

Appendix 1 World Championship Rules

The Royal Hellenic Cup

In 1965 His Majesty King Constantine of Greece presented the Royal Hellenic Cup, known as Epathlon Vassileos, to the International Dragon Class as the World Championship Trophy, in memory of the late King Paul who showed so much interest in the Dragons.

Rules

- 1 The World Championships shall be governed by the current ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the International Dragon Class Rules, the rules of the Dragon World Championship, the International Dragon Class "Standard Sailing Instructions" and any amendments thereto approved in writing by the IDA and in force one month prior to the date the Notice of Race is issued.

Frequency

- 2 The Championship shall be held every second odd calendar year.

Venue

- 3 The location of the Championship shall be determined by the International Dragon Association in General Meeting and, where possible, take place in the following areas in rotation:

North Europe

America

North and South American continents, Bermuda and Jamaica

South Europe, Middle East, and Africa

For the purposes of defining these areas, South Europe shall be deemed to include Belgium and Switzerland.

Australia and Pacific

Only countries that are members of the International Dragon Association and have an active Dragon fleet may run the Championship. New member countries shall be allocated to a suitable area by the Association.

- 4 The International Dragon Association in general meeting shall select the country that is to hold the Championship at least two years in advance. The Organising authority will be required to show that it is able and willing to meet the International Dragon Association's requirements for arranging a major World Championship event. The host venue shall specify the maximum number of boats it can host (this number to be in the Notice of

Race) and this shall be at least 75 boats.

Entries

- 5 The maximum number of entries (per country) that can be put forward by their National Association as qualified entrants is as follows:

Registered Dragons Per Country	Qualified Entries
1-10	6
11-20	7
21-35	8
36-50	9
51-85	10
86-125	11
126-175	12
176-250	13
251-325	14
326-400	15
Over 400	17

An entry that qualifies under any other method (see rules 6, 7 and 8 below) shall be in addition to the national entitlement.

In addition the host country will be permitted, at the discretion of the IDA depending on the number of entries, extra places up to 50% of their qualified entries.

- 6 In addition, the top 20 helmsmen of the International Ranking List of the previous year are qualified.
- 7 In addition up to 2 places may be allocated at the discretion of the International Dragon Association. Applications for these places must be received by the IDA Secretary three months before the event.
- 8 In addition the following helmsmen shall automatically qualify:
- The current World Champion.
 - The President and Vice Presidents of the International Dragon Association.
 - The Chairman, Vice Chairmen, Treasurer, Secretary and Chairman of the Technical Committee of the International Dragon Association.
- 9 If, at the closing date for entries, the limit for the number of entries (entry form plus entry |

fee) has been exceeded, entries will be reduced in the following order:

- a) the Host country's additional places
- b) the National allocations (except for the Host country)

If the reduction b) has to be applied, reductions shall be proportionate as far as possible, provided that at least one entry per nation is accepted. Each country will be asked to confirm the number of its allocation attending, with any on a waiting list. If a qualified entry withdraws for any reason, that country shall be given 7 days to confirm a replacement, failing which the host country may accept any other entry at its discretion

- 10 In the event that the number of qualified entries is less than the maximum number specified by the host, the host may accept additional entries with the approval of the IDA.
- 11 Each Individual National Association shall notify the Organising Authority of the boats that are expected to attend, at least three months prior to the championship. National Associations may require at least two crew members to be current members of their Association.
- 12 The names of helmsman, crew and boat shall be in the hands of the organising authority at least 30 days before the first race.

Eligibility

- 13 The helmsman and at least one member of the crew shall have the same nationality and either of these may take the helm. One non-national crew member is permitted but shall not take the helm.
- 14 Helmsman qualifying through the national allocation (including host's extra allocation) shall be a national of the country approving the entry.
- 15 The helmsman shall enter as a member of a Yacht Club recognised by the National Authority of the country for which he sails and shall be a current member of his National Dragon Association.
- 16 Helmsman may only be substituted from the original starting crew of the member's country and crew may be substituted during a series for good and sufficient reasons approved by the Jury. The total weight of the substituted crew must not exceed 285 kgs after the substitution.
- 17 Letters and Sail Numbers. Irrespective of the owner/helmsman's country, the boat must be entered with the sail number of her country of registration unless the Jury have previously agreed otherwise (RRS Appendix G).

Guidance Notes

- a Hong Kong is a special case and qualification rules follow those determined by the

Olympic Games.

- b A sailor lacking his own National Dragon Association and seconded to another NDA (IDA Constitution 3.2) must meet the eligibility requirements but of his own nationality

Entry requirements and measurement

- 18 Entries shall be limited to boats holding a valid Certificate of Measurement which shall be exhibited to the Organising country as directed in the Notice of Race.

A valid Measurement Certificate is an original or copy of the Measurement Form which has been stamped by a National Yachting Authority, or is a special Measurement Certificate issued by a National Yachting Authority. (Class Rule 1.82).

- 19 Boats and sails may be subject to re-measurement in accordance with the International Dragon Class Rules and the IDA Technical Committee instructions.
- 20 The Organisers shall appoint a Measurer, Principal Race Officer and Chairman of the Jury approved in writing by the IDA for the event.
- 21 The Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions (in English) shall be approved by the IDA before publication.

Course and Scoring System

- 22 The type of course (windward/leeward), the scoring (low points) system and time limit shall be notified in the Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions.

Number of Races

- 23 The Championship shall take place over 6 days and comprise 8 races. Only one race shall be scheduled for the first and last days. A maximum of 6 races shall be scheduled on the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th days, with no more than 2 races per day. The schedule may be amended during the regatta to hold more than 2 races on any day if needed to complete the initial schedule regatta. If 6, or more races are completed there will be one discard. There will be no discard if only 5 races are completed. If less than five races can be sailed the trophy shall not be awarded. A spare day cannot be scheduled for the last day of the series.

International Jury.

- 24 The Organising Authority shall appoint an International Jury from whose decisions there shall be no appeal (RRS 70.4).

Prizes

- 25 The title of World Champion will be awarded to the helmsman who has won the Championship. If a helmsman has been substituted the trophy shall be awarded to whichever helmsman has the better score.
- 26 The trophy shall be held by the winning helmsman until the next Championship, but will remain the property of the donor. The holder shall be responsible for the care of the trophy (including insurance) and to see that it is in the hands of the Organising Country by the start of the next Championship.
- 27 The IDA will provide Gold, Silver and Bronze medals for the winning helmsmen and crew of the first three yachts.

Interpretation

- 28 These rules will be subject to interpretation and amendment by the IDA.
- 29 An amendment to these conditions shall require a two-thirds majority of those voting in general meeting.

Appendix 1A World Championship Corinthian Trophy

Deed of Gift - August 2010

1. This trophy has been presented by the David Atkinson Trust, in honour of the late David Atkinson, a skilful sailor, gentleman and long time supporter of the Dragons in Melbourne, Australia, for competition at International Dragon World Championships.
2. The Atkinson Corinthian Trophy is the property of the International Dragon Association [IDA].
3. The Trophy will be competed for bi-annually within the Dragon World Championship, or as often as the Dragon World Championship is raced for if other than bi-annually. The winner of the Trophy on each occasion is entitled to hold it for display at their regular sailing club until the next Dragon World Championship. In the event that the Dragon World Championship is not awarded in any IDA approved cycle, the holder shall return The Trophy to the IDA. [Note this also covers the eventuality where the Dragon World Championship is not presented because an inadequate number of races have been sailed].
4. In order to qualify as a competitor for the Trophy, the boat shall be crewed totally by amateur, Corinthian, sailors as defined by ISAF. Each sailor must hold a current ISAF Sailor Code Classification 1.
5. The winner will be the helmsman of the winning boat in the Corinthian series of the Dragon World Championship. The scoring will be the low point system as used in the World Championship except that in each race the first Corinthian boat will score a win, the second Corinthian boat will score a second and so on.

Jill Atkinson
David Atkinson Trust Executor
Melbourne, Australia - August 1st, 2010.