



# **Irish Fireball Class Association Munster Championship 2023**

## **Irish 420 Class Association Leinster Championships 2023**

**Sat. 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Sun. 23<sup>rd</sup> July**



*hosted by*  
**Killaloe Sailing Club**



## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

### **1. Organising Authority and Rules**

- 1.1. The Organising Authority is the Irish Fireball and Irish International 420 Class Associations and Killaloe Sailing Club
- 1.2. The Regatta will be governed by the 2021-2024 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of the Irish Sailing Association and the current International Fireball Class and International 420 Class Rules, except as any of these are changed by these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.3. International 420 Class rule 42.3(i) "Propulsion" SHALL apply.
- 1.4. These championships will be designated as a category C Event.

### **2. Notices to Competitors**

- 2.1. The Official Race Notice Board will be a WhatsApp Group. A link to the WhatsApp group can be found in Appendix 2 of these SIs.
- 2.2. Flag L will be displayed ashore with one sound to indicate a message to competitors has been posted.

### **3. Changes in sailing instructions**

Changes to the sailing instructions and/or Notices to competitors will be posted on the official Race Notice Board before 10.00 hrs on the day the change will take effect, except, any change to the schedule of races which will be posted not later than 19:00 hrs on the day before it will take effect.

### **4. Signals made ashore**

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the main flag pole on the Green Shed.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.

### **5. Class flags**

- 5.1. The Fireball Class Flag will be International code Flag Numeral 1
- 5.2. The 420 Class Flag will be International 420 Class Flag

### **6. Sailing area**

The sailing area will be advised at the regatta briefing.

## **7. The Course**

See Appendix 1 for a description of the courses. A flag (as described in Appendix 1) identifying the course to be sailed for each race will be flown from the committee boat in accordance with RRS Rule 27.1

## **8. Marks**

Marks will be inflatable type and will be described at the briefing.

## **9. Schedule of races**

- 9.1. 6 Races are scheduled of which two shall be completed to constitute a series for the 420 Class and one race completed to constitute a series for the Fireball Class. Up to 4 races may be sailed on Saturday and the remaining races to a maximum of four races may be sailed on Sunday.
- 9.2. The Regatta Briefing will take place at approximately 11.00hrs Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July.
- 9.3. The schedule time for the warning signal for the first race on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July is 11.55hrs.
- 9.4. The schedule time for the warning signal for the first race on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July is 10.55hrs
- 9.5. Remaining races to be started as soon as possible after preceding race.
- 9.6. No races shall be started after 15.30hrs on Sunday (except to restart a race which was subject to a general recall).

## **10. Black Flag Penalty Rule**

In amendment of RRS 30.3, if a start using the Black Flag Penalty Rule is recalled, the sail numbers of the boats identified infringing the SI will be displayed on the Starting Line Committee Boat prior to the next preparatory signal, for a minimum of three minutes. A long sound signal will be made as the numbers are initially displayed.

Failure to observe RRS 30.3 may result in disqualification from the series or other disciplinary action.

## **11. The Start**

The Fireball Class will start ahead of the 420 Class in each race.

Races will be started in accordance with RRS26.

The starting line will be between a red and white pole on the committee boat and a red and white pole on a support boat as a starting mark at the port-end. An inner limit mark may be laid approximately on the starting line, and if so, boats shall not enter the triangle formed by this buoy and the bow and stern of the Committee Boat.

A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting Signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes Rule A4.

## **12. Changing the next leg of course after the start**

12.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or finishing line) to a new position. The change may be signalled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not then be in position. Only significant changes will be signalled by Flag "C" with repetitive sound signals. If this course change is necessary to leg 1 of the course before the start of the second fleet the flag "C" will be flown without repetitive sound signals. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be re-located without further signalling to maintain the original course configuration.

12.2. Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the race committee boat signalling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee boat to starboard.

## **13. Shortening the course**

If the race committee signals a shortened course, the finishing shall be;

- (a) at a rounding mark, between the mark and a staff displaying flag S in a Mark or Committee boat.
- (b) If the race will be shortened at the start/finish line, the signal shall be the display of flag F with repetitive sounds at the previous mark.

## 14. Mark boats

Mark boats may be stationed beyond each mark. Failure of a mark boat to be on station will not be grounds for redress.

## 15. The Finish

- 15.1. The finish line will be between a red and white pole on the Committee Boat and the Finishing Mark.
- 15.2. Non finishing boats shall not sail through the start/finish line while the Blue Flag or Flag F are being flown on the committee boat.

## 16. Time limit

Both Classes will be timed independently. Boats will be timed up to 20 minutes after the first boat in their Class sails and finishes the course. Boats still racing at the expiry of this 20 minute period will be scored Did Not Finish. After the first boat has finished, the Race Officer may offer a finishing position to the boat still racing in last place in the Class. The finishing position offered to a boat will be the number of boats in Class ahead of it (both finished and still racing) plus 1. A boat is not obliged to accept such an offer unless it is the last boat still racing.

The Race Officer is not obliged to make such an offer. A boat that accepts the place offered will immediately cease to race, and the Race Officer may repeat this process with the next boat. The offer may be made via rescue or support boat flying Flag W + 1 sound. The boat flying flag "W" may be in motion. This amends the definition of the word "Finish". This changes RRS 35 and A4.

## 17. Retirements

A boat, which retires from a race, shall make every effort to inform one of the following, the Race Committee Boat, a Mark Boat, a Safety Boat or the Race Office as soon as possible.

## 18. Protests

- 18.1. In addition to the obligations in RRS 61.1 (a) protesting boats shall, immediately after finishing, inform the Race Officer of the sail number(s) of boat(s) protested against. Protest Forms will be available from the Race Office and all protests shall be delivered to the Race Office within the Protest Time. A schedule of Protest Hearings will be posted on the Official Notice Board as soon as practicable each day. The Protest Time Limit for each race shall be 1 hour after the last boat finishes its race.
- 18.2. The Protest Time is 60 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of each day. This changes RRS 61.3 and RRS 62.2

## 19. Safety Regulations

- 19.1. Life-jackets or other adequate personal buoyancy shall be worn by all competitors at all times while afloat. Wet suits and dry suits are not adequate personal buoyancy. Flag Y will not be displayed. This changes RRS 40 and Race Signal Y.

## 20. Scoring

- 20.1. The Low Point Scoring System Appendix A2 will apply.
- 20.2. Appendix A9 will apply to these Fireball and 420 Championships, as it will be counted as a regatta series.  
N.B. All fleets in each Class will be scored independently on one result sheet so that any competitor may see their position relative to the entire entry in their Class.
- 20.3. A minimum of two races constitutes a Series for the 420 Class.  
A minimum of one race constitutes a Series for the Fireball Class
- 20.4. Discards to be applied based on races sailed

1 to 3	races sailed	no discard
4 to 6	races sailed	1 discard

## 21. Prizes

Prizes will be awarded to the winners in both Classes as designated by Killaloe Sailing Club. Perpetual prizes remain the property of the Irish Fireball Association or the Irish 420 Class Association and must not leave the island of Ireland.

Prizes will be awarded independently as follows in both Classes:

**Gold - 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>** are to be awarded to the top three boats in Class at the end of the event irrespective of the fleet designation of the competitor.

**Silver 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>** are to be awarded to the top three boats in Class from the Silver fleet excluding any Silver fleet boat that may have won any prize from the higher fleet.

**A Classic Fireball 1<sup>st</sup>** prize is to be awarded to the top Classic Fireball independent of prizes in the other categories.

## 22. RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3, Decision to Race, 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. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk.

## 23. SUPPORT BOATS

Support boats and support personnel shall remain more than 100 metres from the course area from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

The penalty for failing to comply may be the disqualification of boats associated with the infringing personnel in that race.

## 24. RADIO COMMUNICATION

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction includes use of cellular telephones.

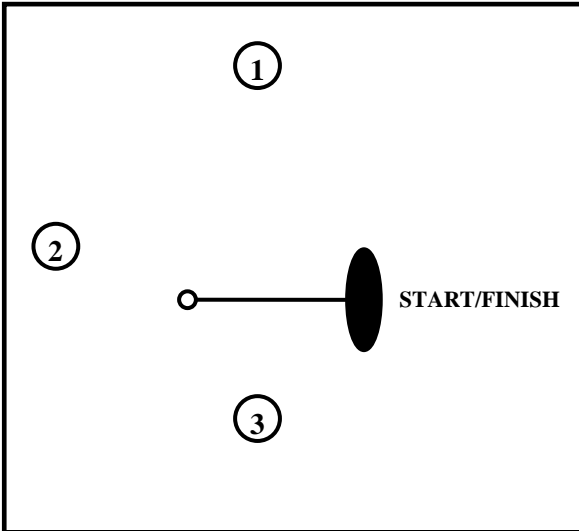
# Appendix 1 - COURSES

## COURSE 1 Olympic Triangle

Course Flag – Code Flag "T"



All marks to be rounded to port in the following order



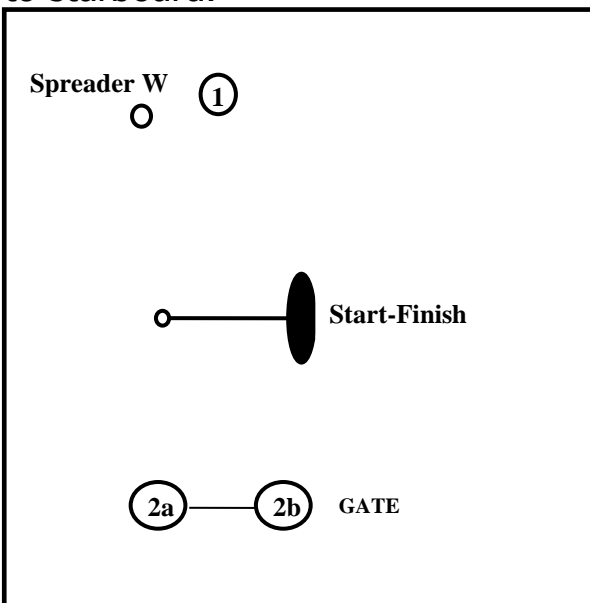
Rounding Sequence:  
START-1- 2- 3 -1 -3 -1 -2 -3 -FINISH

## COURSE 2 Windward-Leeward

Course Flag – Code Flag "Q"



All marks to be rounded to port except Gate mark 2a, which may be rounded to starboard.



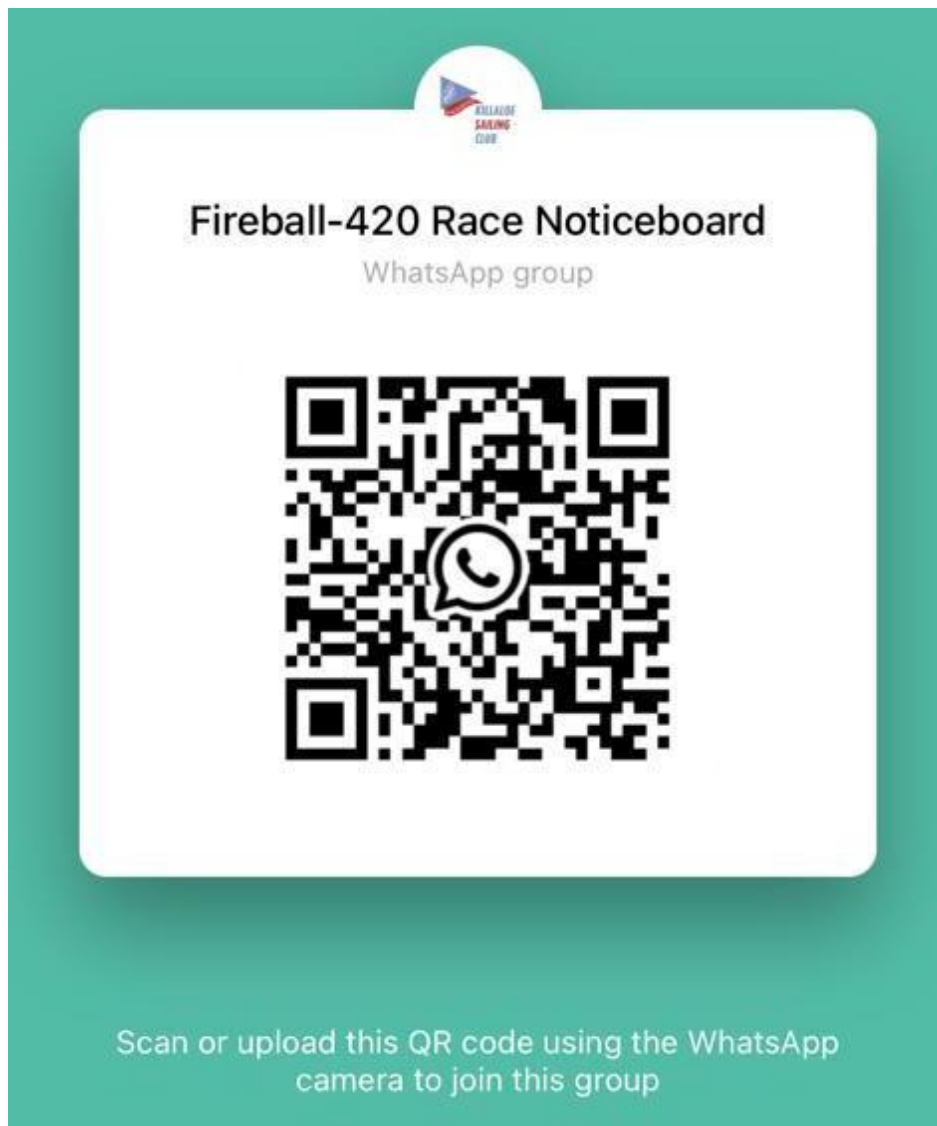
Rounding Sequence:  
START-1-W-Gate-1-W-Gate-1-W-GATE-FINISH

## Appendix 2

### Race Notice Board - WhatsApp Group Link and QR Code

Scan QR code or use link below to join "RACE NOTICEBOARD" WhatsApp Group

### Event Notice Board



### WhatsApp Group Link

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/HqFVOQ5TZq98ZAI5YVfgKR>