Koninklijk Nederlands Watersport Verbond

RULES FOR (OPEN) DUTCH SAILING, WIND- AND KITESURFING CHAMPIONSHIPS

These Championship Regulations (CR) apply to all participants and organizers of (open) Dutch championships associated with a specific class, division or discipline. These rules do not apply to world and continental championships as mentioned in World Sailing Regulation 25

NB: This is a translation of the Dutch version. In case of discrepancies, the Dutch version takes preference.

PART 1: INTRODUCTION

1 **Championships types**

1.1 **(**Open) Dutch Championships: Sailing, Windsurfing, and Kitesurfing competitions associated with the title of Dutch Champion

1.2 Divisions include: Juniors, Youth, Students, Seniors, Masters.
Differentiation through a specific division is only possible if it significantly differs from the athletes participating in a regular Dutch Championship (NK).

1.3 Disciplines include: Fleet Racing, Match Racing, Team Racing, Expression, Speed, Crossings.

2 **Authority**

2.1 (Open) Dutch Championships can only be held under the authority of the Watersportverbond or, with its permission, under its auspices.

3 **Classes and Minimum Participation**

3.1 Dutch Championships can only be held for:

3.1.1 Classes with National or World Sailing recognition according to the Regulations for Recognition and Dismissal of Classes.

3.1.2 Disciplines

3.1.3 Divisions

3.2 With a minimum number of participants per championship of

- 15 boats or teams, or
- 75 crew members.

Participating boats shall meet all registration requirements and appear at least once near the starting line. (*Clarification by the Regulations Committee: "A DNS boat counts as a participant; a DNC boat does not."*)

3.3 For disciplines unsuitable for meeting minimum participation at a single event, selection criteria can be applied. Active participants in a 12-month pre-event selection process may be counted, provided at least 6 teams participate in the event itself.

3.4 For non-open Dutch Championships, only participants whose entire crew holds a valid Dutch passport are eligible.

3.5 Deviations from minimum participation may be allowed to promote a class, discipline, or category, subject to the judgment of the Watersportverbond.

4 **Class championship**

4.1 If it is not possible to organize a valid (Open) Dutch Championship according to these regulations, e.g. due to (expected) insufficient participation, a Class Championship can be organized.

4.2 It is then possible for the organization to order pennants and medals from (our) suppliers, like the pennant and medals for a Dutch championship, but the pennant in a red color without using the terms Dutch and/or National. These terms may also not be used in further communication around the event.

4.3 In the case of a class championship, these CR do not apply. It is therefore not necessary to appoint a Race Officer and chairman of the Protest committee of at least level 4 (national) and checking the Announcement and Competition Provisions by the Watersportverbond is not necessary.

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PART 2: ORGANIZATION OF THE CHAMPIONSHIPS

5 Championship Application

5.1 An Organization according RRS 89.1 intending to host a championship shall apply in writing to the Watersportverbond by December 31 of the previous year, in collaboration with the recognized national class association (if applicable). The application shall include:

5.1.1 Organizing Authority and contact person.

5.1.2 Involved class association or other representative (if applicable).

5.1.3 A provisional announcement (as per RvW 89.2) including:

- Dates of the event.
- Place and base facilities of the event.
- Race officer (International Race Officer or nationally recognized level 4).
- Protest committee chair (International Judge or nationally recognized level 4) and/or umpire team (50% certified by World Sailing or the Watersportverbond, or with proven experience).
- Technical committee member (recognized by World Sailing, the Watersportverbond or the Class Organisation).

5.1.4 Plan for achieving minimum participation.

5.2 Incomplete applications may still receive provisional approval, subject to the discretion of the Watersportverbond..

6 Approval of Championships

6.1 Provisional approval will be communicated to the applicant and involved class organization after submitting the required information. Championships without (provisional) approval will not be added to the Watersportverbond event calendar, nor can they use the title “Dutch Championship” or “Dutch Champion.” Final approval is granted 4 weeks before the event, based on confirmation of registered participants.

7 Further Requirements for Dutch Championship Designation

7.1 The *Notice of Race (NoR)* is the responsibility of the organizing authority and shall be approved by the Watersportverbond. The NoR shall be submitted to the Watersportverbond no later than 12 weeks before the first race of the championship. It shall be published no later than 8 weeks before the first race.

7.2 The *Sailing Instructions (SI)* are the responsibility of the organizing authority and shall be approved by the Watersportverbond. The SI shall be submitted to the Watersportverbond no later than 6 weeks before the first race of the championship. It shall be published not later than 2 weeks before the first race.

7.3 Approval of the NoR and SI is conducted by the Regulations Committee, which evaluates the documents for compliance with the standards and policies of World Sailing, the (international) class organization, and the Watersportverbond.

8 Withdrawal of Permission and Invalidation of a Championship

8.1 The Watersportverbond may withdraw its permission to hold a championship at any time if it determines that the provisions of these rules are not being met or not will be met.

8.2 The Watersportverbond may declare a championship invalid after the event if it determines that the event did not meet the criteria for a championship in these rules.

8.3 The Organizing Authority shall under no circumstances, if it determines that the provisions of these rules are not being met or will not be met, award the designated blue pennant without prior consultation with the Watersportverbond.

8.4 It is recommended that the Organizing Authority, in the event of failing to meet the minimum participation requirements, posts a notice on the noticeboard as soon as possible, but no later than after the close of registration, stating that the event will not constitute a valid Dutch Championship and that the Notice of Race for the event is thus amended.

PART 3: Miscellaneous

9 Results

9.1 The Organizing Authority shall ensure the accurate recording of the responsible person and crew members of the participants, including a valid membership number of their NMA, and confirm the results to the Watersportverbond.

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10 Prizes

10.1 The Watersportverbond will provide a blue pennant for the winning boat/board/team and a medal for each crew member of the top three boats or teams. (No additional medals will be provided for crew changes during the championship.)