



North Sails 2025 International Finn Australian Championship

12 January 2025 to 17 January 2025

Organising Authority:
The Adelaide Sailing Club Inc (ASC)
In conjunction with
The International Finn Association of Australia (IFAA)

With support from Ingedale Vineyards

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the SI means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two Turns Penalty is replaced by the One Turn Penalty.
- 1.3 RRS Appendix T, Arbitration shall apply.
- 1.4 The International Finn Class Rules shall apply.
- 1.5 Bow numbers will be supplied at Registration, failure to fit bow numbers prior to a racing session will result in a boat being noncompliant and will receive DNC for all races the bow number is not displayed. {DP}

2 COMMUNICATION TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Finn Australian Championships Online Notice Board at <https://sailingresults.net/?ID=82019>.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flagpole at the northern end of the upper deck of the clubhouse.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the meaning of race signal AP.

5 SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Event
Sunday 12 Jan	1330 -1600	Registration
Sunday 12 Jan	1600 - 1700	Finn clinic
Sunday 12 Jan	1700 -1900	Welcome function and briefing – Regatta room
Monday 13 Jan	1000 - 1100	Registration
Monday 13 Jan	1300	Warning signal for race 1. Subsequent warning signals will be made ASAP after preceding race.
Tuesday 14 Jan	1000	IFAA AGM
Tuesday 14 Jan	1300	Warning signal for first race of the day. Subsequent warning signals will be made ASAP after preceding race.
Wednesday 15 Jan	AM and PM	Lay day Winery tour
Thursday 16 Jan	1300	Warning signal for first race of the day. Subsequent warning signals will be made ASAP after preceding race.
Friday 17 Jan	1200	Warning signal for first race of the day. Subsequent warning signals will be made ASAP after preceding race.
Friday 17 Jan	1900	Presentation

- 5.1 Eight (8) races with two races per day are scheduled.
- 5.2 Additional races may be sailed on any day provided that the regatta does not become more than one race ahead of schedule.
- 5.3 No more than 3 races will be sailed on one day.

6 CLASS FLAG

- 6.1 The Class flag shall be the Finn Class Flag (light blue flag with Finn logo).

7 RACING AREAS

- 7.1 The racing area will be in front of the Adelaide Sailing Club in Gulf St Vincent.

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 The course diagram describing the course and marks is displayed in Attachment A.
- 8.2 No later than the warning signal the race committee vessel may display the approximate compass bearing to the first mark.
- 8.3 If one of the gate marks 2S or 2P is missing, boats shall round the remaining gate mark to port.

9 MARKS

- 9.1 Marks 1, 2S and 2P will be orange inflatable buoys
- 9.2 Mark 1a will be a red inflatable pyramid.
- 9.3 A new mark, as provided in SI 11, will be a pink inflatable buoy.
- 9.4 The starting mark will be an orange flag attached to a staff on a small float or a race committee boat.
- 9.5 The finishing mark will be a blue flag on a staff attached to a small float.

10 THE START

- 10.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat and the course side of the starting mark.
- 10.3 The L Flag displayed on the race committee vessel indicates that another race will be started following the completion of the current race.
- 10.4 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 10.5 A boat that does not start within 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 11.2 If mark 1 is changed mark 1a will be ignored.

12 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the finish boat and the finish mark.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1 Appendix P5 shall apply in accordance with IFA Class Rules C.1.1.(1) and C.1.1.(2)
- 13.2 When wind speeds are averaging more than 10 knots across the course, the Race Committee may, in accordance with class rules, display Code Flag O, which switches off Rule 42.
- 13.3 If conditions alter and wind speed drops below 10 knots, the Race Committee vessel and/or Mark Boat, may display Code Flag R accompanied by repeated sound signals. This is to indicate to competitors that Rule 42 has been switched back on again.
- 14.4 The Post-Race Penalty in RRS T1(b) is changed to 25% of the difference between a boat's score and the RET score.

14 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 14.1 The race target time is 50 minutes.
- 14.2 The race time limit is 80 minutes.
- 14.3 The race finishing window is 15 minutes.
- 14.4 Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress.
- 14.5 The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

15 HEARING REQUESTS

- 15.1 Hearing request forms are available at the race office, located at the Southern end of the lower level. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 15.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 15.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located in the upper deck of the club house, beginning at the time posted.
- 15.4 Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 60.2(d)
- 15.5 Breaches of SIs 18, 21, 23 and 27 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1.
- 15.6 On the last scheduled day of racing a request (by a party to a hearing) for reopening a hearing or a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered
 - (a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision the previous day.
 - (b) no later than 30 minutes after the decision if it was posted on that day.
- 15.7 Penalties may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides. The scoring penalty abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction will be DPI.

16 SCORING

- 16.1 The Low Points Scoring System specified in RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 16.2 Four races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.3 When four races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 16.4 When from five (5) to eight (8) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

17 PRIZES

- 17.1 Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd overall.
- 17.2 The Australian Finn Association Perpetual Trophy and the title of Australian Champion will be awarded to the highest placed Australian competitor.
- 17.3 Division prizes shall be awarded based on a boat's overall results.
- 17.5 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1 All competitors must sign on before leaving the shore and sign off as soon as practical after returning to shore after completion of the racing session. [DP]
- 18.2 Sign on and sign off will be made using the [Sailing Results app](#), or the tablet which will be available at the notice board at the southern end of the undercroft.
- 18.3 Boats that retire shall sign the retirement sheet at the notice board.
- 18.4 Personal Floatation Devices. Competitors are reminded that it is a requirement under Australian Sailing Special Regulations that they wear approved personal flotation devices at all times while afloat and not just when racing. [DP]

19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 19.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Technical committee. [DP]
- 19.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the Technical committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity. [DP].

20 EQUIPMENT AND REGISTRATION

- 20.1 Competitors may use one (1) mast and two (2) sails during the regatta, each of which must be declared at registration.
- 20.2 A boat or equipment may be inspected or measured at any time for compliance with the class rules and these sailing instructions.

21 EVENT ADVERTISING

Boats shall display event advertising and bow numbers supplied by the organizing authority at registration and shall adhere to the placement requirements. World sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies. [DP]

22 OFFICIAL BOATS

Official boats will be marked as follows: Official Course and Safety boats will display an ASC burgee. Media boats will display a media flag.

23 COACHES and SUPPORT BOATS

- 23.1 Coach and support boats shall register before the 1st of January by completing the online form on the event website. [DP]
- 23.2 Coaches will abide by the Coach Regulations as published on the [ASC website](#).
- 23.3 Each support boat is required to have a working VHF radio tuned into a frequency designated by the Race Committee at all times whilst within the racing area as provided in SI 7.
- 23.4 Support boats are required to be available to act as a rescue boat as directed by the Race Committee if required.

24 TRASH DISPOSAL

Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats. [DP]

25 MEDIA

All competitors, parents, legal guardians and custodians, and all support boat personnel provide their permission for all photographs, video, TV and sound recordings to be the property of the organisers and used for any purpose including public viewing and posting on the event website.

26 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

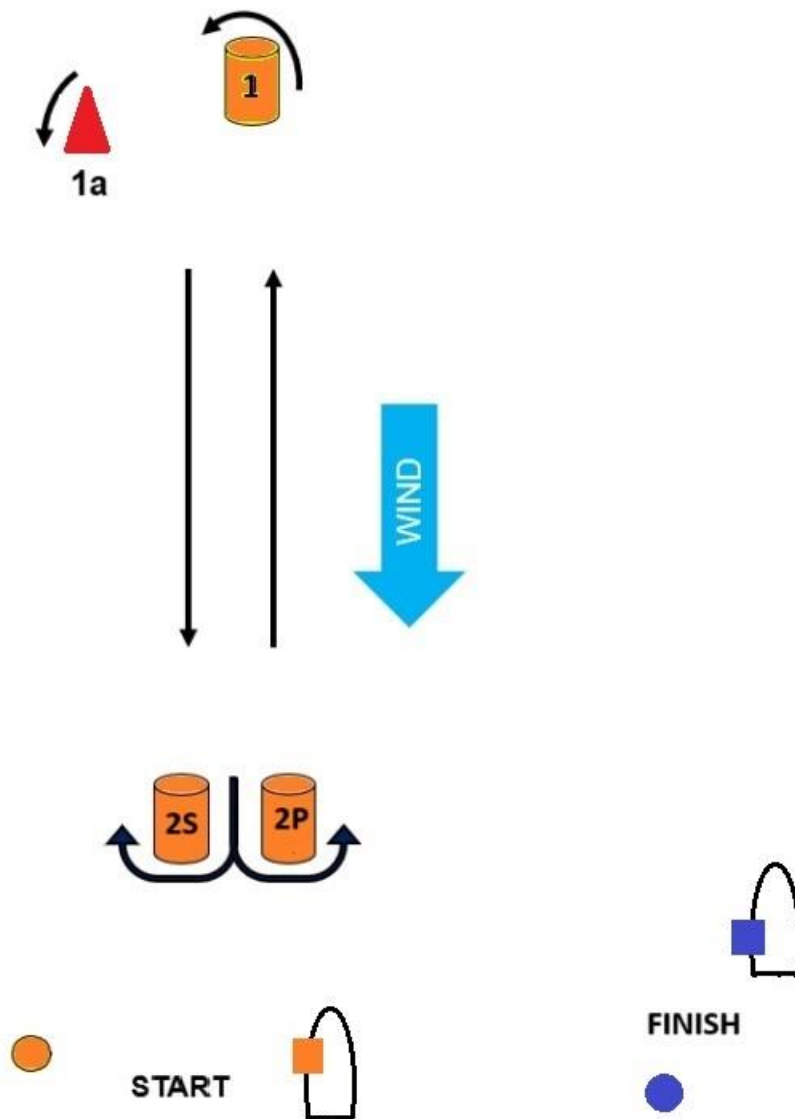
- 26.1 It is the competitor's decision to enter an Event or to start and continue in any race. Competitors shall accept that their participation in an Event is at their exclusive risk in every respect. See Racing Rule 4, Decision to Race.
- 26.2 None of the Organising Authority, The International Finn Association of Australia, their officers, members, volunteers, servants or agents accept any responsibility whatsoever in respect of loss of life, personal injury or damage to property which may be sustained by reason of their participation or intended participation in this event or howsoever arising in connection with the event.

27 INSURANCE

- 27.1 Each participating boat competing shall be insured with third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of AUS\$10,000,000 per incident.
- 27.2 All competitors who submit the entry form are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover.
- 27.3 Competitors may be required to provide details and evidence that they have such insurance in place at the time of entry.

Attachment A – Course Diagram

Diagram is Not to Scale



Start, 1, 1a, 2s / 2p, 1, 1a, 2p, Finish

Marks 1, 2S and 2P are orange inflatables

Mark 1a is a red inflatable pyramid

New Mark is a pink inflatable