



# J/70 European Championship

September 10 – September 17, 2022  
COYCH, Hyeres, France



## NOTICE OF RACE

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The Organizing Authority (OA) is the COYCH and the International J/70 Class Association (IJ70CA).

Event Website: [www.coych.org](http://www.coych.org)  
See NoR 26 for full contact information

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***Depending on the evolution of the health crisis and the French government decisions, the Organizing Authority may modify the conditions of this Notice of Race without notice.***

### COVID-19 PROTOCOL NOTICES

1. *All regatta participants, including sailors, coaches, parents, guardians, and loco parentis, are required to make themselves aware of all guidelines and legislation regarding COVID 19 set forth by the French government and must comply with those prescriptions at all times during the regatta. The COVID prescriptions will be available on the regatta website.*
2. *All regatta participants are responsible for understanding and complying with any and all travel restrictions that are relevant to travel to and/or from the regatta. [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Failure to comply may be misconduct.*
3. *Reasonable actions by event officials to implement COVID-19 guidance, protocols or legislation, even if they later prove to have been unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions.*

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## 1. RULES

- 1.1 This document supersedes all previous NoRs and amendments for this event.
- 1.2 This event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2021– 2024 (RRS).
- 1.3 World Sailing's Equipment Rules of Sailing 2021 – 2024 (ERS) will apply. [DP]
- 1.4 The current IJ70CA Class Rules (J70CR) including Part III, Sections I.3 (Outside Assistance), I.4 (Corinthian Division), and I.5 (One-Pro Division) will apply. [DP]
- 1.5 The current IJ70CA Regatta Regulations (J70RR) will apply. [NP]
- 1.6 The current IJ70CA Equipment Regulations (J70RR) will apply. [DP]
- 1.7 French Sailing Federation Prescriptions to RRS 64.4, 67, 70.5, 76.1, 78.1, 91(b) and Appendix V, V1 will apply and are stated in full in Attachment A.
- 1.8 The Sailing Instructions (SI) may contain changes to other rules.
- 1.9 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.
- 1.10 The notation '[DP]' in this NoR or in the SI means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the International Jury, be different from disqualification. See NoR 14 for details.

## 2. ADVERTISING [DP]

- 2.1 Advertising shall only be displayed in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20.

- 2.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA from the close of check-in through the end of the event.

### 3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 This event is open to boats of the J/70 Class which conform to the J70CR.
- 3.2 A maximum of 100 boats will be accepted.
- 3.3 Eligible boats may register by:
- 3.3.1 Completing the online entry request form available at the event website beginning on March 1, 2022 at 1600 hours Central European Standard Time (GMT +1). All entry requests will be reviewed by the IJ70CA Class Office for compliance with the J70CRs and other Class Policies.
- 3.3.2 The first 100 approved entry requests (determined by the order in which the entry request form in NoR 3.3.1 is completed) will be sent a link to the event registration form and fee payment on March 15, 2022.
- 3.3.3 The event registration form must be completed and all fees paid by March 31, 2022 at 1200 hours Central European Standard Time (GMT +1). A boat is not considered registered by the OA until the registration form is complete and the fees are paid.
- 3.3.4 If more than 100 boats submit entry requests, they will be placed on a waiting list. If space becomes available after March 31, 2022, approved waiting list entries will be notified of their acceptance in the order in which their entry request form in NoR 3.3.1 was completed. Once notified, boats will have 48 hours to complete the registration form and pay the required fee. A boat is not considered registered by the OA until the registration form is complete and the fees are paid.
- 3.4 The entry deadline is April 30, 2022. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the OA and will be subject to a late fee of 150€.
- 3.5 Boats that have entered and withdraw in writing no later than September 1, 2022 will receive a refund of their entry fee less a processing fee of 150€. Boats withdrawing after September 1 will receive this refund only if boats remain on the waiting list.
- 3.6 A boat will be eligible to race only when eligibility and entry per NoR 3, check-in per NoR 8, and inspection per NoR 9 have been successfully completed. See RRS 76.
- 3.7 Requirements for Access to the Event Venue and Participation in the Event (COVID Legislation).
- 3.7.1 This NoR 3.7 is based on the French Covid regulations as the 1st February 2022 and may be changed by amendment before the event due to sanitary regulation.
- 3.7.2 Upon arrival at the competition site:
- People aged over 16 years shall show a valid vaccination pass.
  - People aged from 12 to 15 years shall show a valid health pass.
  - People aged under 12 years are not required to show a pass.

Categories of persons required to show such pass are: all competitors; all support persons (within the meaning of the definition « support person » in the RRS 2021-2024), or any person wishing to access to the site during the competition or whose presence is necessary on the site during the competition (organizers, race officials, class representatives, etc.)

The health pass comes in the following forms (via TousAntiCovid Apps) or document, of one of the following proofs:

- an attestation of a complete vaccination schedule;
- a proof of a negative result of a test (RT-PCR or antigen) of less than 24 hours;
- a certificate of recovery from Covid-19, at least 11 days old and less than 6 months old;
- an attestation of medical contraindication for vaccination, as mentioned in article 2-4 of the decree dated 1st June 2021.

The Vaccination Pass is based on the digital or hard copy of one of the following proofs:

- a complete vaccination schedule;
- a certificate of recovery from Covid-19, at least 11 days old and less than 6 months old;
- an attestation of medical contraindication for vaccination, as mentioned in article 2-4 of the decree dated 1st June 2021
- an attestation issued by the administration mentioning the injection of a first dose of one of the vaccines authorized in France for at least 4 weeks and the proof of a negative result of a test (RT-PCR or antigen) of less than 24 hours before access to the activity or competition.

You can check the list of authorized vaccines with the link hereafter (including for foreign people):  
<https://www.gouvernement.fr/info-coronavirus/vaccins>

- 3.7.3 Persons are authorized to enter the site only if meeting the requirement of presentation of a vaccination pass, when aged 16 and over or of presentation of a health pass when aged from 12 to 15. Persons aged 12 and less (age upon arrival at the site) will be authorized to enter the site. An identification bracelet will be delivered by the AO if the process is completed.

For more information on the « Health Pass »:

<https://www.gouvernement.fr/info-coronavirus/pass-vaccinal>

<https://www.gouvernement.fr/info-coronavirus/pass-sanitaire>

<https://www.gouvernement.fr/info-coronavirus/vaccins>

#### **4. CATEGORIZATION**

- 4.1 In accordance with RRS 79 Categorization, the World Sailing Sailor Categorization Code will apply. See J70CR C.3.1(b) and J70CR C.3.2.
- 4.2 To be considered as a Corinthian team or a One-Pro team, proof of valid and current World Sailing Group 1 Categorizations per J70CR I.4 (Corinthian Division) and J70CR I.5 (One-Pro Division) shall be provided at the time of registration.
- 4.3 To be considered as a Mixed team, a minimum of 50 percent of the crew shall be females.
- 4.4 To be considered as a Young team, no members of the crew (including the driver) shall be older than 23 years old as of December 31<sup>st</sup> 2022.
- 4.5 A representative of the World Sailing Categorization Authority may be present during check-in and may perform spot checks.

#### **5. FEES**

- 5.1 The entry fee is 1100 euros.
- 5.2 The entry fee includes:
- Launch and haul out;
  - Equipment inspection as directed by the IJ70CA;
  - In-the-water dockage from completion of inspection from 9<sup>th</sup> of September to 17<sup>th</sup> of September
  - On-site or off-site trailer storage from a boat's scheduled inspection date through September 17<sup>th</sup>;
  - One practice race day;
  - Five championship race days;
  - Awards and prizes;
  - Daily post-race refreshments and social events per schedule.

#### **6. EVENT FORMAT**

- 6.1 The OA will organize and run the event in accordance with the J70RR. Failure to observe these Regulations shall not be grounds for protest or redress. This change is added to RRS 62.1(a).
- 6.2 All boats will sail as one fleet with up to 80 entries. Starting from 81 entries the OA and Race Committee (RC) may opt to split the fleet and run a Qualifying Series and Championship Series event format as described in the J70RR.
- 6.3 The Race Committee (RC) may use a three-vessel starting line as further described in the SI and the J70RR.

6.4 Up to fifteen (15) races are scheduled, three (3) on each racing day. The RC, at its discretion, may run fewer races.

## 7. SCHEDULE

Saturday	Sep 10	0900 – 1800	Check-in and inspection
Sunday	Sep 11	0900 – 1800	Check-in and inspection
Monday	Sep 12	0900 – 1300 1300 1400 1830 1900	Check-in and inspection <b>Check-in closes; all boats, sails, and equipment must be inspected and boats must be afloat. [DP]</b> Practice race Competitors' Meeting Opening Ceremony
Tuesday	Sep 13	0930 1230 After racing	Competitors' Briefing First warning signal - subsequent race(s) to start ASAP Refreshments at COYCH
Wednesday	Sep 14	0930 1230 After racing	Competitors' Briefing First warning signal - subsequent race(s) to start ASAP Refreshments at COYCH
Thursday	Sep 15	0930 1230 After racing	Competitors' Briefing First warning signal - subsequent race(s) to start ASAP Refreshments at COYCH
Friday	Sep 16	0930 1230 After racing	Competitors' Briefing First warning signal - subsequent race(s) to start ASAP Refreshments at COYCH
Saturday	Sep 17	0930 1230 1530 After racing	Competitors' Briefing First warning signal - subsequent race(s) to start ASAP No warning signal shall be given after this time Haul out & de-rig Awards ceremony and refreshments at COYCH

## 8. CHECK-IN

8.1 All skippers and crew members shall check-in with the OA during the times specified in NoR 7.

8.2 No later than the close of check-in (see NoR 7), all skippers and crewmembers shall:

- be listed on the event's online entry list and be members of the J/70 Class Association if required under J70CR C.3 (Crew);
- provide identification and sign the waiver provided by the OA;
- if under 18 years of age during the event, submit a signed Parent/Guardian Declaration (available from the event website).

8.3 No later than the close of check-in (see NoR 7), each boat shall:

- provide a completed **IJ70CA Compliance Declaration Form** signed by the person in charge, which will be available from the OA shortly before event inspection begins;
- show a copy of a valid and current **J/70 Class Manufacturer's Declaration**;
- provide valid and current written evidence of the insurance as required by NoR 23;
- complete all required equipment inspection items as directed by the OA and IJ70CA pursuant to the J70ER.

## **9. INSPECTION [DP]**

- 9.1 Boats will not be allowed on the premises of COYCH prior to their scheduled inspection date.
- 9.2 Boats must be inspected during the times specified in NoR 7 and must schedule a time through the system provided by the OA. The OA will make the final determination regarding inspection times. Inspection must be completed by the close of check-in (see NoR 7).
- 9.3 Bow numbers and sponsor stickers, which will be assigned and supplied by the OA during check-in, shall be affixed to each boat by the OA prior to her inspection, and shall be retained on both sides of the hull throughout the event. This rule shall not be grounds for protest by a boat. See J70ER 6. This change is added to RRS 60.1(a).
- 9.4 Each boat must be available at her scheduled time to be inspected for compliance with the J70CR, the J70ER, and the Equipment Rules of Sailing. Boats will need to be out of the water for inspection and must be launched immediately following completion of their inspection.
- 9.5 RRS 78.1 is in effect from the completion of a boat's inspection until the end of the event.
- 9.6 During the event, all boats will be subject to additional inspections at any time.

## **10. REPLACEMENT OF CREW, SAILS OR EQUIPMENT [DP]**

Substitution of crew or the replacement or repair of sails or required equipment will require the prior written consent of the event Technical Committee pursuant to J70ER 10.

## **11. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The SI will be posted on the event website by Friday September 9, 2022 and will be available upon request at check-in.

## **12. VENUE**

The racing area will be on Hyeres Bay.

## **13. THE COURSES**

Courses will be a windward/leeward format pursuant to the J70RR.

## **14. PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 14.1 An International Jury (IJ) will be appointed in accordance with RRS Appendix N. Decisions of the IJ will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.
- 14.2 The IJ may impose suitable penalties, other than disqualification, for violations of RRS non-Part 2 rules. This section does not apply to breaches of RRS 2, 28 or 31.
- 14.3 The IJ may impose suitable penalties, other than disqualification, for violations of Class Rules, including the J70CR and J70ER. However, in no case shall the penalty for such a violation be less than ten percent (10%) of the boats entered in the series. This change is added to RRS 64.6.
- 14.4 RRS Appendix P (Special Procedures for Rule 42) will apply, as amended by the SI.
- 14.5 RRS Appendix T (Arbitration) may apply.
- 14.6 Penalties while in the zone of the windward mark or on the offset leg shall be delayed and taken at the first reasonable opportunity on the downwind leg. This change is added to RRS 44.2.

## **15. SCORING**

- 15.1 Five (5) races must be completed to constitute a championship.
- 15.2 When five (5) or fewer races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When six (6) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

## **16. SUPPORT BOATS [DP]**

- 16.1 Support boats are responsible for making their own berthing arrangements with Hyeres Port Authorities.

- 16.2 Support boats and operators must register with the OA during check-in (see NoR 7) and shall pay any applicable fee determined by the OA.
- 16.3 Only registered support boats that prominently display identification provided by the OA will be allowed in the racing area. There will be a refundable deposit of 50 euros required for each identification flag, payable on-site during support boat registration.
- 16.4 Support boat operators shall provide evidence of valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of 1.500 000 euros per event or the equivalent. A copy of insurance company documents establishing such coverage, current through the end of the event, shall be supplied at support boat registration.
- 16.5 All support boats shall comply with local regulations. Kill cords shall be worn by the operator at all times when the engine is running. All support boats shall carry and monitor a working VHF radio capable of receiving normal domestic and international channels.
- 16.6 The conduct of registered support boats, all other support boats, and support persons will be governed by the SI. Competitors are reminded that J70CR I.3 (Outside Assistance) will be in effect.

## **17. BERTHING [DP]**

- 17.1 Competing boats shall be kept in their assigned places as directed by the OA when either afloat or ashore.
- 17.2 The use of dehumidifiers or electric fans of any type is prohibited from the close of check-in (see NoR 7) until the end of the event.

## **18. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS [DP]**

- 18.1 All competing boats shall be afloat by the close of check-in (see NoR 7).
- 18.2 Competing boats shall not be hauled out and shall not remove their rudders from the time they are launched following their inspection until the end of the event except with, and according to, the terms of prior written permission of the Event Technical Committee.

## **19. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS [DP]**

Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around competing boats from the close of check-in (see NoR 7) until the end of the event.

## **20. RADIO COMMUNICATION [DP]**

- 20.1 All competing boats shall carry a working VHF radio capable of receiving normal domestic and international channels.
- 20.2 While on the water, the RC may communicate with competing boats via VHF radio, including starting penalties. Such transmissions are a courtesy only.
- 20.3 Competitors are reminded that J70CR I.3 (Outside Assistance) is in effect.

## **21. PRIZES**

- 21.1 The awards ceremony will be held at COYCH on Saturday, September 17 after racing.
- 21.2 The J/70 Class European Championship Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the overall winner.
- 21.3 A Perpetual Trophy for the J/70 Corinthian Class European Championship will be awarded to the top Corinthian Team.
- 21.4 Trophies will be awarded in the Open, One-Pro, Corinthian, Mixed, and Young Divisions depending on the number of entries.
- 21.5 Additional trophies may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.

## **22. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers (organizing authority, host yacht club, race committee, protest committee, sponsors, and any others acting in an official capacity for this event) from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

## 23. INSURANCE

Each competing boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of 2 000 000 euros per event or the equivalent. A copy of insurance company documents establishing such coverage, current through the end of the event, shall be supplied as part of completing check-in.

## 24. MEDIA RIGHTS

By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the IJ70CA, the OA, and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.

## 25. CONDUCT [DP]

- 25.1 All competitors and support persons shall comport themselves in a manner consistent with RRS, World Sailing Regulations, and principles of sportsmanship. Owners and owner representatives are responsible for ensuring that all members of their crew, support personnel and their guests conduct themselves accordingly, follow the rules of the host club, and obey any reasonable request of an event official or COYCH.
- 25.2 Each race entrant and skipper are responsible for ensuring that all members of their crew, support personnel and their guests abide by the laws, public health orders, and guidance from government authorities and/or COYCH applicable to sailing and/or shore side activities in effect during the event to minimize potential exposure or transmission of the COVID-19 virus.
- 25.3 Failure to comply with NoR 25.1 and 25.2 may be misconduct under the RRS.
- 25.4 Reasonable actions by event officials and COYCH to implement COVID-19 guidance, protocols or regulations, even if they later prove to have been unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions.

## 26. FURTHER INFORMATION

Host Club Contact:	COYCH, Espace Nautique, 14 avenue du Dr Robin, 83400 HYERES, FRANCE contact@coych.org   www.coych.org
Event Chair:	COYCH President (contact@coych.org)
Principal Race Officer:	Nathalie Peberel, IRO
Class Race Officer	Mark Foster, IRO (mfoster1053@gmail.com)
Jury Chairman:	[ tbd ]
Event Technical Committee Chair:	Polk Wagner, IM (polk@polkwagner.com)

### Boat and Trailer Storage:

- Free designated in-the-water dockage will be provided for each boat competing in the event from the time of her inspection through Saturday September 17.
- A competing boat's trailer may be stored free of charge at COYCH or an off-site location from the time of her inspection through Saturday September 17.
- Full details of onsite logistics arrangements including arrival, inspection, launching and berthing will be published on the event website and made available to all competitors prior to arrival.

# ATTACHMENT A

## Prescriptions of the Fédération Française de Voile Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024

FFVoile Prescription to **RRS 25.1** (*Notice of race, sailing instructions and signals*):

For events graded 4 and 5, standard notices of race and sailing instructions including the specificities of the event shall be used. Events graded 4 may have dispensation for such requirement, after receipt of FFVoile approval, received before the notice of race has been published.

For events graded 5, posting of sailing instructions will be considered as meeting the requirements of RRS 25.1 application.

(\* FFVoile Prescription to **RRS 64.4** (*Decisions on protests concerning class rules*):

The protest committee may ask the parties to the protest, prior to checking procedures, a deposit covering the cost of checking arising from a protest concerning class rules.

(\* FFVoile Prescription to **RRS 67** (*Damages*):

Any question or request related to damages arising from an incident occurred while a boat was bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing depends on the appropriate courts and cannot be examined and dealt by a protest committee.

A boat that retires from a race or accepts a penalty does not, by that action alone, admit liability for damages.

(\* FFVoile Prescription to **RRS 70.5** (*Appeals and requests to a national authority*):

The denial of the right of appeal is subject to the written approval of the Fédération Française de Voile, received before publishing the notice of race. This approval shall be posted on the official notice board during the event.

(\* FFVoile Prescription to **RRS 76** (*Prescription to RRS 76.1*)

An organizing authority or race committee shall not reject or cancel the entry of a boat or exclude a competitor eligible under the notice of race and sailing instructions for an arbitrary reason.

(\* FFVoile Prescription to **RRS 78.1** (*Compliance with class rules; certificates*):

The boat's owner or other person in charge shall, under his sole responsibility, make sure moreover that his boat complies with the equipment and security rules required by the laws, by-laws and regulations of the Administration.

(\* FFVoile Prescription to **RRS 86.3** (*Changes to the racing rules*):

An organizing authority wishing to change a rule listed in RRS 86.1(a) in order to develop or test new rules shall first submit the changes to the FFVoile, in order to obtain its written approval and shall report the results to FFVoile after the event. Such approval shall be mentioned in the notice of race and in the sailing instructions and shall be posted on the official notice board during the event.

(\* FFVoile Prescription to **RRS 88.2** (*Prescription to RRS 88.2*):

Prescriptions of the FFVoile shall not be changed in the notice of race and sailing instructions, except for events for which an international jury has been appointed.

In such case, the prescriptions marked with an asterisk (\*) shall not be changed in the notice of race and sailing instructions. (The official translation of the prescriptions, downloadable on the FFVoile website [www.ffvoile.fr](http://www.ffvoile.fr), shall be the only translation used to comply with RRS 90.2(b)).

(\* FFVoile Prescription to **RRS 91(b)** (*Protest committee*):

The appointment of an international jury meeting the requirements of Appendix N is subject to prior written approval of the Fédération Française de Voile. Such approval shall be posted on the official notice board during the event.

FFVoile Prescription to **APPENDIX R** (*Procedures for appeals and requests*):

Appeals shall be sent to the head-office of Fédération Française de Voile, 17 rue Henri Bocquillon, 75015 Paris – email: [jury.appel@ffvoile.fr](mailto:jury.appel@ffvoile.fr), using preferably the appeal form downloadable on the website of Fédération Française de Voile: <http://espaces.ffvoile.fr/media/127235/formulaire-dappel.pdf>