



# IRISH FIREBALL ASSOCIATION

## Ulster Championships

### Newtownards Sailing Club

27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> May 2023



#### NOTICE OF RACE

##### 1. Organising Authority

The Organising Authority is Newtownards Sailing Club in association with the Irish Fireball Association

##### 2. RULES

This event will be governed by the 'Rules' as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), the International Fireball Class Rules in force at the time of the event, this Notice of Race (except as any of these are altered by the Sailing Instructions) and the Sailing Instructions.

Rule 25 of the class rules, 'propulsion' may apply. Changes to this will be posted on the Notice Board.

##### 3. Limitations of Equipment

International Fireball Class Rule 23 'Limitations of Equipment' SHALL NOT apply to this event.

##### 3.1 Identification

International Fireball Class Rule 20.8 is amended as follows:- Subject to the approval of the Race Committee a boat chartered or loaned for the event may declare at the time of entry or registration a sail number which may be different from the registered number of the hull provided that the number declared shall not be the sail number of any other boat competing in the regatta (References RRS 77, Appendix G).

##### 3.2 ALTERATIONS OF RACING RULES

The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) may be modified in accordance with RRS 86.1(b).

##### 4. ADVERTISING

The event is designated a Category C event in accordance with Appendix 1. The Organizing Authority may require competitors to display Event Sponsors advertising material as prescribed under Appendix.1 and International Fireball Class Rule 24.

##### 5. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

##### 5.1 General

The Regatta is open to boats of the International Fireball Class whose helm and crew are members of a National Fireball Class Association recognised by Fireball International. Proof of membership shall be by means of a Fireball International membership card and boat sticker.

##### 5.2 Entry Procedure

Competitors may enter by completing the event entry form, which is available at registration.

### 5.3 Entry Fee

The entry fee will be £50

Reduced entry fee for a full youth boat under the age of 22 or full time students is £25

### 5.4 Entry Disclaimer

It is the Competitor's decision to enter the event or to start in any race. Competitors shall accept that their participation in the event is at their sole exclusive risk in every respect. By way of entry to the Regatta competitors shall indemnify Fireball International, the International Fireball Association of Ireland, Newtownards Sailing Club, their officers, members, servants and agents in respect of all claims and demands of whatever nature which may be made upon them in connection with or howsoever arising from their participation or intended participation in the Regatta. Competitors shall acknowledge that Fireball International, the International Fireball Association of Ireland Newtownards Sailing Club, their officers, members, servants and agents accept no responsibility in respect of loss of life, personal injury or loss or damage to property which may be sustained by reason of their participation or intended participation in the Regatta or howsoever arising in connection with these events.

### 5.5 Insurance

All boats shall have adequate third party insurance cover of not less than €3,000,000 (or the equivalent thereof in any other convertible currency) for any accident. All owners / competitors who sign the entry forms are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover. Owners / competitors not holding this cover shall withdraw their entry.

## 6. Registration

Registration will take place from 9am – 10.30am Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May.

## 7. Race Schedule

Six races are scheduled:-

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May – Up to 4 races

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May – Up to 4 races

No race will be started after 14:30 hrs on the Sunday (except to restart a race which was subject to a general recall).

**Regatta Briefing:** Saturday at 11am

**Warning Signal:** 12:00 hrs on Saturday and 11:00 hrs on Sunday

The schedule of all subsequent races as directed in the Sailing Instructions.

## 8. Scoring & prizes

The Low Point Scoring System Rule A4 will apply, modified so that each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores with her worst score discarded according to the table below. Rule A4 is amended to accommodate rule A5 and will be used even when a series is a Regatta.

Discards applied based on races sailed

1, 2 or 3 races sailed                      0 discard

4, 5 or 6 races sailed                      1 discard

Prizes will be awarded to the winners of the event as designated by organising authority. Perpetual prizes remain the property of the Irish Fireball Association.

Gold Fleet. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>

Silver Fleet: 1<sup>st</sup>

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