



# 2025 Formula 18 World Championship

4 – 11 July 2025

Noordwijk, The Netherlands

## NOTICE OF RACE

The Organising Authority is Zeesport Vereniging Noordwijk and Royal Yacht Club Hollandia in conjunction with the International Formula 18 Class Association and Dutch Formula 18 Class Association

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*[NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat and for which the international jury may refuse to hold a hearing. This changes RRS 60.1(a) and 63.1.*

## **1. RULES**

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 No National Authority prescriptions will apply.
- 1.3 RRS 90.3(e) applies.
- 1.4 RRS Appendix T, Arbitration, will apply.
- 1.5 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.
- 1.6 The General Data Protection Regulation (GPDR) can be found at the event website.

## **2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The Sailing Instructions will be made available by 30 June 2025 at the Official Notice Board.

## **3. COMMUNICATION**

- 3.1 The Official Notice Board is located at the event website.
- 3.2 It is recommended that boats carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on international channels.
- 3.3 On the water, the Race Committee may make courtesy broadcasts to boats on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the Sailing Instructions.
- 3.4 All support vessels shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on international channels.
- 3.5 **[DP]** From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency or when using equipment provided by the Race Committee or Organising Authority, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

## **4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 4.1 Competitors shall comply with the World Sailing Eligibility Code (Regulation 19).
- 4.2 Each crew member shall be a member of their National Class Association or, in countries where there is no NCA, of the IF18CA.
- 4.3 Each competitor shall be a member of a Member National Authority or one of its affiliated organisations.
- 4.4 To be considered as Master Team, each crew member shall be born before 1 January 1975.
- 4.5 To be considered as Youth Team, each crew member shall be born after 31 December 1998.



- 4.6 To be considered as Family Team, the crew members shall be first-degree relatives.
- 4.7 Competitors under the age of 18 shall present a signed and completed parent or guardian consent and declaration form at registration. Forms can be downloaded from the event website.
- 4.8 Eligible boats may enter the event by completing the online entry form and upload all required documents at the event website until 14 June 2025 and pay the required fees. This will be considered confirmation of entry. Confirmed entries will be published at the event website.  
The Organizing Authority may accept late entries until 28 June 2025. Late entries will be charged an additional fee.
- 4.9 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.10 The maximum number of confirmed entries is restricted to 135 boats on a first-come, first-served basis.

## 5. FEES

- 5.1 Entry fees are as follows:
- Entries received and paid no later than 31 May 2025 will qualify for an early entry fee of EUR 450
  - Entries received and paid from 1 June 2025 and no later than 14 June 2025 will qualify for a standard entry fee of EUR 475.
  - Entries received and paid from 15 June 2025 and no later than 28 June 2025 will qualify for a late entry fee of EUR 550.
- 5.2 For Youth teams the following entry fees apply:
- Entries received and paid no later than 14 June 2025 will qualify for a reduced standard entry fee of EUR 150.
  - Entries received and paid from 15 June 2025 and no later than 28 June 2025 will qualify for a late entry fee of EUR 175.
- 5.3 If an entry is cancelled by the competitor, the entry fee will be refunded as follows:

<b>Cancellation Date</b>	<b>Entry Fee Refund</b>
No later than 31 May 2025	100% less EUR 50 Administrative Fee
1 June 2025 – 14 June 2025	100% less EUR 100 Administrative Fee
From 15 June 2025	No refund



- 6. [DP] ADVERTISING, BOW NUMBERS AND EQUIPMENT PROVIDED BY THE OA**
- 6.1 When required by the Organising Authority, boats or competitors shall carry, display or wear the following as instructed:
- 6.1.1 Bibs for all competitors.
  - 6.1.2 Boats ranked first, second and third in a series at the beginning of that day, shall wear yellow, blue and red bibs respectively while racing.
  - 6.1.3 Bow numbers.
  - 6.1.4 Event advertising
  - 6.1.5 Cameras, camera dummies and sound equipment.
  - 6.1.6 Tracking and timing system equipment.
  - 6.1.7 When sailing in split fleets a coloured ribbon of the group to which the boat is assigned.

**7. QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES**

- 7.1 If there are 80 or more entries, the organizing authority may split the fleet. Split fleets will sail a qualifying series and a final series. Competitors will be divided into fleets based on the NCA rankings and reassigned to new fleets after each day of racing, provided that the fleets have completed the same number and at least the first 2 races in the qualifying series.
- 7.1.1 If a minimum of six races has been completed in the qualifying series, the final series will commence on the next day of racing. If a minimum of six races has not been completed, the qualifying series will continue until the end of the next racing day when a minimum of six races and a maximum of eight races has been completed. After the qualifying series has been completed, the final series will begin.
  - 7.1.2 If at the end of the qualifying series some boats have more race scores than others, scores for the most recent races will be excluded so that all boats have the same number of race scores.
  - 7.1.3 Final series:  
Boats will be assigned to the gold and silver fleets if necessary. Fleets will be formed of nearly equal size based on the boats ranking in the qualifying series. The gold fleet will not be smaller than the other fleets.

**8. SCHEDULE**

Date	Time	Programme
Fri 4 July	09:00 – 17:00	Soft opening of venue with possibility for on-site registration and equipment inspection
Sat 5 July	09:00 – 17:00	Venue opens On-site registration and equipment inspection



Sun 6 July	09:00 – 17:00 14:00 19.30	On-site registration and equipment inspection Warning signal practice race Opening ceremony and reception
Mon 7 July	11:00 After racing	First warning signal After-sail drinks and snacks
Tue 8 July	11:00 After racing	First warning signal After-sail drinks and snacks
Wed 9 July	11:00 After racing	First warning signal After-sail drinks and Captain's Dinner
Thu 10 July	11:00 After racing	First warning After-sail drinks and snacks
Fri 11 July	11:00 19:00	First warning signal Prize giving ceremony and closing party

- 8.1 Fifteen (15) races are scheduled, with a maximum of four (4) races per day.
- 8.2 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 16.00, unless it follows a general recall or postponement of a race whose first warning signal had been made before 16:00.

## 9. [DP] EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 9.1 Each boat shall produce or demonstrate the existence of a valid measurement certificate.
- 9.2 Boats shall be available for equipment inspection during the times stated in NOR 8, Schedule.
- 9.3 No initial certification will be performed on-site, unless agreed between a competitor and a measurer. The Organising Authority is not a party of this agreement and cannot be held responsible for anything regarding this agreement. If such measurement is required, contact a measurer directly (see <http://certificate.f18-international.org/measurers>).
- 9.3 Each boat shall be required to select online a time slot for measurement. More information will be published on the official notice board.
- 9.4 Boats will be weighed during equipment inspection. All crew will be weighed during on-site registration.
- 9.5 Boats may be inspected at any time.
- 9.6 The crew and boat's weight must comply with Class Rules C.3 and C.6.
- 9.7 Boats shall also comply with RRS 78.1 when presented for inspection
- 9.8 Equipment shall only be replaced with permission of the Technical Committee.



## **10. VENUE**

- 10.1 NOR Addendum A shows the location of the venue.
- 10.2 NOR Addendum B shows the approximate location of the racing areas.

## **11. COURSES**

- 11.1 Courses will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

## **12. PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 12.1 RRS 44.1 and RRS P2.1 are changed so that the Two-Turns penalty is re-placed by a One-Turn penalty.
- 12.2 In RRS 44.2 insert after the first sentence: “However, if Mark 1a is set, a boat may take a penalty for an incident in the Zone around Mark 1 or on the leg between Mark 1 and Mark 1a, as soon as possible after leaving the Zone around Mark 1a”.
- 12.3 An international jury will be appointed in accordance with RRS 91(b). The right of appeal from an International Jury decision is denied as provided in RRS 70.3

## **13. SCORING**

- 13.1 Six races are required to be completed to constitute a championship.
- 13.2 In case of no qualifying series:
  - 13.2.1 When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores.
  - 13.2.2 When 6 to 11 races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
  - 13.2.3 When 12 or more races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her 2 worst scores.
- 13.3 In case of qualifying series:
  - 13.3.1 The scoring system will include both qualifying and final series results.
  - 13.3.2 A minimum of 6 races are to be completed to constitute the Qualifying series. If 6 races are not completed, the Qualifying series will be extended to complete them, up to a maximum of 8 qualifying races.
    - 13.3.2.1 When fewer than six qualifying races have been completed, a boat’s qualifying series score will be the total of her race scores.
    - 13.3.2.2 When six or more qualifying races have been completed, a boat’s qualifying series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
  - 13.3.3 A qualifying series race will not count until all qualifying series fleets have completed that race.
- 13.3.4 Final series:
  - The final series starts the first day after the qualifying series are completed.
  - 13.3.4.1 When fewer than 6 final races have been completed, a boat’s final series score will be the total of her race scores.



- 13.3.4.2 When 6 or more final races have been completed, a boat's final series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 13.3.5 To establish the final results, the boat's qualifying series score (as per NOR 13.3.2) will be added to the boat's final series score (as per NOR 13.3.4). Gold fleet will be scored higher than Silver fleet independent on the numbers of races in each fleet. In case of minimum six completed qualifying races and no final series races, the final results will be based on the qualifying series results alone.
- 13.4 RRS Appendix A5.2 is changed as follows: the scores will be based on the number of boats of the largest group in the series.
- 14. [NP][DP] SUPPORT TEAM (INCLUDING SUPPORT VESSELS)**
- 14.1 All support boats shall be registered with the organizing authority and are required to comply with local legislation and event support boat regulations as published on the event website. The organizing authority may refuse registrations and accept later registrations at their sole discretion.
- 14.2 A EUR 150 entry fee is due for each support vessel (with support person). A support person (without a vessel) shall pay an entry fee of EUR 50. The fee will cover the support person social passes as well as boat berth (with support vessel). If an entry is cancelled by a support vessel (with support person) or support person (without a vessel) the entry fee less EUR 25 administrative fee will be refunded.
- 14.3 All support vessels shall clearly display the three (3) letter national code of their World Sailing Member National Authority while afloat. The minimum height for the letters shall be 200 mm and visible from both sides of the vessel.
- 14.3 While afloat support persons shall always wear personal flotation devices, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.
- 14.4 On the water, all support persons shall wear personal flotation devices which are in good condition and are in accordance with the specifications issued or approved by the Member National Authority affiliated to World Sailing, or a standards organization, a certification authority, recognized for the purpose by its respective government. The driver shall always use a kill cord while the engine is running.
- 14.5 The race committee may use VHF for race information.
- 14.6 Support person vessels shall be insured with valid and for the racing area suitable third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of EUR 2,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.
- 15. [NP][DP] BERTHING**
- 15.1 Boats will be allowed onto the beach from 4 July 2025 and must be removed from the beach by 13 July 2025 unless otherwise approved in writing by the Organising Authority.



15.2 Boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the boat park, unless otherwise instructed by the Beach Master.

15.3 Trailers shall be parked in the designated areas.

## 16. CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

16.1 Chartered or loaned boats shall carry the national letters and sail numbers in accordance with Class Rule A9.1 and RRS 75.

## 17 RISK STATEMENT

17.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

17.2 The Organising Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event.

## 18 [NP] INSURANCE

18.1 Each participating boat and each support vessel shall be insured for third-party liability with a minimum cover of EUR 2,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

18.2 The Organising Authority is not responsible for verifying the status or validity of certificates.

## 19 PRIZES

19.1 The regatta winners will obtain the title "2025 Formula 18 World Champions" and will be awarded the International Formula 18 World Champions Perpetual Trophy.

19.2 Prizes will be awarded in the following categories, subject to entry numbers:

- Overall
- Female helm trophy
- Mixed team
- Master team
- Youth team
- Family team
- Non deck sweepers mainsails (straight boom, tack point above gooseneck)
- Silver fleet





## **20 [DP] MEDIA RIGHTS**

- 20.1 By participating in the event all competitors, boat owners and support persons automatically grants to the Organising Authority and their sponsors the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of the athlete and their equipment during the period of the competition, without compensation
- 20.2 Only drones of the Organising Authority or with their written approval may be flown on the venue
- 20.3 The top three competitors as well as the individual race winners may be required to attend a media press conference each day.
- 20.4 Competitors may be required to be available for interviews at the event.

## **21. FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information, please visit the event website at:

<https://www.f18worlds.com>

For general inquiries, transportation and berthing with early arrivals and or late departures, boat charter or loan, please contact the organising authority at:

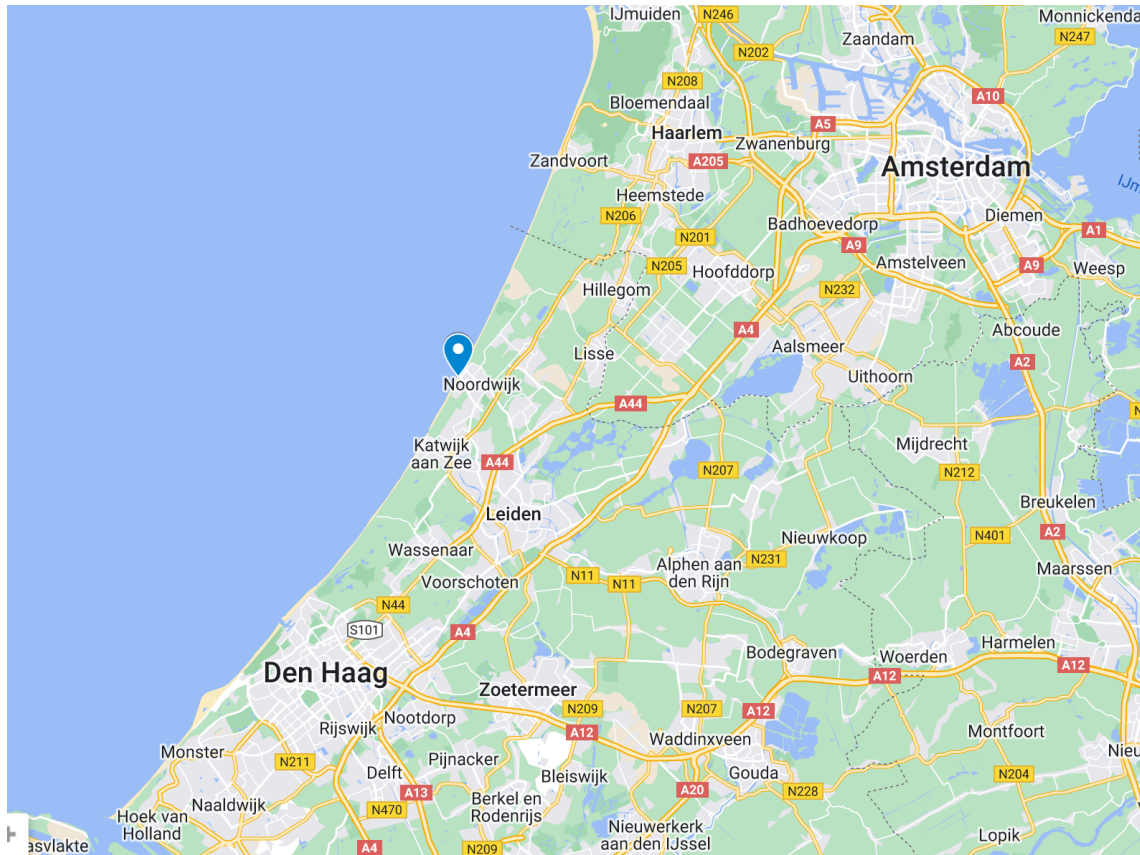
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## **22 AMENDMENTS TO THE NOTICE OF RACE**

- 22.1 This Notice of Race may be changed. Changes will be posted on the Official Notice Board.



## NOR ADDENDUM A – VENUE



Zeesportvereniging Noordwijk (ZVN)  
Koningin Wilhelmina Boulevard 101  
2202 GW Noordwijk  
The Netherlands

### Route to ZVN

Noordwijk aan Zee is a very popular beach resort with some small roads. To restrict the traffic inconvenience for the citizens of Noordwijk, please start following the “F18Worlds” road signs to the meeting point of the venue. For more information on the logistics from thereon, please visit the event website.



## NOR ADDENDUM B – APPROXIMATE LOCATION RACING AREAS

