

EUROPEAN REGIONAL BY LAW

1. The European Regional Meeting shall comprise one representative per European district, the elected President and Vice-President of the European Region, which form, together with the Master Coordinator, the European Executive Committee, plus the European Executive Secretary.
2. A quorum will be formed if six of the representatives of the European Districts together with either the President or Vice-President of the European Region are present. If such a quorum is not present the meeting shall continue with full minutes made. Any proposals made by the meeting shall be submitted to a postal ballot of Districts within 2 weeks of the meeting. A simple majority of replies received within 3 weeks will confirm the proposals.
3. An Extraordinary European Regional Meeting shall be called if the European Executive Committee considers this to be in the interest of the Association or if at least one third of the Chairmen of the European Districts submit a written motion to the European Regional Office. When calling an Extraordinary European Regional Meeting the regulations laid down in this By-Law shall apply with the exception of paragraphs 5, 6, 7 & 8.
4. 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 European District Offices.
5. Any guest may attend the European Regional Meeting as an observer but may only address the Meeting following a specific invitation from the Chairman.
6. A Notice stating the venue, date and time for each European General Meeting shall be forwarded to the European 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.
7. Proposals for items to be placed on the Agenda shall be sent to the European Regional Office to arrive at least five weeks before the scheduled date of the Meeting.
8. At least three weeks before the scheduled date of the Meeting the Agenda for the European Regional Meeting shall be forwarded to the European District Offices.
9. The Agenda for the European Regional Meeting shall include at least the following items:
 - (i) Apologies for absence and count for quorum
 - (ii) European Executive Committee's Report
 - (iii) Regional Financial Report (Prepared by Chartered Accountant)
 - (iv) Election of Officers
 - (v) Approval of the previous European Regional Meeting Minutes.
 - (vi) Matters arising from the Minutes
 - (vii) Future European Championship Venues
 - (viii) Date and venue of next European Regional Meeting
 - (ix) Any other business
10. Each District is entitled to one vote. 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 not later than the commencement of the Meeting. Such notification shall be in writing and shall be signed by the Chairman or Secretary of the District concerned. A District shall not be entitled to vote at the Annual General Meeting unless that District has paid its International Fees in full, except in exceptional cases when prior agreement has been obtained from the European Executive Committee and such agreement shall be reported to the Annual European Meeting.

Members of the European Executive Committee shall abstain from voting except in the following circumstances:

 - (i) In the case that a Member of the Executive Committee represents a District.
 - (ii) In the case that votes are equally divided, then the Chairman may vote.
 - (iii) In the case that votes are equally divided and the Chairman of the Meeting also represents a District, the Vice-Chairman may vote.
11. Any District that does not reply to the Annual European District Report Questionnaire and/or Membership Form sent by the International Office by the deadline date (five weeks before the scheduled date of the meeting) shall have no vote at the forthcoming European Annual Meeting.

In exceptional circumstances the Executive Committee may grant a dispensation from this rule to a District.
12. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN & VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR THE EUROPEAN REGION
 - (i) A Chairman and a Vice-Chairman shall be elected 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.

- (ii) Any nominations for Chairman and Vice-Chairman (as appropriate) shall be made by Districts, in writing, at least eight weeks before the Annual General Meeting. A retiring Chairman or Vice-Chairman shall not require nomination by a District.
- (iii) Neither a Chairman nor a Vice-Chairman shall hold Office for more than six consecutive years except as provided in paragraph (iv).
- (iv) The period of 6 years can be extended every year by one year through a vote by the EAGM provided that this proposal is on the Meeting Agenda according to Article 8 of the By-Law.

13. A motion on an Agenda item will only be adopted if it is proposed and seconded and approved by the majority vote of the Meeting. When a motion has been proposed and seconded, but before it has been voted upon, an amendment(s) to that motion shall be voted upon and, if approved by the Meeting, shall be adopted and the original motion shall fail. If the amendment(s) is not approved by the Meeting, the original proposal shall be put to the Meeting.

14. Changes to the European By-Law can only be voted upon at a European General Meeting when duly proposed in time and included in the Agenda.

15. EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

A The dates & venue of the European championships where possible shall be published before 1 July each preceding year.

B As a first preference, the EUROPEAN YOUTH AND SENIOR STANDARD RIG LASER CHAMPIONSHIPS should take place at the same venue and at the same time, using separate courses, however this can be changed for specific events after discussion between the Executive Committee and the host club.

- i) Laser Standard European Championship and European Trophy:
Open to all members of the International Laser Class Association with the number of entries limited. The Executive Committee decides the allocation system and qualification rules yearly with priority given to European Districts and Fleets. The European Trophy will be awarded to the overall winner. The European Championship ranking is extracted from the overall results and the European Championship title given to the first European.
The lower age limit for the Standard European Senior Championship shall not be lower than the lower age limit for the Standard European Youth Championship, which is 17 years old in the calendar year of the championship.
- ii) Only European competitors at the Laser Standard Senior European championships event may be awarded Laser cubes.
- iii) Youth European Championship Standard Rig, from 17 to 20 years old (open):
Entry is open to competitors who will reach between 17 and 20 years of age in the calendar year of the championship.
- iv) The course for the European Championships Standard Rig shall be a trapezoid course with inner and outer loops with a short windward finish.
- v) The European Senior Championships is for Europeans only.
- vi) The European Trophy is for all senior competitors in the European region plus a certain number of non-European sailors.
- vii) A separate set of daily overall results shall be published for the European Championship and European Trophy.

C As a first preference, the EUROPEAN YOUTH AND OPEN RADIAL RIG CHAMPIONSHIPS (including Women) should take place at the same venue and at the same time in mixed fleets with no special treatment of youth sailors when allocating the fleets; however this can be changed for specific events after discussion between the Executive Committee and the host club.

- i) Open Radial Rig Championship (including Women): The lower age limit for the Open Radial Rig European Championship shall not be lower than the lower age limit for the Youth Radial Rig European Championship, which is 15 years old in the calendar year of the championship. If both categories have more than 35 entries a separate start for women is applicable.
- ii) Youth European Radial Rig Championship (from 15 to 18 years old, including prizes for girls): A competitor shall reach between 15 and 18 years of age in the calendar year of the championship.
- iii) For the European Radial Men and Youth; when the Laser Radial World Championships are held in Europe, no separate European Radial Championships will be held and the European Championship ranking is extracted from the World Championship Ranking: the first European finisher in the Open Male Radial World Championship will be the Laser Radial European Champion and the first European finisher in the Youth Radial World Championship will be the Laser Radial Youth European Champion etc.
- iv) The Radial European Championship should be held with preference in one week for youth and women/men together on separate courses. If that is not possible, then there should be an Open

Laser Radial European Championship (for youth and women/men together) and a Youth Laser Radial European Championship (women/men) in two consecutive weeks.

- v) Women and men always start in separate fleets (separate starts)
- vi) Youth should always have separate starts (in several fleets if necessary)
- vii) Entry limitations: the Laser Radial Women's European Championship should follow the same lines as for the Standard Senior Worlds for allocation of places.
- viii) The European Radial Women's Championship is for Europeans only
- ix) The European Laser Radial Women's Trophy is for all competitors in the European region plus a certain number of non-European sailors.
- x) Only European competitors at the European Radial women's championship may be awarded Laser cubes.
- xi) There is to be a prize awarded for the first male and female sailor finishing in an Under 17 category for the European Radial Youth Championship.

D The EUROPEAN LASER 4.7 CHAMPIONSHIP (including Women)

- i) When the Laser 4.7 World Championship is held outside Europe, there should be a Laser 4.7 European Championship held; if possible this should be held during school holidays. When the Laser 4.7 World Championship is held in Europe, the Laser 4.7 European Championship is incorporated with it. The ranking of the European Championship is extracted from the final ranking of the Laser 4.7 World Championship. Therefore, the first European finisher in the overall series of the Open Male event will be the Laser 4.7 European Champion, the first European finisher in the overall series of the Open Female event will be the Laser 4.7 Women's European Champion, etc.
- ii) A competitor shall reach between 12 and 17 years of age in the calendar year of the championship.
- iii) If both categories have more than 35 entries a separate start for women is applicable.
- iv) There is to be a prize awarded for the first male and female sailor finishing in an Under 15 category for the European Laser 4.7 Championship.

E OPEN LASER EUROPEAN MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIP.

- i) For the Masters Championship competitors shall reach the following ages in the year of the event:
 - (i) between 35 and 44 to compete in the Apprentice Masters
 - (ii) between 45 and 54 to compete in the Masters
 - (iii) between 55 and 64 to compete in the Grand Masters
 - (iv) 65 or above to compete in the Great Grand Masters
 - (v) 35 or above to compete in the Laser Radial Masters

16. Minutes shall be taken at each European Regional Meeting and shall be submitted for approval at the next European Regional Meeting.

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