



Notice of Race (Update issued 29 December 2023)

2024 Oceania & Australian Laser Open & Youth Championships 1 – 8 January 2024

Venue: Adelaide Sailing Club

Organising Authority: Adelaide Sailing Club (ASC), SA Laser Association (SALA), ILCA Australia (AusILCA) and the ILCA Oceania

1. RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 ILCA class rule 7 (a) is restricted as follows: "Only one person (the registered sailor) shall be on board while racing."
- 1.3 RRS Appendix P will apply as changed by Sailing Instruction 24.
- 1.4 RRS Appendix T "Arbitration" will apply.
- 1.5 In all rules governing this event.
 - (a) (DP) denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the protest committee; and
 - (b) (NP) denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 1.6 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2. ADVERTISING (DP, NP)

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

3. ENTRY REGULATIONS

- 3.1 Only current, fully paid members of the International Laser Class Association and of a World Sailing member national authority may enter the event. These memberships shall be with the ILCA Fleet/District Association and with the World Sailing member national authority of the country where the sailor normally sails, even though such place may not be their permanent residence; however, such member, for any valid reason and with the approval of both District Chairpersons, may select instead the Fleet/District and the World Sailing member national authority in which he has permanent residence in accordance with the ILCA Constitution, Article 10 (3) and the ILCA Class Rules, Part Two, Article 9. The sailor can only be a member of one ILCA Fleet/District Association.
- 3.2 Crew substitution of the registered sailor is not permitted.
- 3.3 No resale or transfer of entries is allowed.
- 3.4 Eligibility for Youth and Junior Divisions is the competitor's age at 31st December 2024 and the Divisions are as follows:

Class	Division	Criteria	Birth Year
Laser 4.7	Junior	Under 16	2009 & later
	Youth	Under 18	2007 & 2008
Laser Radial	Junior	Under 17	2008 & later
	Youth	Under 19	2006 & 2007
	Under 21	Under 21	2004 & later
Laser Standard	Men	Under 21	2004 & later

4. ENTRY

- 4.1 Entries will be accepted online at <https://www.adelaidesailingclub.com.au/events/188504/>.
- 4.2 The entry closing date is 30 November 2023.
- 4.3 The entry fee is AUD 425.
- 4.4 Entries completed after the entry closing date may be accepted solely at the discretion of the organising authority and on the payment of a late entry fee of AUD 500 (AUD 425 + AUD 75).

5. CHARTER BOATS

Charter boats for this event will be available and advertised on the event web site www.auslasernationals.com.au.

- 5.1 These can be booked on their web sites or by contacting AUS ILCA.
- 5.2 The pricing and conditions of the charter are as set by these companies. The event organising authority is not involved in any charter boat transactions.
- 5.3 If other charter options become available, then these will be publicised on the Australian Laser App and on the event web site www.auslasernationals.com.au.

6. BOATS AND EQUIPMENT (NP, DP)

- 6.1 The event will be sailed in ILCA class sailboats as recognised by World Sailing, commonly sold under the brand name "ILCA" or "Laser." All boats must have a valid World Sailing plaque attached in accordance with the ILCA Class Rules to the aft face of the cockpit.
- 6.2 All competitors shall use only one hull, sail, batten set, mast, boom, centreboard and rudder; all of which shall be identified during equipment inspection.
- 6.3 In the event of damage, boats and equipment may only be substituted with the written permission of the event equipment inspector in accordance with the sailing instructions.
- 6.4 For the purposes of RRS G1.1, sails shall display the national letters of the World Sailing member national authority under which the entry was accepted. This changes RRS G1.1.
- 6.5 Boats may be required to display identification numbers.
- 6.6 Fleet identification colours in the form of a yellow or blue mast sleeve may be required. These will be available for purchase as supplied by the organising authority. If required, a "notice to competitors" on the ONB prior to each race session will advise fleets accordingly

7. RACING FORMAT

- 7.1 The entries may be split into fleets and, if so, will sail a qualifying series followed by a final series.
- 7.2 Six races constitute the qualifying series. If six qualifying races have not been completed by the end of the third scheduled racing day, the qualifying series will continue until the end of the racing day in which a sixth qualifying race is completed.

8. SCHEDULE

- 8.1 Twelve races are scheduled.

8.2

1 st January	Registration & Measurement	0900hrs - 1800hrs
2 nd January	Registration & Measurement	0800hrs - 1130hrs
	Competitor Meeting	1130hrs
	Registration & Measurement	1300hrs – 1700hrs
	Practice Race	1430hrs
	Welcome Function	1800hrs
3 rd January	Racing – 2 races – Qualifying	Refer to Sailing Instruction 13
4 th January	Racing – 2 races – Qualifying	Refer to Sailing Instruction 13
5 th January	Racing – 2 races – Qualifying	Refer to Sailing Instruction 13
6 th January	Racing – 2 races – Finals (or Qualifying if required)	Refer to Sailing Instruction 13
7 th January	Racing – 2 races Finals (or Qualifying if required)	Refer to Sailing Instruction 13
8 th January	Racing – 2 races - Finals (or Qualifying if required)	Refer to Sailing Instruction 13
	Presentation Function	1900hrs

8.3 No more than three races will be sailed on any day.

8.4 Each day succeeding races will be started as soon as practicable after the finish of the previous race.

8.5 On the last day of the championship, no warning signal will be made after 1500.

9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available from 22/12/23 via the Australian Lasers App and on the event web site www.auslasernationals.com.au.

10. RACE OFFICE

The race office is located downstairs at ASC.

11. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION (NP, DP)

11.1 Information on equipment inspection will be posted on the official notice board. Boats shall be presented with all equipment that is to be used in the event, with the bottom mast and boom with all control lines rigged and with the sail and top section derigged ready for inspection.

11.2 Wet clothing and equipment inspections may be made throughout the event at the discretion of the class representative, race committee or the protest committee.

11.3 Dollies will be shared during the regatta. All boats shall be presented at measurement on serviceable dollies. 'Serviceable' specifically includes being fitted with tyres at least 60 mm wide (or equivalent) and having adequate padding. Any boat presented with an unsatisfactory or unserviceable dolly will be refused entry at measurement.

12. COACH REGISTRATION & TEAM/COACH/SUPPORT BOATS (NP, DP)

12.1 All coach/support boats shall register their driver and vessel pursuant to NOR Appendix A – *Support Vessel Regulations*.

12.2 All coach/support boats and driver shall comply with all aspects of NOR Appendix A – *Support Vessel Regulations*.

12.3 The movements of coach/support boats will be restricted as defined in the sailing instructions

and NOR Appendix A – *Support Vessel Regulations*.

- 12.4 There will be a coach meeting at the race office 2 hours before the first scheduled start time of the first race each day. The objectives of these meetings are to receive feedback from the coaches on the event organisation, exchange points of view and inform the coaches about changes in the sailing instructions and event organisation in general.

13. COURSES

Trapezoid and Windward / Return courses will be used. The target time for the first boat in each race will be 50 minutes.

14. PROTEST COMMITTEE

An International Jury will be appointed and an approval notice posted on the Notice Board. Decisions of the International Jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

15. RADIO COMMUNICATION (DP)

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio communication while racing nor receive radiocommunications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

16. SAFETY

Each competitor shall wear a personal flotation device at all times when afloat except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices.

17. SCORING

- 17.1 Four races are required to be completed to constitute a championship.
- 17.2 When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of all her race scores.
- 17.3 When six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of all her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 17.4 When ten races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of all her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
- 17.5 When a qualifying and final series is sailed:
- (a) The qualifying series races and final series races will count for the total points in the regatta.
 - (b) A qualifying series race will not count until all qualifying fleets have completed that race.
 - (c) The worst qualifying series race score will be excluded when calculating the division into final series fleets.
 - (d) If only one final series race is completed it will not be excluded.
 - (e) If two or more final series races have been completed, then a maximum of one final series race score may be excluded.
 - (f) For the purposes of RRS A5.2 "Scoring" the number of boats entered in a qualifying/final series race will be the number of boats assigned to the largest qualifying fleet.
- 17.6 All division prizes will be awarded based on the ranking of competitors in the overall results of the applicable Class.

18. TITLES & PRIZES

- 18.1 Laser class cubes and prizes shall be awarded in accordance with the ILCA Honour Award By-Law.
- 18.2 Only Australian residents shall be eligible for Laser class perpetual trophies. An Australian resident is one who meets all eligibility requirements for residency and who reasonably satisfies the Organising Authority of their long-term residency of at least one year.
- 18.3 Australian Championships perpetual trophies will be awarded in accordance with ALCA policy.
- 18.4 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

19. PHOTOGRAPHY CONSENT

By entering the event competitors accept that they may be photographed and/or videotaped participating in the event and/or using the event facilities and they consent to the taking of such images and to the use, reuse, publication and republication of such images in any media, in conjunction with the competitors name or not, without compensation and without the competitor's approval of such images or any use thereof.

20. LIABILITY AND INDEMNIFICATION

- 20.1 The Organising Authority and all their officers, members and volunteers do not accept liability for loss of life or property, or personal injury or damage caused by or arising out of the event. Competitors take part in the event at their own risk.
- 20.2 The establishment of the notice of race and the sailing instructions in no way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibilities of a competitor being solely and entirely responsible for the management of a boat he or she is sailing.
- 20.3 All competitors shall maintain their boats in a safe and seaworthy condition.
- 20.4 A competitor shall be of good health and a competent sailor capable of racing an ILCA 7 or ILCA 6 or ILCA 4 in all conditions including strong winds.
- 20.5 Each participating boat and competitor shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$5,000,000 (recommended \$10,000,000). All competitors who enter pursuant to NOR Rule 3 shall be deemed to have such insurance cover. Competitors over the age of 18 are required to acknowledge that they hold such cover when submitting their electronic entry. A Parent or Guardian is required to do so on behalf of a competitor under the age of 18 at the time of submission.
- 20.6 To the fullest extent permitted by law, each competitor agrees to indemnify and hold the Organising Authority, owners, affiliates, officers, employees, agents, committee persons and race officials acting in their official capacities harmless, from any third-party claim to the extent arising from a competitor's acts or omissions.

21. CHANGES TO THE NOTICE OF RACE

This notice of race may be subject to amendments which will be posted via the Australian Laser App and the event web site www.auslasernationals.com.au.