



International Fireball Australian Championships Adelaide Sailing Club 2nd – 6th February 2026

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)

The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the sailing instructions (SIs) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1000 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board (ONB) located at [Fireball Australian Championship](#)
- 3.2 The race office is located at the Southern end of the lower level of the Adelaide Sailing Club.
- 3.3 [DP] From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4 CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.
- 4.2 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall place advertising provided by the organizing authority in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flag pole at the north western corner of the Adelaide Sailing Club building.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1

Date	Event	Time (Warning Signal)
1 st Feb 2026	Entry Closes Training Measurement	1600 - 1800
2 nd Feb 2026	Registration Competitor Briefing Racing Welcome	1000 1200 1400 1800
3 rd Feb 2026	Racing	1400
4 th Feb 2026	Racing	1400
5 th Feb 2026	Racing	1400
6 th Feb 2026	Racing Presentation	1300 1800

- 6.2 2 races are scheduled each day. One extra race per day may be sailed, provided that the regatta does not get more than one race ahead of schedule and the change is made according to SI 2.1.
- 6.3 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.
- 6.4 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1500.

7 CLASS FLAG

- 7.1 The Fireball Class flag is a red Fireball insignia on a blue flag.

8 RACING AREA

- 8.1 The racing area is on St Vincent Gulf due west of the Adelaide Sailing Club.

9 COURSES

- 9.1 The diagrams in SI Addendum A show the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 9.2 The course to be sailed will be displayed with the orange starting line flag from the signal boat at least 5 minutes before the Warning Signal.
L2 (Yellow) for Course 1 (2 laps) or L3 (Blue) for Course 2 (3 Laps).

10 MARKS

<i>Mark</i>	<i>Description</i>
<i>Starting Marks</i>	<i>Orange flag on a staff from the Port end Orange flag on a staff on the (Starboard end) Signal Boat</i>
<i>Windward Mark 1</i>	<i>Orange Inflatable</i>
<i>Leward Mark</i>	<i>Orange Inflatable</i>
<i>Wing Mark 2</i>	<i>Orange Inflatable</i>
<i>Course Change Mark</i>	<i>Pink Inflatable</i>
<i>Finishing Marks</i>	<i>Blue flag on a staff on the Finishing boat at the Starboard end. Blue flag on a staff at the Port end.</i>

11 THE START

- 11.1 Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 11.2 The starting line is between staffs displaying orange flags on the starting marks. The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 11.7 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.

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) 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.

13 THE FINISH

- 13.1 The finishing line is between staffs displaying blue flags on the finishing marks.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 Class Rule 25 PROPULSION shall apply.

15 TIME LIMITS

- 15.1 The Mark 1 Time Limit, Race Time Limit (see RRS 35), and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below.

Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
<i>30 Minutes</i>	<i>90 Minutes</i>	<i>20 minutes</i>

- 15.2 If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.
- 15.3 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 two 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.
- 15.4 The Target time for races is 45 minutes. Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.1(a).

16 HEARING REQUESTS

- 16.1 The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The time will be posted on the official notice board.
- 16.2 Hearing requests can be lodged via the Official Notice Board (ONB). [Fireball Australian Championship](#)
- 16.3 Notices will be posted on the ONB [Fireball Australian Championship](#) 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 on the upper level of the Adelaide Sailing Club.

17 SCORING

- 17.1 1 race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.2 The Low Point System of RRS Appendix A will apply
- 17.3 Appendix A 5.3 will apply
- 17.4 (a) When fewer than 5 races have been completed a boat's series score is the total of her race scores
- (b) When from 5 to 8 races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- (c) When 9 to 10 races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

18 SAFETY

- 18.1 [DP] All boats must sign on prior to racing and sign off after racing. Sign on and sign off will be done via the Online Notice Board (ONB) via the phone link sent to competitors or the tablet available at the Race Office. The penalty for not complying will be
- Failure to sign on - 2 points for the first race of the session
- Failure to sign off – 2 points for the last race of the session
- Sign off must be completed before the end of Protest Time.
- 18.2 [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity. Promptly after returning to shore, the boat shall complete a retirement declaration form, which is available on the Online Notice Board (ONB).

19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 19.1 [DP] Substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee. Application can be made via the Online Notice Board (ONB)
- 19.2 [DP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorized in writing by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee via the Online Notice Board (ONB) at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race.

20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 20.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.
- 20.2 [DP] When instructed by a race official on the water, a boat shall proceed to a designated area for inspection.

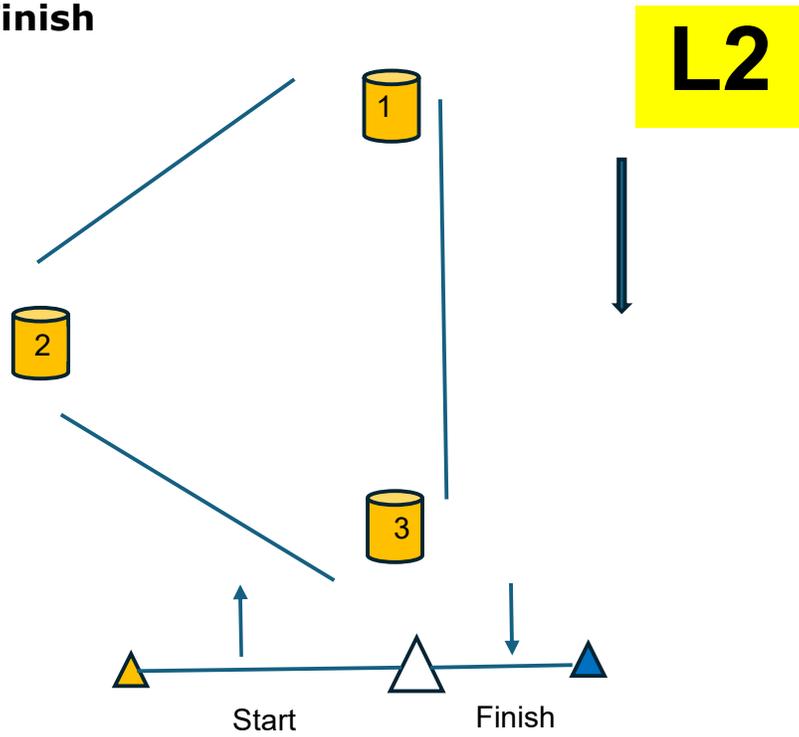
21 OFFICIAL VESSELS

- 21.1 Race Management vessels will be identified with ASC burgee.
- 21.2 Jury vessel will be identified with a blue flag marked "JURY"
- 21.2 Media vessel will be identified with a yellow flag marked "MEDIA"

Appendix A – Courses

Course 1 – 2 Laps

Start, 1, 2, 3, 1, Finish



Course 2 – 3 Laps

Start, 1, 3, 1, 2, 3, 1, Finish

