



European Region By-Law

1. Changes to the European By-Law:

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

2. Meetings:

2.1 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.

2.2 The European Executive Committee is entitled to be present but shall not vote except when:

2.3 The member of the Executive Committee represents a District.

2.4 Votes are equally divided, the Chairman may vote.

2.5 Votes are equally divided and the Chairman represents a District, then the Vice-Chairman may vote.

2.6.1 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.

2.6.2 District representatives intending to attend the EAGM shall complete an

- attendance form, which shall also include their appropriate contact information and travel details (if possible).
- 2.6.3 A District's Representative who indicates that they shall attend, but is subsequently unable to attend due to an emergency, may send an e-mail and/or text message to indicate how they wish to vote on any particular item(s), provided this written notification is received by the Chairman before the commencement of the meeting.
- 2.7 Any guest may attend the European Region Meeting as an observer but may only address the Meeting following a specific invitation from the Chairman.
- 2.8 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.
- 2.9 Minutes shall be taken at each European Region Meeting and shall be distributed to the European Districts no later than six weeks after the meeting. The Districts will implicitly approve the minutes if they have not responded within four weeks of receiving the minutes. A summary of the minutes approved by the Executive Committee will be published on the European web site after the minutes have been approved by the European Districts.
- 2.10 Voting on a secret ballot (whether for any office, course of action, location, etc. but excluding those covered in paragraph 3.8) shall require a simple majority (subject to paragraph 3.5.2 or 3.5.3). When there are more than two options a vote shall be taken and the option with the lowest number of votes shall be excluded and a new vote taken for the remaining options. If one of the options achieves more than 50% of the available votes that option shall be adopted. The number of votes cast for each option shall not be declared - only which of the options has been successful.

3. Annual Meeting Notices and Submissions

- 3.1 The Agenda shall include at least the following items:
- i) Apologies for absence and count for quorum
 - ii) Matters arising from the Minutes
 - iii) Approval of the previous European Region Meeting Minutes

- iv) Report from each member of the European Executive Committee.
- v) European Region Financial Report)
- vi) Election of Officers
- vii) Future European Championship Venues
- viii) Date and venue of next European Region Meeting
- ix) Any other business

4. European Championships

- 4.1 The courses shall be a trapezoid course with inner and outer loops and a short windward finish.
- 4.2 The dates & venue of the European Championships where possible shall be published before 1 July each preceding year.
- 4.3 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.

4.4 European Trophy

- 4.4.1 For all European Championships, except the European Masters, when a World Championship is held in Europe a separate European Championship will be held.
- 4.4.2 For each European Trophy regatta prizes will be awarded to the first three competitors in each age group regardless of their nationality.
- 4.4.3 All place prizes and EurILCA cubes are awarded to the European Championship and European competitors only. In each age group the first 10% of the competitors (rounded up to the nearest ten competitors) will receive a place prize (plaque), up to a maximum of 10 place prizes per category, but a minimum of 3 prizes per category are awarded regardless the number of competitors. For each age category, the EurILCA cubes are awarded in accordance with the ILCA Honor Award Bylaw.

4.5 European Laser Standard Senior Championship:

- 4.5.1 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.
- 4.5.2 The first Overall (European) competitor is to be called the Laser Standard

European Champion.

4.6 European Laser Standard Under 21 Championship:

- 4.6.1 The European Laser Standard Under 21 Championship shall take place at the same venue and at the same time as the European Laser Radial Women's Under 21 Championship. This can only be changed after discussion and agreement between the European Executive Committee and the host club.
- 4.6.2 When the World Laser Standard Under 21 Championship is held in Europe a separate European Laser Standard Under 21 Championship shall be held starting in 2014.
- 4.6.3 The age limit for the European Laser Standard Under 21 Championship is "competitors shall be 17 years old but not 21 years or older in the calendar year of the Championship".
- 4.6.4 The first Overall (European) competitor is to be called the Laser Standard Under 21 European Champion; the first U19 competitor is to be called the Laser Standard Youth U19 European Champion

4.7 European Laser Radial Women's Under 21 Championship:

- 4.7.1 The European Laser Radial Women's Under 21 Championship shall take place at the same venue and at the same time as the European Laser Standard Men's Under 21 Championship. This can only be changed after discussion and agreement between the European Executive Committee and the host club.
- 4.7.2 When the World Laser Radial Women's Under 21 Championship is held within Europe a separate European Laser Radial Women's Under 21 Championship shall be held.
- 4.7.3 The age limit for the European Laser Radial Women's Under 21 Championship is "competitors shall be 17 years old but not 21 years or older in the calendar year of the Championship".
- 4.7.4 The first Overall (European) competitor is to be called the Laser Radial Women's Under 21 European Champion.

4.8 European Laser Radial Women's Championship:

- 4.8.1 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.
- 4.8.3 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.

4.8.4 The first Overall (European) competitor is to be called the Laser Radial Women's European Champion.

4.9 European Laser Radial Men's Championship:

- 4.9.1 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.
- 4.9.2 When the World Laser Radial Men's Championship is held within Europe, a separate European Laser Radial Men's Championship shall be held.
- 4.9.3 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".
- 4.9.4 The first Overall (European) competitor is to be called the Laser Radial Men's European Champion; the first U21 competitor is to be called the Laser Radial Men's U21 European Champion.

4.10 European Laser Radial Youth Championship:

- 4.10.1 When the World Laser Radial Youth Championship is held within Europe a separate European Laser Radial Youth Championship shall be held.
- 4.10.2 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".
- 4.10.3 A separate set of daily results shall be published for each Championship title, extracted from the overall results without recalculation.
- 4.10.4 The first Overall (European) male competitor is to be called the Laser Radial Youth Boy's European Champion, the first Overall (European) female competitor is to be called the Laser Radial Youth Girl's European Champion. The first U17 (European) male competitor is to be called the Laser Radial Youth Boy's U17 European Champion; the first U17 (European) female competitor is to be called the Laser Radial Youth Girl's U17 European Champion.

4.11 European Laser 4.7 Youth Championships

- 4.11.1 When the World Laser 4.7 Youth Championship is held within Europe, a

- separate European Laser 4.7 Youth Championship shall be held.
- 4.11.2 Where possible the European Laser 4.7 Youth Championship shall be held during the school holidays at Easter or in August.
- 4.11.3 The age limit for the European Laser 4.7 Youth Championship is “competitors shall be 12 years old but not 18 years or older for boys in the calendar year of the Championship, and will not be 19 and over for girls in the calendar year of the Championship, starting in 2014.
- 4.11.4 If both the boys and girls championships have more than 35 competitors then separate starts shall be made for each championship.
- 4.11.5 A separate set of daily results shall be published for each Championship title, extracted from the overall results without recalculation.
- 4.11.6 The first Overall (European) male competitor is to be called the Laser 4.7 Boy’s European Champion, the first Overall (European) female competitor is to be called the Laser 4.7 Girl’s European Champion. The first U16 (European) male competitor is to be called the Laser 4.7 Boy’s U16 European Champion; the first U16 (European) female competitor is to be called the Laser 4.7 Girl’s U16 European Champion.

4.12 European Laser Masters Championships

- 4.12.1 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 to 74 to compete in the Great Grand Masters. Aged 75 or above Radial sailors to compete in the Legend category. Aged 35 or above to compete in the Women’s Laser Radial Masters.