



J70 North American Championships
September 18, 2023 - September 24, 2023
Race days Thursday, September 21st – Sunday 24th
Chicago Yacht Club, Belmont Station, Chicago, IL

Notice of Race (NoR)

The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Chicago Yacht Club and the International J/70 Class Association (IJ70CA).

1. RULES

- 1.1 This event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2021– 2024 (RRS).
- 1.2 World Sailing's [Equipment Rules of Sailing 2021 – 2024](#) (ERS) will apply. **[DP]**
- 1.3 The current [IJ70CA Class Rules](#) (J70CR) including Part III, Sections I.3 (Outside Assistance), I.4 (Corinthian Division), I.5 (One-Pro Division), TCR I.10 (Mixed Plus Division), and TCR I.12 (Young Crew Division) will apply. **[DP]**
- 1.4 The current [IJ70CA Regatta Regulations](#) (J70RR) will apply. **[NP]**
- 1.5 The current [IJ70CA Equipment Regulations](#) (J70ER) will apply. **[DP]**
- 1.6 The Sailing Instructions (SI) may contain changes to other rules.
- 1.7 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.
- 1.8 The notations:
 - 1.8.1 **'[DP]'** in this NoR or in the SI means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the International Jury, be different from disqualification. See NoR 14 for details.
 - 1.8.2 **'[NP]'** in this NoR or in the SI means rules that are not grounds for a protest or request for redress by a boat. **This changes RRS 60.1(a).**
- 1.9 Boats, including support boats, shall not fly drones. **[DP]**

2. ADVERTISING [DP]

- 2.1 Advertising shall only be displayed in accordance with [World Sailing Regulation 20](#).
- 2.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA from the close of check-in through the end of the event.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 This event is open to boats of the J/70 Class which conform to the J70CR.
- 3.2 Eligible boats may register by completing the online entry form available at the event website and paying the required fee specified in NoR 5. A boat will not be considered registered by the OA until the entry form is completed and the entry fee is paid.
- 3.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form and submitting it, together with the required fee, on <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=15805> by August 1, 2023.
- 3.4 A maximum of 80 boats will be accepted as confirmed entries based on the order in which their entry form is completed, and the required fees are paid. Additional entries that have registered and paid the entry fee will be put on a waiting list in the order in which they are received. Boats that are on the waiting list will be notified that their entry has been accepted as space becomes available. If their entry cannot be accepted, their entry fee will be refunded in full.
- 3.5 A boat will be eligible to race only when registration per NoR 3.2 or NoR 3.3, check-in per NoR 8, and inspection per NoR 9 have been successfully completed. See RRS 76.

4. CATEGORIZATION

- 4.1 In accordance with RRS 79 (Categorization), the World Sailing Sailor Categorization Code will apply (see also J70CR C.3.1(b) and J70CR C.3.2).
- 4.2 To be considered as a Corinthian team or a One-Pro team, proof of valid and current World Sailing Group 1 Categorizations per J70CR I.4 (Corinthian Division) and J70CR I.5 (One-Pro Division) shall be provided at the time of registration.
- 4.3 Per TCR I.10 to be considered as a Mixed-Plus team, the crew shall consist of 4 or more persons and contain no more than two (2) males over 18 years of age.
- 4.4 Per TCR I.12 to be considered as a Young Crew, the entire crew, including the owner/ driver, shall provide proof that no crew member is over 25 ears of age.
- 4.5 A representative of the World Sailing Categorization Authority may be present during check-in and may perform spot checks.

5. FEES

- 5.1 The entry fee is \$1200.00
- 5.2 The entry fee includes:
 - Launch and haul out
 - Equipment inspection as directed by the IJ70CA
 - In-the-water dockage from completion of inspection from 17th of September to 24th of September 2023
 - On-site or off-site trailer storage from a boat's scheduled inspection date through September 24th
 - One practice race day
 - Four championship race days
 - Awards and prizes
 - Daily post-race refreshments and social events per schedule
- 5.3 Boats registering before March 31, 2023, will receive an entry fee discount of \$200.
- 5.4 The entry deadline is August 1, 2023. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the OA and will be subject to a late fee of \$200.00.
- 5.5 Boats that have entered and withdraw in writing no later than August 1, 2023, will receive a refund of their entry fee less a processing fee of \$200. Boats withdrawing after this date will receive this refund only if boats remain on the waiting list, otherwise the entry fee will be forfeit.

6. EVENT FORMAT

- 6.1 The OA will organize and run the event in accordance with the J70RR. Failure to observe these Regulations shall not be grounds for protest or redress. ***This change is added to RRS 62.1(a).***
- 6.2 The Race Committee (RC) may, at its discretion, use a two-vessel or three-vessel starting line as further described in the SI and the J70RR.
- 6.3 Twelve (12) races are scheduled, three (3) on each racing day. Up to four (4) races may be sailed in one day if needed to complete the scheduled number of races. The RC, at its discretion, may run fewer than twelve (12) races.

7. SCHEDULE

Monday	Sept. 18	0900 – 1800	Check-in and inspection
Tuesday	Sept. 19	0900 – 1800	Check-in and inspection
Wednesday	Sept. 20	0900 – 1200 1230 1300 1830 1900	Check-in and inspection Check-in closes; all boats, sails, and equipment must be inspected and boats must be afloat. [DP] Practice race Competitors' Meeting Opening Ceremony
Thursday	Sept. 21	0900 1055 After racing	Competitors' Briefing First warning signal - subsequent race(s) to start ASAP Refreshments on the Patio
Friday	Sept. 22	0930 1055 After racing	Competitors' Briefing First warning signal - subsequent race(s) to start ASAP Refreshments on the Patio
Saturday	Sep 23	0930 1055 After racing	Competitors' Briefing First warning signal - subsequent race(s) to start ASAP Refreshments on the Patio
Sunday	Sept. 24	0930 1055 1530 After racing	Competitors' Briefing First warning signal - subsequent race(s) to start ASAP No warning signal shall be given after this time Haul out & de-rig Awards ceremony and Refreshments on the Patio

8. CHECK-IN [DP]

- 8.1 All skippers and crew members shall check-in with the OA during the times specified in NoR 7.
- 8.2 No later than the close of check-in (see NoR 7), all skippers and crewmembers shall:
1. Be listed on the event's online entry list and be members of the J/70 Class Association if required under J70CR C.3 (Crew)
 2. Provide identification and sign the waiver provided by the OA
 3. If under 18 years of age during the event, submit a signed Parent/Guardian Declaration.
- 8.3 No later than the close of check-in (see NoR 7), each boat shall:
1. Show a copy of a valid and current J/70 Class Manufacturer's Declaration. Boats arriving at the event without a valid J/70 Class Manufacturer's Declaration must make advance arrangements with the OA to obtain one; a fee will apply for this service.
 2. Present for inspection sails that have been certified by an official measurer or by a manufacturer licensed under World Sailing In-House Certification. Sails presented without certification may be certified on site by advance arrangement with the OA; a fee will apply for this service.
 3. Provide valid and current written evidence of the insurance as required by NoR 23;
 4. Complete all other required equipment inspection items as directed by the OA and IJ70CA pursuant to the J70ER.

9. INSPECTION [DP]

- 9.1 Boats must be inspected during the times specified in NoR 7 and must schedule a time through the system provided by the OA. The OA will make the final determination regarding inspection times. Inspection must be completed by the close of check-in (see NoR 7).
- 9.2 Bow numbers and sponsor stickers, which will be assigned and supplied by the OA during check-in, shall be affixed to each boat by the OA prior to her inspection, and shall be retained on both sides of the hull throughout the event. This rule shall not be grounds for protest by a boat. See J70ER 6. ***This change is added to RRS 60.1(a).***
- ### **[NP]**
- 9.3 Each boat must be available at her scheduled time to be inspected for compliance with the J70CR, the J70ER, and the ERS. Boats will need to be out of the water for inspection and must be launched immediately following completion of their inspection.
- 9.4 RRS 78.1 is in effect from the beginning of a boat's inspection appointment time (or the time when a boat's inspection begins, whichever is earlier) until the end of the event.
- 9.5 During the event, all boats will be subject to additional inspections at any time.

10. REPLACEMENT OF CREW, SAILS OR EQUIPMENT [DP]

Substitution of crew or the replacement or repair of sails or equipment used while racing will require prior written consent of the event Technical Committee pursuant to J70ER 10.

11. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The SI will be posted on the event website by Friday September 8, 2023 and will be available online at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=15805>.

12. VENUE

The racing area will be on the open waters of Lake Michigan off Belmont Harbor.

13. THE COURSES

Courses will be set pursuant to the J70RR.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 An International Jury (IJ) will be appointed in accordance with RRS Appendix N. Decisions of the IJ will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.
- 14.2 RRS Appendix P (Special Procedures for Rule 42) and Appendix UF (Umpired Fleet Racing) may apply, as amended by the SI.
- 14.3 RRS Appendix T (Arbitration) may apply.
- 14.4 The IJ may impose suitable penalties, other than disqualification, for violations of RRS non-Part 2 rules. This rule 14.4 does not apply to breaches of RRS 2, 28, 31 or 69. This Changes RRS 64.6.
- 14.5 The IJ may impose suitable penalties, other than disqualification, for violations of Class Rules, including the J70CR and J70ER. However, in no case shall the penalty for such a violation be less than a ten percent (10%) scoring penalty calculated pursuant to RRS 44.3(c). This changes RRS 64.6.

15. SCORING

- 15.1 When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When five (5) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 15.2 Three (3) races must be completed to constitute a championship.

16. SUPPORT BOATS [DP]

- 16.1 Support boats are responsible for making their own berthing arrangements with Chicago Harbors – Belmont Harbor Authorities.
- 16.2 Support boats and operators must register with the OA during check-in (see NoR 7) and shall pay any applicable fee determined by the OA.
- 16.3 Only registered support boats that prominently display identification provided by the OA will be allowed in the racing area. There will be a refundable deposit of \$100.00 required for each identification flag, payable on-site during support boat registration.
- 16.4 Support boat operators shall provide evidence of valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$500,000 USD per event or the equivalent. A copy of insurance company documents establishing such coverage, current through the end of the event, shall be supplied at support boat registration.
- 16.5 All support boats shall carry and monitor a working VHF radio capable of receiving normal domestic and international channels.
- 16.6 The conduct of registered support boats, all other support boats, and support persons will be governed by the SI. Competitors are reminded that J70CR I.3 (Outside Assistance) will be in effect.

17. BERTHING [DP]

- 17.1 Competing boats shall be kept in their assigned places as directed by the OA when either afloat or ashore.
- 17.2 The use of dehumidifiers or electric fans of any type is prohibited.

18. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS [DP]

- 18.1 All competing boats shall be afloat by the close of check-in (see NoR 7).
- 18.2 Competing boats shall not be hauled out and shall not remove their rudders from the water from the time they are launched following their inspection until the end of the event except with, and according to, the terms of prior written permission of the event Technical Committee (See J70ER 4.3 and 10).

19. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS [DP]

Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around competing boats from the close of check-in (see NoR 7) until the end of the event.

20. RADIO COMMUNICATION [DP]

- 20.1 All competing boats shall carry a working VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving normal domestic and international channels.
- 20.2 While on the water, the RC may communicate with competing boats via VHF radio, including starting penalties. Such transmissions are a courtesy only.
- 20.3 Competitors are reminded that J70CR I.3 (Outside Assistance) is in effect.

21. PRIZES

- 21.1 The awards ceremony will be held at Chicago Yacht Club on Sunday, September 24th after racing.
- 21.2 Trophies will be awarded in the Open, One-Pro, Corinthian, Mixed, and Young Divisions depending on the number of entries.
- 21.3 Additional trophies may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.

22. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers (organizing authority, host yacht club, race committee, protest committee, sponsors, and any others acting in an official capacity for this event) from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

23. INSURANCE

Each competing boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$500,000 USD per event or the equivalent. A copy of insurance company documents establishing such coverage, current through the end of the event, shall be supplied as part of completing check-in.

24. MEDIA RIGHTS

By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the Chicago Yacht Club, IJ70CA, the OA, and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.

25. CONDUCT [DP]

- 25.1 All competitors and support persons shall comport themselves in a manner consistent with RRS, World Sailing Regulations, and principles of sportsmanship. Owners and owner representatives are responsible for ensuring that all members of their crew, support personnel and their guests conduct themselves, accordingly, follow the rules at Chicago Yacht Club, and obey any reasonable request of an event or host club official.
- 25.2 Each race entrant and skipper are responsible for ensuring that all members of their crew, support personnel and their guests abide by the laws, public health orders, and guidance from government authorities and/or the OA applicable to sailing and/or shore side activities.
- 25.3 Failure to comply with NoR 25.1 and 25.2 may be misconduct under the RRS.
- 25.4 Reasonable actions by host club or event officials to implement COVID-19 or other public health guidance, protocols or regulations, even if they later prove to have been unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions.

26. BOAT AND TRAILER STORAGE

- 26.1 Free designated in-the-water dockage will be provided for each boat competing in the event from the time of her inspection through Sunday September 24
- 26.2 A competing boat's trailer may be stored free of charge at CYC or an off-site location from the time of her inspection through Sunday September 24th
- 26.3 Full details of onsite logistics arrangements including arrival, inspection, launching and berthing will be published on the event website and made available to all competitors prior to arrival
- 26.4 [DP] Competitors shall only store their boats and trailers as directed by the OA

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