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NORTH AMERICAN
CHAMPIONSHIP

J70 NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP

May 14th to 19th, 2018

Hosted by Club de Vela la Peña and the J70 Mexican Class Association
Valle de Bravo Mexico

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The Organizing Authority ("OA") is the
Club de Vela la Peña and the
J70 International Class and the
J70 Mexican Class Association

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. Except for breaches of RRS 28, RRS31 and RRS 2 the jury may impose suitable penalties (DPI), other than disqualification, for violations of non-Part 2 rules of RRS.
- 1.3. The International J70 Class Rules will apply. Class rules I.3 and I.4 of part III are invoked.
- 1.4. Bow numbers will be supplied by the OA and shall be displayed as shown in Attachment C of the IJ70CA Regatta Regulations page 8.
- 1.5. Sponsor decals will be placed on the boom or in the cockpit as directed by the OA. If provided, flags / stickers / decals shall be displayed from 14 May 6:00pm through 19 May.
- 1.6. The Equipment Rules of Sailing will apply.
- 1.7. RRS 30.4 – the third sentence is modified so that in the event a General Recall is signaled during a Black Flag start, "the RC shall display her bow number before the next warning signal for that race".
- 1.8. If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race (NOR) and these SIs, the SIs will take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.
- 1.9. If there is a conflict in the language English language will prevail.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the east facing window by the pool.
- 2.2. Safety and other information when afloat will be broadcast on VHF on channel "69". Call sign "Race Committee".

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3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any changes 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 2000 or the end of protest time, whichever is later, on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole on the south side of the yacht club.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP. This changes RRS race signal.
- 4.3. When flag Y is displayed ashore and/or on the Signal Boat, RRS 40 applies at all times while afloat. This changes RRS Part 4 preamble and RRS 40.

5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1. Twelve (12) races are scheduled with a maximum of four (4) races per day.

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Monday	May 14th	0900 – 1700 0900-2000	Check-In Inspection
Tuesday	May 15th	0900 – 1100	Check-In and Inspection
		1200	All Boats On Site
		1300	Practice Race – First Signal
		1800	All Boats Afloat
		1800	Competitors Meeting
		1800	Opening Ceremony
Wednesday	May 16th	1030	Competitors Briefing
		1200	Racing – First Signal Subsequent Races will follow previous race as soon as possible
		1800	Daily Awards and Social Event

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Thursday	May 17th	1030	Competitors Briefing
		1200	Racing – First Signal
			Subsequent Races will follow previous race as soon as possible
		1800	Daily Awards and Social Event
Friday	May 18th	1030	Competitors Briefing
		1200	Racing – First Signal
			Subsequent Races will follow previous race as soon as possible
		1800	Daily Awards and Social Event
Saturday	May 19th	1030	Competitors Briefing
		1200	Racing – First Signal
			Subsequent Races will follow previous race as soon as possible
		1800	Closing Ceremony and Awards

- 5.2. When more than one race is held on the same day, the warning signal for the next race will be made as soon as possible after the end of the previous race.

6. CLASS FLAG

- 6.1. J70 Class flag will be the class flag for the event.

7. RACE AREA

- 7.1. Will be on Lake Avándaro south or west of the yacht club.

8. THE COURSES

- 8.1. The course to be sailed will be windward-leeward. Attachment A shows the courses, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2. No later than the warning signal, the signal boat will display the course to be sailed, approximate compass bearing and the length of the first leg.

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9. MARKS

9.1. Description of the marks:

- Mark 1 and 2s/2p will be orange tetrahedron buoys.
- The offset mark (OS) will be an orange square buoy with an orange flag.
- New mark, as provided in SI 11, will be green tetrahedron buoy.
- The starting marks will be two RC Boats.
- The finishing line will be either two RC boats or a square yellow buoy with an orange flag and a RC Boat.

10. THE START

- 10.1. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC Signal Boat at the starboard end and a staff displaying an orange flag on the port end starting line boat.
- 10.2. A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 10.3. Boats subject to individual recall (RRS 29.1) and boats disqualified under RRS 30.3 or 30.4 may be broadcast on the VHF channel using sail numbers or bow numbers. This is an addition to and changes RRS 29.1, 30.3 and 30.4.
- 10.4. Failure of the RC to make or boats to receive or hear a broadcast or to time it accurately or the order of boat(s) hailed shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1. To change the next leg of the course, the RC 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. If the change is to mark 1 there will not be a mark OS associated with the new mark 1.
- 11.2. If a change of course is made at mark OS or if one of the marks is no longer in position forming a gate, marks 2s/2p may be substituted by a single mark to be left to port.

12. THE FINISH

- 12.1. The finishing line will be either between staffs displaying orange flags on two RC boats or between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC boat and the course side of the nearby finishing mark.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1. The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: "A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty."
- 13.2. Unless the course is shortened to finish at the windward mark, penalties while in the zone of the windward mark or on the offset leg shall be delayed and taken at the first reasonable opportunity on the downwind leg. This changes RRS 44.2.

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13.3. RRS Appendix P will apply as changed by SI 13.4.1, 13.4.2 and 13.4.3.

13.3.1 Rule P1.2 is changed by deleting and replacing it by: "An observer (member of International Jury) appointed under rule P1.1 who sees a boat breaking RRS 42, 49, Class Rule C3.3 (Crew Positioning), Class Rule C9.4 (b)(1) (Bowsprit Use) may penalize her by, as soon as reasonably possible, making a sound signal, pointing a red flag at her and hailing her sail number or bow number, even if she is no longer racing."

13.3.2 When a boat is penalized under rule P1.2 her penalty shall be a one-turn penalty under Rule 44.2. If she fails to take it she shall be disqualified without a hearing. If the observer signals a penalty after a boat has finished her penalty shall be a 10% scoring penalty calculated per Rule 44.3(c)

13.3.3 RRS P2.2 and P2.3 will not apply and RRS P2.1 is changed so that it will apply to any penalty

13.4. Jury boats may be positioned anywhere on the course area. Their position at any time shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

13.5. Appendix T ARBITRATION will apply

14. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

14.1. The target time for each race is 50-65 minutes. Failure to meet the target time shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

14.2. Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

14.3. The RC will lower the orange flag to indicate that the finish line is closed.

14.4. The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish is 120 minutes.

14.5. If no boat has passed the first mark within 30 minutes of the starting signal, the race will be abandoned.

15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

15.1. The jury desk will be located near the official notice board adjacent to the pool and protests will be heard in the protest room.

15.2. Protests and requests for redress or reopening forms will be available at the jury desk.

15.3. Protests and requests for redress or reopening forms shall be delivered to the jury desk within the appropriate time limit.

15.4. The protest time limit is 45 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day. The protest time limit will be posted on the official notice board. The same time limit applies to protests by the RC, Technical Committee (TC) and jury about incidents they observe in the racing area and for requests for redress. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.

15.5. 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.

15.6. Notices of protests by the RC, TC or jury will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

15.7. Breaches of SI 17, 18, 21, 22, 23, and 24 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

15.8. On the last day of racing a request for redress based on a jury decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

15.9. Decisions of the International Jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

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16. SCORING

- 16.1. Scoring will be in accordance with RRS 90.3 and Appendix A2.
- 16.2. When five (5) races or more have been completed each boat's worst score shall be excluded from the series score.
- 16.3. Three (3) completed races during the Series are required to constitute the championship.

17. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1. Safety equipment shall be carried in accordance with Class Rules.
- 17.2. Boats that retire from a race shall notify the RC as soon as possible.
- 17.3. Boats not leaving the harbor for any of the day's racing shall so inform the RC.
- 17.4. Prior to the warning of the first race of each day, each boat shall check-in with, and be recognized by, the RC located in the starting area displaying Code Flag L. Boats shall pass close aboard on starboard tack and hail her bow number. When a boat has been recognized, the RC will hail the boat's bow number.

18. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 18.1. Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without written approval of the RC prior to racing on that day.
- 18.2. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the RC prior to racing on that day. If the substitution occurs after the first race of the day, the RC shall be informed of the equipment substitution before racing again that day and shall have the equipment substitutions form presented to the RC before the end of protest time.

19. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 19.1. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and SIs. On the water, a boat instructed by a member of the TC shall proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

20. OFFICIAL BOATS

- 20.1. Official boats will be marked as follows:

Category	Flag
Race Committee Boats	Blue RC Flag
Jury Boats	White flag with a black J
Technical Committee	Red flag with a white lion

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21. SUPPORT BOATS

- 21.1. Support, including coach, press, private and spectator boats shall register at the Race Office during the registration period and be issued with an identity flag, such flag to be prominently displayed at all times when afloat. The person in charge of the competing boat(s) to which support boats are attached shall acknowledge the presence of a support boat on his registration form and pay any fee for the support boat decided by the OA.
- 21.2. Class rule Part III, Section I, I.3 (Support boats) will apply.
- 21.3. Violation of CR I.3 shall be considered a breach of rule 41. This changes rule 41.
- 21.4. Team leaders, coaches and other support boats shall stay more than 100 meters to leeward of the starting line, leeward marks and from any racing boats while racing.
- 21.5. Support boats shall comply with 21.2, 21.3 and 21.4 and in addition with any direction given by the OA, the RC or the Jury including requests for assisting with rescues. Failure to comply may result in the accreditation being withdrawn and all access to the club facilities, grounds and access to the docks to be denied.
- 21.6. Support boats must be on call on VHF channel 69 at all times.

22. BERTHING

Boats shall be kept in their assigned places as directed by the OA when either afloat or ashore.

23. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS AND OTHER RESTRICTIONS

- 23.1. Boats shall be afloat by 1800 on Tuesday, May 15.
- 23.2. Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta, except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the RC.
- 23.3. Boats shall not remove their rudder during the regatta, except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the RC.

24. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 24.1. Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.
- 24.2. The RC will use VHF channel 69 to communicate with the fleet. It is strongly encouraged that each boat has a VHF radio on board capable of receiving additional channels 16 and 68.

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25. PRIZES

- 25.1. Prizes will be given in accordance with the NoR.
- 25.2. Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.

26. LIABILITY & MEDIA WAIVER

- 26.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, DECISION TO RACE. The OA will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.
- 26.2. Each person racing on board a boat entered in the regatta shall complete the liability & media waiver available on the regatta website.

27. INSURANCE

- 27.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of US \$30,000 per event or the equivalent. A copy of insurance company documents establishing such coverage, current through the end of the regatta, shall be supplied as part of completing registration and check in.

28. RACE OFFICIALS

- Jury Chairman: Willii Gohl – IJ GER (Chief Judge)
Race Committee : Mark Foster-IRO USA (Principal Race Officer)

29. FURTHER INFORMATION

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Attachment A Course Chart

Course	Marks	Course	Marks
1	Start, 1, OS, 2P/2S, 1, OS, 2P/2S, Upwind Finish	2	Start, 1, OS, 2P/2S, 1, OS, Downwind Finish

Marks of the course shall be left to port

Mark colors are for illustration purposes only

