

European Region By-Law

1 European Region Executive Committee

- 1.1 The European Region Executive Committee is comprised of the European Region Chairman, Vice Chairman, Masters Coordinator.
- 1.2 An election shall be held annually. When the Chairman has been in Office for an **uneven** number of years he/she shall have the right to stand, unopposed, for re-election for the next year. When the Chairman has been in Office for an **even** number of years the Vice-Chairman shall have the right to stand, unopposed, for re-election for the next year. The Chairman and the Vice-Chairman shall be from different Districts and each shall be a member of their District Committee.
- 1.3 Any nominations for Chairman and Vice-Chairman (as appropriate) shall be made by Districts, in writing, at least eight weeks before the European Annual General Meeting. A Chairman or Vice-Chairman willing to re-stand for election shall not require nomination by a District.
- 1.4 Neither a Chairman nor a Vice-Chairman shall hold Office for more than six consecutive years except when the term is extended every year, by one year, through a vote by the European Annual General Meeting, provided that this proposal is on the Meeting Agenda according to paragraph 4.3.

2 Changes to the European By-Law

- 2.1 Changes to the European By-Law can only be voted upon at the European Annual General Meeting when it is on the Meeting Agenda according to paragraph 4.3.

3 Meetings

- 3.1 A quorum for a valid European Region Meeting shall be formed when representatives of at least 6 of the European Districts, together with either the Chairman or Vice Chairman of the European Region are present. If such a quorum is not present the meeting shall continue with full minutes made. All proposals made by the meeting shall be sent to all Districts for a postal ballot within 1 week of the end of the meeting. Votes from each District will be received by the European office for the next two weeks. A majority of replies shall confirm the proposals and the results shall be announced within 1 week of the close of the postal ballot.
- 3.2 One representative from each European District is entitled to be present and vote, subject to paragraphs 3.3 and 3.4 for the European Annual General Meeting and paragraph 3.4 for an Extraordinary European Region Meeting.
- 3.3 Any District that does not reply to the European Annual District Report Questionnaire and/or Membership Form sent by the European Office by the deadline date (five weeks before the scheduled date of the European Annual General meeting) shall have their vote withdrawn at the forthcoming European Annual General Meeting. In exceptional circumstances the Executive Committee may grant a dispensation from this rule to a District.
- 3.4 A District shall not be entitled to vote at a European Region Meeting unless that District has paid its International Fees in full for all reported membership periods, except in exceptional cases when prior agreement has been obtained from the European Executive Committee and such agreement shall be reported to the Meeting.
- 3.5 The European Executive Committee is entitled to be present but shall not vote except when:
 - 3.5.1 The member of the Executive Committee represents a District.
 - 3.5.2 Votes are equally divided, the Chairman may vote.
 - 3.5.3 Votes are equally divided and the Chairman represents a District, then the Vice-Chairman may vote.
- 3.6 Proxy votes are not permitted but any District not represented at the meeting may vote on a specific item on the Agenda by notifying the Chairman. Such notification shall be in writing and shall be signed by the Chairman or Secretary of the District concerned and shall reach the Chairman before the commencement of the Meeting.
- 3.7 Any guest may attend the European Region Meeting as an observer but may only address the Meeting following a specific invitation from the Chairman.
- 3.8 A motion on an agenda item shall only be adopted if it is proposed, seconded and then approved by a majority vote. When a motion has been proposed and seconded, but before the vote, amendments to that motion shall be voted upon and if approved shall be adopted over the original motion. If the amendments are not approved by majority vote, the original proposal shall be put to a vote.
- 3.9 Minutes shall be taken at each European Region Meeting and shall be submitted for approval at the next European Annual General Meeting.

4 Annual Meeting Notices and Submissions

- 4.1 A Notice stating the venue, date and time for the European Annual General Meeting shall be forwarded to the District Offices at least twelve weeks before the scheduled date of the Meeting. This Notice shall also include a statement indicating whether or not the Chairman and/or the Vice-Chairman are prepared to stand for re-election, if eligible.
- 4.2 Proposals for items to be placed on the Agenda shall be sent to the European Office to arrive at least five weeks before the scheduled date of the Meeting.
- 4.3 At least three weeks before the scheduled date of the European Annual General Meeting the Agenda shall be forwarded to the District Offices.

- 4.4 The Agenda shall include at least the following items:
- i) Apologies for absence and count for quorum
 - ii) European Executive Committee's Report
 - iii) European Region Financial Report (Prepared by Chartered Accountant)
 - iv) Election of Officers
 - v) Approval of the previous European Region Meeting Minutes
 - vi) Matters arising from the Minutes
 - vii) Future European Championship Venues
 - viii) Date and venue of next European Region Meeting
 - ix) Any other business

5 Extraordinary Meetings, Notices and Submissions

- 5.1 An Extraordinary European Region Meeting shall be called if the European Executive Committee considers this to be in the interest of the European region of ILCA or if at least one third of the European Districts submit a written motion to the European Office. When calling an Extraordinary European Region Meeting the regulations laid down in this By-Law shall apply with the exception of paragraphs 3.7, 4.1, 4.2 & 4.3.
- 5.2 At least 4 weeks before the scheduled date of an Extraordinary General Meeting, a Notice stating the venue, date and time of the meeting together with the Agenda shall be forwarded to District Offices.

6 European Championships

- 6.1 The courses shall be a trapezoid course with inner and outer loops and a short windward finish.
- 6.2 The dates & venue of the European Championships, shall, where possible be published before 1 July each preceding year.
- 6.3 The European Executive Committee shall annually set the number of Non-European places, the allocation system and qualification rules with priority given to European Districts.

6.4 European Laser Standard Senior Championship (included in the European trophy):

- 6.4.1 The European Laser Standard Senior Championship shall take place at the same venue and at the same time as the European Laser Radial Women's Championship. This can only be changed after discussion and agreement between the European Executive Committee and the host club.
- 6.4.2 The European Trophy is open to all European competitors and a certain number of Non-European competitors. The European Trophy shall be awarded to the overall winner of the Championship and can be won by either a European or Non-European competitor.
- 6.4.3 The European Championship is for European competitors only and the title shall be awarded to the first European competitor finishing in the European Trophy. The European Championship results are taken from the European Trophy results by extracting a separate set of results comprising of European competitors only without re-scoring.
- 6.4.4 The lower age limit for the European Laser Standard Senior Championship is "competitors shall be at least 17 years old in the calendar year of the Championship".
- 6.4.5 A separate set of daily overall results shall be published for the European Trophy and the European Championship (extracted without re-scoring from the European Trophy overall results).
- 6.4.6 Only European competitors at the European Laser Standard Senior Championship may be awarded Laser cubes.

6.5 European Laser Standard Youth Championship:

- 6.5.1 The European Laser Standard Youth Championship is for all European and Non-European competitors. There shall only be one overall set of results including all competitors.
- 6.5.2 All competitors shall be eligible for Laser cubes according to the ILCA Honour award By-Law.
- 6.5.3 The age limit for the European Laser Standard Youth Championship is "competitors shall be 17 years old but not 21 years or older in the calendar year of the Championship".
- 6.5.4 The European Laser Standard Youth Championship shall take place at the same venue and at the same time as the European Laser Radial Youth Championship unless the World Laser Radial Youth Championship is within Europe - in which case the European Laser Standard Youth Championship shall be hosted at its own venue. This can only be changed after discussion and agreement between the European Executive Committee and the host club.

6.6 European Laser Radial Women's Championship (included in the European trophy):

- 6.6.1 The European Laser Radial Women's Championship shall take place at the same venue and at the same time as the European Laser Standard Senior Championship. This can only be changed after discussion and agreement between the European Executive Committee and the host club.
- 6.6.2 The European Trophy is open to all European competitors and a certain number of Non-European competitors. The European Trophy shall be awarded to the overall winner of the Championship and can be won by either a European or Non-European competitor.
- 6.6.3 The European Championship is for European competitors only and the title shall be awarded to the first European competitor sailing in the European Trophy. The European Championship results are taken from the European Trophy results by extracting a separate set of results comprising of European competitors only without re-scoring.
- 6.6.4 The lower age limit for the European Laser Radial Women's Championship is "competitors shall be at least 15 years old in the calendar year of the Championship".

- 6.6.5 A separate set of daily overall results shall be published for the European Trophy and the European Championship (extracted without re-scoring from the European Trophy overall results).
- 6.6.6 Only European competitors at the European Laser Radial Women's Championships may be awarded Laser cubes.
- 6.6.7 The allocation system and qualification rules for the European Laser Radial Women's Championship shall be the same as the allocation system and qualification rules for the European Laser Standard Senior Championship.

6.7 European Laser Radial Men's Championship:

- 6.7.1 The European Laser Radial Men's Championship shall take place at the same venue and at the same time as the European Laser Radial Women's Championship and the European Laser Standard Senior Championship unless the World Laser Radial Men's Championship is within Europe. This can only be changed after discussion and agreement between the European Executive Committee and the host club.
- 6.7.2 When the World Laser Radial Men's Championship is held within Europe no separate European Laser Radial Men's Championship shall be held and the results shall be extracted daily from the World Championship results without recalculation. The first European finisher in the World Laser Radial Men's Championship shall be the European Laser Radial Men's Champion.
- 6.7.3 The lower age limit for the European Laser Radial Men's Championship is "competitors shall be at least 15 years old in the calendar year of the Championship".

6.8 European Laser Radial Youth Championship:

- 6.8.1 The European Laser Radial Youth Championship shall take place at the same venue and at the same time as the European Laser Standard Youth Championship unless the World Laser Radial Youth Championship is within Europe. This can only be changed after discussion and agreement between the European Executive Committee and the host club.
- 6.8.2 When the World Laser Radial Youth Championship is held within Europe no separate European Laser Radial Youth Championship shall be held and the results shall be extracted from the World Championship results without recalculation. The first European finisher in the World Laser Radial Youth Boys Championship shall be the European Laser Radial Youth Boys Champion and the first European finisher in the World Laser Radial Youth Girls Championship shall be the European Laser Radial Youth Girls Champion.
- 6.8.3 The age limit for the European Laser Radial Youth Championship is "competitors shall be 15 years old but not 19 years or older in the calendar year of the Championship".
- 6.8.4 A prize shall be awarded to the first boy and girl finishing in the under 17 category (competitors shall not be 17 years or older in the calendar year of the Championship).
- 6.8.5 A separate set of daily results shall be published for each Championship title, extracted from the overall results without recalculation.

6.9 European Laser 4.7 Youth Championships

- 6.9.1 When the World Laser 4.7 Youth Championship is held within Europe no separate European Laser 4.7 Youth Championship shall be held and the results shall be extracted from the World Championship results without recalculation. The first European finisher in the World Laser 4.7 Youth Boys Championship shall be the European Laser 4.7 Youth Boys Champion and the first European finisher in the World Laser 4.7 Youth Girls Championship shall be the European Laser 4.7 Youth Girls Champion.
- 6.9.2 Where possible the European Laser 4.7 Youth Championship shall be held during the school holidays at Easter or in August.
- 6.9.3 A prize shall be awarded to the first boy and girl finishing in the under 15 category (competitors shall not be 15 years or older in the calendar year of the Championship).
- 6.9.4 A separate set of daily results shall be published for each Championship title, extracted from the overall results without recalculation.
- 6.9.5 The age limit for the European Laser 4.7 Youth Championship is "competitors shall be 12 years old but not 18 years or older in the calendar year of the Championship".
- 6.9.6 If both the boys and girls championships have more than 35 competitors then separate starts shall be made for each championship.

6.10 European Laser Masters Championships

- 6.10.1 In the calendar year of the Championship, competitors shall be:
Aged from 35 to 44 to compete in the Apprentice Masters
Aged from 45 to 54 to compete in the Masters
Aged from 55 to 64 to compete in the Grand Masters
Aged 65 or above to compete in the Great Grand Masters
Aged 35 or above to compete in the Women's Laser Radial Masters