescription No1 to the RRS: "In RRS 40 PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES is added: All participants at a race, including competitors, support personnel and race officials on board speed boats/ribs shall wear a PFD during the races"
- 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.
- 2.9 Class Rule C6.2 [Equipment Limitation] shall apply.

**3. Eligibility and Entry**

- 3.1 Eligible competitors shall be current members of an IFA recognized National Finn Association. They shall complete on-site registration at the venue prior to 6pm on May 13, unless the Organizing Authority extends this date.
- 3.2 The entry quota of the Finn Class Championship Rules will apply.
- 3.3 To be eligible for the U23 Finn European Championship competitors shall not have had their 23rd birthday before the 1<sup>st</sup> of January of the year of the event.
- 3.4 Entries must be validated by each relevant National class secretary before being submitted online prior to 20 March 2019, unless extended by the Organizing Authority. The entry form is available at [www.2019finneuropeans.org](http://www.2019finneuropeans.org).
- 3.5 The Entry Fee is 300€ and shall be paid in full by 20 March 2019. Following the 20<sup>th</sup> of March, a late entry fee will be charged at 400€ and entry will be subject to places available. The entries will be closed on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2019.
- 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, registration and any required equipment inspection before the first race, has been completed.
- 3.7 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.
- 3.8 Coach and support boats will be required to register and pay a fee of 75€, 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 12 May 2019.



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**4. Competition Format**

- 4.1 Eleven races are scheduled comprising a fleet series followed by a medal race and a 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 There will be one fleet if entries are below 80.
- 4.4 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 10 May – Saturday 11 May	Measurement/Registration	09.00 t 18.00	Athens international sailing center
Saturday 11 May	Opening Ceremony	20.00	Athens international sailing center
Sunday 12 May	Measurement/Registration	09.00 t 18.00	Athens international sailing center
Sunday 12 May	Competitor's Meeting	12.00	Athens international sailing center
Sunday 12 May	Practice Race	14.30	Location
Monday 13 May – Friday 17 May	Racing (2 races scheduled per day) First Warning Signal	12.00	First Warning Signal 2 Races scheduled per Day
Saturday 18 May	Medal Race and Final Race	12.00 17.30	First Warning Signal Last Warning Signal
Saturday 18 May	Closing Ceremony & Prize Giving	20.00	Athens international sailing center

**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 5.30pm on 18 May.
- 6.5 All participants are requested by the International Finn Class and the Organizing Authority to attend the Opening and Closing Ceremonies.



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**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 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 Technical Committee, 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 intended race-course area will be in the Bay of Saronikos . 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 Junior European.
- 13.2 The top three Europeans overall and the top three U23 Europeans will receive medals with the first European sailor awarded the title of European Champion.
- 13.3 The Organizing Authority will present prizes to the top 10 boats overall, the top five U23 sailors and the top U19 sailor in the Open division.
- 13.4 The Organizing Authority will award a prize to each race winner.

**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 Event insurance may be obtained during the on-site registration at the Race Office.



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**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 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.
- 15.4 Support boats may be required to clearly display a flag or stickers provided by the OA with unique identification for that boat.
- 15.5 All support boats shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of € 800,000 or the equivalent thereof in any other currency for any one incident. By entering the event each support personnel declares that they hold such insurance.

**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 and support person 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;



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- (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.

**Information**

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**ATTACHMENT A**



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