

Ranking and Rating System

Sailing Instructions

Version 1.03

**Default Sailing Instructions up to
grade B event where ISAF RRS are adapted for use with**

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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS for use with Sail Simulator

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0. Preamble

0.1 Unless stated otherwise in NOR issued by the race organizers, all races sailed to be scored in the Ranking and Rating system are governed by these SI in their latest version.

0.2 These sailing instructions may be complemented, or changed in Appendixes provided by the races organizers Instructions in appendixes to the sailing instructions take precedence.

0.3 Where these sailing instructions conflict with the ISAF racing rules of sailing, the sailing instructions prevail.

0.4 These sailing instructions may contain alternative instructions, unless stated otherwise by the race committee in her appendix to the sailing instructions, the default alternative applies.

Section A organizing races

1. Rules

1.1 The event will be governed by the rules defined in the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2009-2012, the Notice of Race, these Sailing Instructions and and their appendices.

1.1.1 Sail Simulator specific changes of the RRS are defined in Section III of these SI.

1.2 Sail Simulator software in its latest incarnation will be used.

1.3 The use of Teamspeak in races is mandatory.

1.4 If the Sailing Instructions are translated, in cases of conflict the Sailing Instructions in the English language prevail.

1.5 While racing, boats have to display their alias as used in the registration at the organizing authorities registration site.

1.6 Races will start at times as posted on the board of the organizing authorities registration site, website or forum.

1.7 Races will take place at sceneries and courses as posted on the organizing authorities registration site, website or forum.

2. Entries

2.1 For participation a registration for the event at the organizing authorities registration site is needed and a separate registration for the announced an publicized races on the organizing authorities registration site is needed. The registration for announced races is available up until five minutes before the start of the race.

2.2 Boats entered that fail to un-register for the even or announced races there off, will be scored DNS and given total of finished boats + 1 points.

2.3 Boats on request by the organizing authority will make one crewmember available for duty on a protest committee for races in which they do not have an interest.

2.4 Boats registered for the event may take part in unannounced races as spots are available.

3. Information for the participants

3.1 Changes to the SI will be defined at the end of these SI under changes. The SI can be modified by the the organizing authorities until 60 min before starting the race.

3.2 It is the responsibility of each skipper to track the sources listed under changes for information.

3.3 It is the responsibility of each skipper to track the the organizing authorities registration site, website and forum for notifications by the the organizing authorities or other officials.

4. Event format and schedule

4.1 The event consists of a qualification series and a final series. All races will be sailed as fleet races.

4.2 The final series consists of 3 races.

4.3 The organizing authorities will assign a Teamspeak server and channel to be used during races.

4.4 Races will be sailed in the class as described in the race info, no class rules apply.

4.5 Sessions may be protected by password, the password will be published by the Session Master at the Organizing authorities registration site, website, forums, shout box or through teamspeak.

4.6 Races

4.6.1 Races will be announced on the organizing authorities registration site and will be sailed with at least 6 entered boats. A separate registration on the organizing authorities registration site is necessary for each race.

4.6.2 Session Master may set up unannounced races at any time, no further registration for these races will be needed. Races will be sailed with at least 6 boats. These races are open only to entered boats.

4.6.2 A skipper needs to sail a minimum number of races as designated by the event organizers in order to reach a valid rating.

4.9 Race Officials

4.9.1 The Race Committee consists of the Session Master.

4.9.2 The Jury consists of 3 crew members of entered boats, who are drafted by the race's Session Master in name of the organizing authorities.

5. Courses

5.1 All races must be sailed on official courses.

5.2 Following courses are available on the race info page, or made available by the race

organizers organizers:

6. Penalty system

6.1 All races for the Sail Simulator Test Tournament are sailed under direction of a session master.

6.2 The session master shall be consulted as mediator for expedited resolution of protests.

6.3 Boats may retire from the race on advise of the session master, in such a case no penalty will be given.

6.4 Boats involved in a protest resolved through the session master, may be eligible for redress in accordance with their average result in prior races.

6.5 Protests as described in SI fig. 13.4 shall be posted in the forum of the the organizing authorities.

6.6 The organizing authorities will gather a Jury who will hold a hearing.

6.7 A decisions of a Jury is final.

6.8 Boats disqualified will score the number of entries + 1.

6.9 Redress may be requested as described in protest proceedings (SI 13.4)

7. Scoring system

7.1 The scoring results from a dynamic rating.

7.2 Boats will be rated for each race the sailed. A boat must have sailed a minimum number of races to reach a valid rating.

7.3 A boat may enter more races, however if more boats want to race then slots available, boats with less then the minimum nr races will have precedence.

7.4 The race is also scored with the Low-Point-System as in Appendix A of the RRS. In case of a tie, the rating will break the tie.

8. Teamspeak

8.1 The use of teamspeak is mandatory (this changes RRS 41) for hailing of other boats.

8.2 The use of teamspeak during races is limited to hailing of other boats, organizing authorities and session masters.

8.3 For all other remarks, the in-game chat shall be used.

8.4 All other inter-boat communication shall be considered a breach of RRS 41.

9. Race set up

9.1 Sessions will be managed by a session master designated by the organizing authority.

9.2 Sessions will be organized and password protected.

9.3 The password will be communicated by the organizing authorities and session masters to registered boats only.

10. Prizes

10.1 The organizing authorities may award prizes to entered boats, officials, supporting personnel and other volunteers.

11. (deleted)

Section B Protests, Disconnects

12 Protest proceedings

12.1 In case of a hail for protest or request for redress, the protesting skipper (protesting party) must file the written protest, including images depicting the situation, at the organizing authorities website or forum within 1 hour after the last race of the day.

12.2 If there is a protest pending against one skipper (protested party), must file a written response, including images depicting the situation, at the organizing authorities website or forum within 1 hour after the last race of the day.

12.3 A protester or protesttee may name up to one witness (witness), a witness may file a written report, including images depicting the situation.

12.4 The session master will forward all materials to 3 entered crewmembers who as jury will hear the protest, the jury can decide to award a penalty to one or more of the involved parties.

12.5 A penalised party may appeal to the sailing counsel.

12.6 All entered boats each with one vote, as sailing counsel will decide on appeals by majority vote.

12.7 If protests and or appeals have not come to a conclusive outcome within 5 days after the race has finished, the organizing authority will direct a conclusive outcome.

13 Rude unsportsmanlike conduct

13.1 The organizing authority may gather a protest jury of 3 crewmembers of entered boats that may exclude an entered boat from a single or from multiple races or exclude a boat from tournament for rude unsportsmanlike conduct. No individual protest by a skipper is needed.

13.2 Rude unsportsmanlike conduct specifically would mean

- (a) the deliberate interference of other boats after being on course side (RRS 30.1),
- (b) the deliberate interference of boats racing while not racing,
- (c) rude violations of the ISAF RRS.
- (d) breach of user licenses of the Sail Simulator software, breach of user agreements of the organizing authorities registration site, website, forum or other services.
- (e) breach of juvenile protective laws.

13.3 A disqualification under SI 13.5 equals a penalty under RRS 2.

13.4 All participants of a race may request a hearing under this rule. A protest as described in SI 12.4 has to be submitted.

14. Disconnect

14.1 Every disconnected boat during a race will be scored DNF (did not finish). But she is entitled to request a restart, if she is available at least one minute before the starting signal. There is no possibility for a redress.

14.2 There will be a restart if the session master disconnects.

14.1 If a restart due to disconnect of the session master is later than 20 minutes after the original start time, a skipper may withdraw from that and following races that day without being scored.

Section C Changes to the RRS

15. Changes to RRS 14

15.1 A boat is considered damaged as per RRS 14 when her ability to finish in a reasonable position that would have been possible had a collision been avoided was materially hindered.

16. Changes to RRS 44

16.1 RRS 44.1 and RRS 44.2 are changed to the effect that for a penalty only one turn including a tack and a gybe are needed (270°).

17. Changes to RRS 41

17.1 Teamspeak is to be used for Hailing.

17.1 Communication through Teamspeak with other boats, other than Hailing, is considered a breach of RRS 41

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS for use with VSK

Version 1.6 – 22.05.2008

0] Preamble

0.1] Unless stated otherwise in NOR issued by the race organizers, all races sailed to be scored in the Ranking and Rating system are governed by these SI in their latest version.

0.2] These sailing instructions may be complemented, or changed in Appendixes provided by the races organizers Instructions in appendixes to the sailing instructions take precedence.

0.3] Where these sailing instructions conflict with the ISAF racing rules of sailing, the sailing instructions prevail.

0.4] These sailing instructions may contain alternative instructions, unless stated otherwise by the race committee in her appendix to the sailing instructions, the default alternative applies.

Section A organizing races

1] Rules

1.1] The races will be governed by:

1.1.1] the 'rules' as defined in the RRS, including appendix A and appendix Q umpired fleet races as per Addendum of 15.08.2009

a) the „rules“ in match races will include ISAF RRS appendix C

b) the „rules“ in team races will include ISAF RRS appendix D

1.1.2] the VSK regatta simulator , combined with these VSK Adapted RRS Sailing Instructions

1.2] No national authority prescriptions will apply.

1.3] If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.

1.4] Rating and scoring will be according to the Ranking and Rating system.

1.4.1] Rating is calculated from the race finishing position where position is as finished, followed by not finishing or retirement in order of occurrence, followed by disqualification in order of occurrence.

1.4.2] Points are scored by lowpoints. as determined in ISAF RRS Appendix A4

1.4.3] Failing to race while registered to race, DNC or DNS, is scored number of competitors +1 points, race position is in the order of registration, oldest first.

1.4.4] Disqualification DSQ is scored number of competitors +1 points, race position is by chronological order of occurrence of related incident, oldest first.

2] Identification

2.1] While racing all skippers must use the boat name as listed in the Ranking and Rating system.

2.1.1] Skippers not using the proper boat name as stated in 2.1 shall be scored DSQ.

2.1.2] Skippers utilizing a custom skin must use a locator file.

2.1.3] Skippers are identified through their VSK ID.

3] Notices to competitors

3.1] Notices to competitors will be posted on the front page of the organizations website, in the organizations forum, or by email to the competitors. It is the responsibility of the competitor to track these sources for information, in addition to the SI.

4] Changes to sailing instructions

4.1] The sailing instructions may be changed anytime without prior notice.

5] Format of racing

5.1] Races are to be conducted as determined in the „Race Info“ as written in the „Sailor: Races“ module of the Ranking and Rating system.

5.2] The Host is responsible for pointing at the applied SI in the “Race Info”. Si may be provided separately. If no SI are provided the Ranking and Rating default SI for VSK will apply.

5.3] The Host is responsible for assigning Umpires and or Jury if so needed.

6] Schedule of races

6.1] Races are scheduled as determined in the „Race Info“ as written in the Sailor:Races module of the Ranking and Rating system

7] The course

7.1] The Race course will be as determined in the „Race Info“ as written in the „Sailor:Races“ module of the Ranking and Rating system

8] Excluded rules

All ISAF rules apply, except rule RRS 14.

Section B Judging Races Automatic Penalizing, Manual Cancellation

9] Umpiring of race

All races are umpired races. All races are sailed utilizing the automatic pen mode in vsk.

10] Redress / Appeal / Exoneration

The vsk umpire interprets „immediately“, „room to stay clear“ too wide or too narrow. The vsk umpire by default omits „other boats“ in his assessment of incidents.

Competitors are obliged (must) on request to „cancel“ penalties

10.1] rule 15.1 vsk umpire gives giveawayboat too little or too much time to respond.

If the vsk umpire gives a penalty, the rightofway boat broke rule RRS 15 if she acquired right of way due to her own actions only, and the giveaway boat is actively keeping clear from the moment of the rightofway boat acquiring right of way. In all other cases the penalty is to be canceled upon request and instead the giveawayboat is penalized by what ever rule determined the rightofway. The giveawayboat will thus take a penalty turn in accordance with the rules.

10.2] rule RRS 16.1

Vsk umpire gives giveawayboat too little or too much time to respond.

If the vsk umpire gives a penalty, the rightofway boat broke rule RRS 16.1 if she changed course, and the giveaway boat is actively keeping clear at the time the rightofway boat changes course. In all other cases the penalty is to be canceled upon request and instead the giveawayboat is penalized by what ever rule determined the rightofway. The giveawayboat will take a penalty turn in accordance with the rules.

10.3] rule RRS 64.1 b

Vsk umpire is unable to judge incidents in respect to other boats

If the vsk umpire gives a penalty, and the penalized boat feels she is entitled to exoneration, she is entitled to request the penalty to be canceled. Upon cancellation the penalized boat will immediately determine if the other boat was penalized for causing the incident. If the vskumpire failed to penalize the other boat in the incident the penalized boat will protest the other boat. The other boat will take a penalty according to the rules.

10.4] the vsk umpire does not respond

If a competitor finds that the vskumpire did not correctly interpret a situation according to ISAF rules, or did not respond, the competitor is entitled to protest during the race.

10.5] canceling a penalty

10.5.1] Refusing request to cancel.

If a competitor refuses to cancel a penalty after a request, he will be disqualified.

10.5.2] Reverse request to cancel

A competitor requesting to cancel a penalty, may on reconsideration take a penalty according to the rules.

10.5.3] Canceling a penalty equals protesting, some exception may exist.

A competitor requesting to cancel a penalty and not taking a penalty according to the rules herself, is by default protesting the competitor who triggered the penalty. The competitor who triggered the penalty, and canceled the pen must

a) take a penalty for breaking a rule according to the rules
b) or else is protesting the competitor who requested to cancel the penalty, in which case the protestee must not be hailed.

c) or protest an other competitor in which case the protestee must be hailed by posting P and the name of the protestee in the vsk chat window..

10.5.4] Canceling a penalty, exception when no rule was broken.

A competitor who canceled a penalty and failed to protest a competitor, must proof that no rule was broken. He will do so by

a) producing the replay
b) state the time at which the vskumpire gave the penalty
c) submit a brief report of the incident
d) state why the rule on which the penalty was given does not apply

Items a) through d) will be submitted to the race committee.

10.5.5] Falsely requesting a cancel.

a) Competitors falsely requesting to cancel a penalty, without taking a penalty in accordance with the rules will be scored as DSQ.

b) Other competitors may be entitled to a redress.

10.6] Hitting a mark rule RRS 30.1 in conjunction with rule RRS 64.1 b

If the vsk umpire penalizes a competitor for hitting a mark, and the penalized boat feels she is entitled to exoneration, the penalized boat will immediately determine if the other boat was penalized for causing the incident.

If the vskumpire failed to penalize the other boat in the incident the penalized boat will protest the other boat. The other boat will take a penalty according to the rules.

The boat penalized for breaking rule RRS 30.1 will be entitled to redress.

11] Hails

11.1] Protest

A Protest will be hailed by posting „P“ and the name of the protested boat in the game chat. Exceptions may exist.

11.2] Room to tack

Room as in RRS 20.1 will be hailed by posting „RTT“ in the game chat.

11.3] You tack

You tack as in RRS 20.1 will be hailed by posting „TACK“ in the game chat.

12] APPEAL OR PROTEST TO THE PROTEST COMMITTEE

The appeal to the committee must be the last resource.

12.1] To submit a correct appeal or protest to the Committee

12.1.2] The protestee shall

a) produce the replay of the race

b) brief report of the incident

c) state the rules on which the protest is submitted, and why these rules apply

d) produce nickname(s) of skipper(s) protested

e) state exact timing of the incident in the replay.

f) provide evidence of informing the competitor. (RRS 61.1 (a))

g) make a) through f) available to the protestee, the host and the protest committee by electronic means

12.1.3] The protestee shall

a) state exact timing of the incident

b) state the rules on which the protest is submitted

c) state why a penalty was not taken

d) make a) through c) available to the protestee, the host and the protest committee by electronic means.

12.2] The protest must be submitted to the host at the finish of the race.

a) in the game chat at the finish

b) by email to the host within 2 hours after the finish.

12.3] Protests arbitrated by the host.

When the host is no party in the incident the host

a) may act as arbitrator and suggest a non binding decision to the protestee and protestee.

Protestee and protestee may declare acceptance of the arbitrator's decision and be scored accordingly, the protestee may withdraw the protest. In case the arbitrator's decision is not accepted nor is the protest withdrawn the protest proceeds to the race committee

b) delegate the protest to the protest committee

12.3.1] If the host is party to the protest, the protest is by default delegated to the protest committee.

12.4] Appeal

Only protests decided upon by an umpire may be appealed to the protest committee.

Protests and appeals decided upon by a committee cannot be appealed, the decision of the committee is final.

VSK Section C other instructions

14] Scoring

14.1] The race is scored in the Ranking and Rating system by the host when all protests are settled.

14.2] Redress, changes to scoring rules RRS 62, RRS A10.

14.2.1] If after redress is given other boats are scored equal to the boat given redress, all other boats with an equal score or higher move up 1 place until no other boat is scored equal to the boat given redress.

16] Conditions

16.1] Competitors will in any situation the circumstances require, maintain separation and clearance while obliged to stay clear or give room. Latencies are inherent to online gaming in the internet. Competitors shall consider these circumstances as avoiding of collisions requires.

A boat shall consider possible latencies when obliged to stay clear. A boat shall equally consider possible latencies when obliged to giving room.

16.3] During the time from 1 hour before sunset and 1 hour after sunrise, competitors will keep a minimum distance of 2 boat lengths to other competitors.

16.4] During stormy conditions in RRS 18 „3 length zone“ is replaced by „4 length zone“

16.5] At no time can conditions alone be reason for canceling a penalty.

17] Participation

17.1] Participants through participating indicate to have sufficient knowledge of the RRS including appendixes as well these sailing instructions.

17.2] When reasonable doubt exists a participant can take a test, if the participant fails to pass the test, or chooses not to take the test, the race committee may exclude the participant from further races.

18] Failure to resolve

18.1] If the rules and regulations given fail to produce a timely resolution, the available race committee and available protest committee members may score the race as they see reasonable. A decision towards a reasonable score under this instruction is reached by majority vote.

18.2] If the vote fails, the race may not be scored and may not be resailed, and will be discarded.

VSK APPENDIX A1 Alternative Section B Judging Races

Manual Penalizing, Manual Cancelation

A1.1

The following Instructions are replaced:

9] umpiring of race

All races are umpired races. However penalizing by the vskUmpire will only be on manual request. Races are sailed utilizing the manual pen mode in vsk.

11.1] Protest

A Protest will be hailed by requesting the VSKUmpire to penalize a competitor.

VSK APPENDIX B1

Alternative Section B Judging Races

Automatic Penalizing, No Cancelation

B1.1

The following Instructions are replaced:

9] Umpiring of race

All races are umpired races. All races are sailed utilizing the automatic pen mode in vsk.

Decisions by the Vsk-Umpire are final.

B1.2

The following Instructions are deleted:

All of 10, 11, 12, 16, 18.