

International Nacra 17 Class Junior World Championship 2024

EQUIPMENT REGULATIONS

1. General

1.1. All boats and equipment entered for the Nacra 17 Junior World Championship shall be inspected in accordance with the relevant rules including Class Rules (CR), Notice of Race (NoR), Sailing Instructions (SI) and Equipment Regulations (ER), defined collectively where they refer to equipment as the Event Equipment Rules.

1.2. The Technical Committee (TC) is responsible for all equipment inspection functions. The Chair of the TC may appoint one or more people to carry out the functions of the TC. The TC is the 'responsible authority' for the purposes of RRS 64.4(b) and it shall be the authority for determining if equipment complies with the Equipment Regulations and for interpreting the CR during the 2024 International Nacra 17 Class Junior World Championship.

1.3. After a boat has completed its pre-event equipment inspection, it shall be kept in the boat park except with prior written permission of the TC. Only entered competition hulls may be kept in the boat park during racing days, except with the written permission of the Organising Authority. Any spare equipment shall be kept in the athlete's assigned space in the equipment storage area. Spare items may be carried by support vessels but shall not be used unless substitution is permitted by the TC.

1.4. Boats shall be kept in their assigned place in the boat park as assigned by the Organizing Authority (OA).

1.5. Each boat is required to comply with RRS 78.1 and the Event Equipment Rules from the time of its pre-event equipment inspection onwards unless otherwise approved by the TC. In accordance with the Equipment Inspection policies, non-compliance may be protested and penalized as if it was discovered after racing.

1.6. Any changes to these ER will be posted on the Official Notice Board in accordance with the Sailing Instructions.

2. Equipment Limitation Marking

2.1. All items of equipment subject to event limitation control shall be marked with the official event limitation mark/TC signature at the time of pre-event equipment inspection. If a mark becomes unclear, insecure, or lost, this shall be reported to the TC before the next race, so that the mark can be replaced.

3. Repair and Replacement of Boats and Equipment

3.1. All repairs and replacements after completion of pre-event equipment inspection shall require prior written approval of the TC.

3.2. Equipment Repair / Replacement request forms will be available at the TC/Regatta Office.

3.3. Repairs or replacements required afloat shall be notified to the TC prior to the start of the next race. If there is no time to notify the TC prior to the start of the race, the repair or replacement shall be notified to the Race Committee or a member of the Jury prior to the start of the next race.

3.4. Any repairs and/or replacements carried out afloat shall be reported ashore in writing to the TC within the protest time limit and both the replacement part and the replacement equipment shall be presented to verify compliance with the CR.

3.5. The re-use of replaced equipment subsequently being repaired shall require prior written approval of the TC.

4. Equipment Inspection

4.1. Pre-event equipment inspection will take place in accordance with the schedule published on the Official Notice Board. Boats and equipment shall be presented at the designated time in accordance with the boat-specific requirements mentioned in the Equipment Regulations.

4.2. Boats and equipment shall be presented for equipment inspection in a dry, clean and salt-free condition.

4.3. All boats shall be presented for pre-event equipment inspection with all equipment as required or permitted by the Class Rules, including sails, personal flotation device(s), helmets, trapeze harness(es) where applicable and any electronic personal equipment items like watches etc.

4.4. Only one set of items of equipment that are to be inspected or controlled, shall be presented for pre-event equipment inspection.

4.5. Personal flotation device(s) shall comply with the respective CR and their size shall be appropriate for the body type and size of the user.

4.6. At least one athlete and/or a maximum of two support team members shall be always present during equipment inspection. An interpreter may also be present when needed, if approved by the TC.

4.7. At any time during the racing days, a boat may be informed by a TC member that it has been selected for equipment inspection. When so informed, the boat shall move directly as instructed to the indicated area at the race area or at the Sailing Venue.

4.8. When a boat has been informed that it has been selected for inspection no person shall join or leave the boat without permission from the TC. No equipment or other item shall be taken on or off the boat without permission from the TC. The notified athletes shall not leave the equipment inspection area without the permission of the TC. After inspection of the athlete clothing and/or equipment, at least one crew member or support team member shall remain present during the inspection of the boat.