



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS APPENDIX 4

1. COMPETITION FORMAT

- 1.1. Where a Laser fleet is bigger than 80 boats, (or close to 80 at discretion of the Race Committee) can be split into groups.
- 1.2. The organising authority will divide the boats in the split fleet(s) into groups of, as nearly as possible, equal size.
 - 1.2.a. Each appropriate Fleet will be split into 2 groups called Yellow and Blue or in 3 groups called Yellow Blue and Red or in 4 groups with the green group.
 - 1.2.b. Boats will be possibly reassigned to groups each day after racing based on the overall available results.
 - 1.2.c. The polling will be made with FREG scoring system..
- 1.3. The notice of groups will be posted on the official notice board as soon as possible before the first race of the day. The starting signal will be made no earlier than 60 minutes after the time of the posted notice.
- 1.4. If all groups of a split fleet have not completed the same number of races by the end of a day, the groups with fewer races will continue racing the following day until all groups have completed the same number of races.
- 1.5. If at the end of the regatta some groups of a split fleet have more race scores than others, scores for the most recent race(s) will be excluded so that all groups of that fleet have the same number of race scores. That S.I. will be applied also at the last day to define the groups for finals, see next S.I.
- 1.6. When at least 4 races were sailed for all groups, the last day the fleet will be divided in Gold and Silver fleets (and bronze and emerald if in case) and raced in “finals” format. See NOR 6.3. Different final-series groups need not have completed the same number of race.
- 1.7. Discards management. When Finals are sailed, is not allowed to count more than one discard in the final races.

2. GROUPS IDENTIFICATION

- 2.1. If a fleet is split into groups, the class flag for each group will be a coloured flag corresponding to the group colour.
- 2.2. If a fleet is split into groups, each competitor in that fleet will be issued with a coloured band corresponding to the allocated group. The band shall be placed at the top of the mast.
- 2.3. In case of finals both flags and coloured bands will be as per gold=yellow; silver=blue; and bronze=red; emerald=green.