

3rd SAFYC Optimist Championship 2008

(Sanctioned By SingaporeSailing)

Sailing Instructions

1 & 2 March 2008

1. Rules

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the International Sailing Federation's (ISAF) Racing Rules of Sailing 2005 – 2008, the class rules of the respective classes, except when any of these are altered by the Notice of Race (NOR) and by the Sailing Instructions (SI).

1.2 Life jackets shall be worn at all times whilst afloat. This changes the Part 4 preamble and RRS 40.1.

2. Notice to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the SAF Yacht Club, Changi Club House near the briefing corner next to the Marina Office.

3. Changes to the Sailing Instructions

Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1000 hrs on the day it will take effect, except that a change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 hrs on the day before it will take effect.

4. Signals Made Ashore

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag staff located near the launching ramp at SAF Yacht Club, Changi Club House.

4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, the "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" in race signal AP.

5. Schedule of Races

5.1 1 March 2008	Fleet racing	1 st warning signal at 1300 hrs
2 March 2008	Fleet racing	1 st warning signal at 1100 hrs

6. Class Flags

The class flag will be:
Optimist - "O" Flag

7. The Course

7.1 The course for Fleet Racing will be the Trapezoid Course. Group A will sail the outer loop. Group B will sail the inner loop.

7.2 The course for the Fleet Racing shall be:

Outer Loop: Mark 1, Mark 2, Mark 3, Mark 2, Mark 3, Finish.
Inner Loop: Mark 1, Mark 4, Mark 1, Mark 2, Mark 3, Finish.

7.3 Appendix A shows a diagram of the course.

8. Marks

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1	Red Cylindrical
2	Yellow Cylindrical
3	Blue Cylindrical
4	Orange Cylindrical
Finish	Round Black
New Mark	Round White

9. The Start

9.1 Races will be started using rule 26, with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.

9.2 The starting line will be between 2 boats flying an orange flag each.

9.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.

9.4 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes rule A4.

10. Fleet Grouping

10.1 Where more than 80 entries for the Optimist Class are received at the close of entries, the class shall race in groups as follows:

10.2 The entire fleet will be divided into 4 groups. The seeding of boats into the 4 groups will be based on the current National Ranking where available or another method as determined by the Organising Authority. The seeding will be done as soon as possible after the closing of entries and shall not be subject to protest. This changes rule 60.1(b).

10.3 Each race shall consist of 2 groups racing together and where possible each group shall race each other's group on an equal number of times.

10.4 Groups may be started in any order however the Race Committee will attempt to start as follows;

Race 1A: Group 1 & 2, Race 1B: Group 3 & 4
Race 2A: Group 2 & 4, Race 2B: Group 1 & 3
Race 3A: Group 1 & 4, Race 3B: Group 2 & 3
Race 4A: Group 3 & 4, Race 4B: Group 1 & 2
Race 5A: Group 1 & 3, Race 5B: Group 2 & 4
Race 6A: Group 2 & 3, Race 6B: Group 1 & 4
Race 7A: Group 1 & 2, Race 7B: Group 3 & 4

10.5 The Group Flags shall be displayed in place of the Class Flag. All boats will display a coloured ribbon (corresponding with the colour of their groups) attached securely to the top of their sprit. The organiser will provide these ribbons.

The group flags and colours are:

Group 1 – Purple
Group 2 – Yellow
Group 3 – Pink
Group 4 – Green

11. Change of the Next Leg of the Course

11.1 The race committee may change the next leg of the course. The direction and / or length of the new leg will be changed by moving the original mark to a new position or by laying a new mark and by removing the original mark as soon as practicable.

12. The Finish

12.1 The finishing line will be between a boat flying a blue flag and the finishing mark.

13. Penalty System

13.1 Appendix P will apply as changed by instruction 13.2.

13.2 Rule P2.3 will not apply and rule P2.2 is changed so that it will apply to any protest after the first one.

14. Time Limits

14.1 Time limits are as follows:

Class	Time Limit
Optimist	70 minutes

14.2 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes or within the time limit, whichever is the later, will be scored DNF. This changes rules 35 and A4.1.

15. Protest and Requests for Redress

- 15.1 Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests and Redresses shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 15.2 A fee of S\$30.00 shall be attached to the protest forms for all Protest and Redress. The fee shall be returned upon at the discretion of the jury.
- 15.3 For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.
- 15.4 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. All Hearing will be held in the Function rooms located on the 2nd floor at SAF Yacht Club, Changi Club House.
- 15.5 Notices of protests by the race committee of protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1 (b).
- 15.6 A list of boats that, under instruction 13.1, have acknowledged breaking rule 42 or have been disqualified by the protest committee will be posted before the protest time limit.
- 15.7 Breaches of instructions 7.3, 9.4, 17.4, 17.5, 19, 20 and 23 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.
- 15.8 On the last day of the regatta a request for a reopening a hearing shall be delivered:
- (a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;
 - (b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed on the decision on that day.
- This changes rule 66.

16. Scoring

- 16.1 A maximum of 7 races are scheduled for Fleet Racing. There will be no minimum number of races to constitute a series.
- 16.2 When 3 or fewer races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her scores.
- 16.3 When 4 or more races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her scores excluding her worst score.
- 16.4 Primary and Secondary School Team scorings are based on the overall 3 best positions of the team members, respectively, with 1 Ghost Entry allowed. For the Overall Best Club Team, the top 5 best entries to form the team.

17. Safety regulations

- 17.1 Prior to launching for the first race of the day, each boat shall personally sign-on on the forms provided at the Race Office at SAF Yacht Club, Changi Club House.
- 17.2 After arriving back to shore and within the protest time limit, each boat shall personally sign-off on the forms provided at the Race Office at SAF Yacht Club, Changi Club House.
- 17.3 Failure to comply with instructions 17.1 or / and 17.2 will result in a score of DSQ in the first race of the day. This amends rules 60.2 and 63.1.
- 17.4 Sailors are to refer to the Notice Board for the restricted areas around the Club House and are to stay outside the restricted areas.
- 17.5 Safety boats will be on standby to guide or alter the course of sailors due to construction work by barges.

18. Equipment and Measurements Checks

Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the Race Committee. A written request is to be submitted to the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

19. Support Boats

Team leaders, coaches and other support boats shall stay 50 M outside all racing areas as defined in Appendix A. where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

20. Radio Communication

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

21. Prizes for Fleet Racing

21.1 Open Division	1 st to 6 th
Boys 'A' Division	1 st to 3 rd
Boys 'B' Division	1 st to 3 rd
Boys 'C' Division	1 st to 3 rd
Girls 'A' Division	1 st to 3 rd
Girls 'B' Division	1 st to 3 rd
Girls 'C' Division	1 st to 3 rd
Overall Best Club Team	1 st

Primary School Team Division 1st to 3rd
Secondary School Team Division 1st to 3rd

“A” Division Those born between 1993 - 1995
“B” Division Those born between 1996 - 1997
“C” Division Those born after 1998

22. Insurance

All competitors are encouraged to have personal insurance coverage before participating in the event.

23. Restricted Area

All sailors must keep clear of the restricted area around the Singapore Naval Base and Barge loading area. Details of those areas will be posted on the Notice Board.

24. Disclaimer

Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk (see rule 4, Decision to Race). The Organizing Authority (SAF Yacht Club), their officials, members and volunteers who assist in the organizing and running of this event will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the event.