



2024 J/70 US National Championship Regatta

November 7 – November 10, 2024
Fort Worth Boat Club, Eagle Mountain Lake, Fort Worth, Texas

NOTICE OF RACE (NoR)

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Amendment 1 (9/30/2024) – Changes in BOLD RED – NoR 4.4, 4.5
Amendment 2 (10/31/2024) – Changes in BOLD RED – NoR 2.1, 3.1, 10, 15.3, Contact Information

The Organizing Authority (OA) is Fort Worth Boat Club (FWBC) in conjunction with the USA J/70 Class Association.

Event Website: <https://www.fortworthboatclub.com/jointheherd>
See NoR 27 for full contact information.

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat or request redress for a violation of that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.

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), and I.5 (One-Pro Division) will apply. [DP]
- 1.4 The current [IJ70CA Regatta Regulations](#) (J70RR) will apply. [NP]
- 1.5 The current [IJ70CA Equipment Regulations](#) (J70RR) will apply. [DP]
- 1.6 Only US Sailing Prescriptions to RRS 60.3(b), 61.4, 67, 76.1 and Appendix V1 and V2 will apply and are stated in full in Attachment A.
- 1.7 The Sailing Instructions may contain changes to other rules.
- 1.8 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.
- 1.9 The notation '[DP]' in this NoR or in the SI means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the Jury, be different from disqualification. See NoR 15 for details..

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS [NP]

- 2.1 The Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be posted on the Official Notice Board via the event website no later than ~~31st October~~ **2nd November** 2024.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The Official Notice Board (ONB) is located online at: <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=16334>

- 3.2 All boats shall carry a working VHF radio capable of receiving normal domestic and international channels. [DP]
- 3.3 On the water, the Race Committee (RC) will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs. [NP]
- 3.4 Competitors are reminded that J70CR I.3 (Outside Assistance) will be in effect.
- 3.5 From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. [DP]

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 This event is open to boats of the J/70 Class which conform to the J70CR.
- 4.2 Eligible boats may register by completing the online entry form available at the event website and paying the required fee.
- 4.3 A boat will not be considered registered in the event until the entry form is completed and the entry fee is paid.
- 4.4 The entry deadline is ~~September 30th, 2024~~ **1300 November 7th, 2024.**
- ~~4.5 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the OA and will be subject to a late fee of \$250. [deleted]~~
- 4.6 A maximum of forty (40) 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.
- 4.7 Boats that have entered and withdraw in writing no later than September 30th, 2024, 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 and are available to take their spot.
- 4.8 A boat will be eligible to race only when registration per NoR 4, check-in per NoR 9, and equipment inspection per NoR 11 have been successfully completed. See RRS 75.

5. FEES

- 5.1 The entry fee is \$650
- 5.2 The entry fee includes:
- One launch and one haul out; per boat.
 - Equipment inspection as directed by the IJ70CA;
 - In-the-water dockage from completion of inspection through November 11th;
 - On-site or off-site trailer storage from a boat's scheduled inspection date through November 11th;
 - One practice race day;
 - Three championship race days;
 - Awards and prizes;
 - Full guest privileges at FWBC, including all on-site dining and bar services.

6. CREW LIMITATIONS

- 6.1 In accordance with RRS 79 (Categorization), the [World Sailing Sailor Categorization Code](#) will apply (see J70CR C.3.1(b) and J70CR C.3.2).
- 6.2 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 for all crew at the time of registration. All categorizations must be valid for the duration of the event.
- 6.3 To be considered as a Mixed-Plus team, the crew shall consist of four (4) or more persons and contain no more than two (2) males over eighteen (18) years of age per J70TCR I.10 (Mixed-Plus Division).

- 6.4 To be considered as a Young Crew team, the entire crew, including the owner/driver, shall provide proof that no crew member is over twenty-five (25) years of age as of the date of check-in per J70TCR I.12 (Young Crew Division).
- 6.5 A representative of the World Sailing Categorization Authority may be present during check-in and may perform spot checks before or during the event.

7. ADVERTISING [DP]

- 7.1 Advertising shall only be displayed in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20.
- 7.2 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.

8. EVENT FORMAT

- 8.1 The OA will organize and run the event in accordance with the J70RR. [NP]
- 8.2 All boats will sail as one fleet.
- 8.3 The RC may, at its discretion, use a two-vessel or three-vessel starting line as further described in the SIs and the J70RR.
- 8.4 Up to ten (10) races are scheduled, maximum four (4) on each racing day, except the final day of racing, when two (2) races are scheduled.

9. CHECK-IN [DP]

- 9.1 All skippers and crew members shall check-in with the OA during the times specified in NoR 10.
- 9.2 No later than the close of check-in, all skippers and crewmembers shall:
 - (a) be listed on the event's online entry list;
 - (b) be members in good standing of the J/70 Class Association if required under J70CR C.3 (Crew);
 - (c) provide identification and sign the waiver provided by the OA;
 - (d) if under eighteen (18) years of age during the event, submit a signed Parent/Guardian Declaration.
- 9.3 No later than the close of check-in, each boat shall:
 - (a) show a copy of a valid and current J/70 Class Manufacturer's Declaration (J70MD) - See J70CR A.10, J70CR A.11 and J70CR C.5.2(10); (Boats arriving to the event without a valid J70MD must make advance arrangements with the OA to obtain one; a fee will apply for this service.);
 - (b) complete all required equipment inspection items as directed by the OA and IJ70CA pursuant to the J70ER;
 - (c) provide valid and current written evidence of the insurance as required by NoR 24.

10. SCHEDULE

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| Wednesday | Nov 6 | 1200-1800 | Check-in and inspection |
| Thursday | Nov 7 | 0900-1300 1300 1430 1730 1800 | Check-in and inspection Check-in closes; all boats, sails, and equipment must be inspected and all boats must be afloat. [DP] Practice Race Competitor's Briefing Opening Ceremony |
| Friday | Nov 8 | 1000 1100 After racing | Competitor's Briefing First warning signal – subsequent race(s) to start ASAP Refreshments at FWBC |
| Saturday | Nov 9 | 1000 1100 After racing 1830 | Competitor's Briefing First warning signal – subsequent race(s) to start ASAP Refreshments at FWBC Regatta Celebration Dinner at FWBC |
| Sunday | Nov 10 | 1000 1100 After racing 1600 | Competitor Briefing First warning signal – subsequent race(s) to start ASAP Refreshments at FWBC – haul-out & de-rig Awards Ceremony |

11. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION [DP]

- 11.1 All boats must obtain (and have with the boat at all times) a valid and current J/70 Class Manufacturer's Declaration (J70MD). A substantial fee (payable to the IJ70CA) will apply for any J70MD issued during the event inspection period. Owners should contact the IJ70CA Class Office well prior to the event with any questions and/or to arrange for a J70MD.
- 11.2 Bow numbers and sponsor stickers, which may be assigned and supplied by the OA during check-in, shall be affixed to each boat by 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).
- 11.3 RRS 78.1 is in effect from the end of registration until the end of the event. Sails and required equipment shall not be removed from a boat without the prior written consent of the event Technical Committee.
- 11.4 During the event, all boats, sails, and equipment will be subject to additional inspections at any time.

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

- 12.1 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.

13. VENUE

- 13.1 The venue is the Fort Worth Boat Club, Eagle Mountain Lake, Fort Worth, Texas.
- 13.2 The racing area will be in Eagle Mountain Lake.

14. THE COURSES

- 14.1 Courses will be set pursuant to the J70RR.

15. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 15.1 The Protest Committee may impose suitable penalties, other than disqualification, for violations of RRS non-Part 2 rules. This NoR 15.2 does not apply to breaches of RRS 2, 28 or 31.
- 15.2 The Protest Committee 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.
- 15.3 RRS Appendix T (Arbitration) ~~may~~ **will** apply.
- 15.4 RRS Appendix V (Alternative Penalties) will apply and is restated in Attachment A. This is the One-Turn Penalty outside the zone/Two-Turns Penalty inside the zone.
- 15.5 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 after clearing the zone of the offset mark. This change is added to RRS 44.2.

16. SCORING

- 16.1 Scoring shall be according to the Low Point Scoring System of RRS A2 and A4 as follows:
 - (a) When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.
 - (b) When five (5) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

17. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS [DP]

- 17.1 Support person vessels (SPVs) are responsible for making their own launching, recovery, and berthing arrangements with the FWBC Marina or elsewhere.
- 17.2 SPVs and operators must register with the OA during the check-in period and shall pay any applicable fee determined by the OA (see separate details on event website).
- 17.3 Only registered SPVs that prominently display identification provided by the OA will be allowed in the racing area. There will be a refundable deposit of \$50 required for each identification flag, payable on-site during registration.
- 17.4 SPVs and operators shall comply at all times with any support vessel regulations as published on the event website.
- 17.5 Support boat operators shall hold valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent.
- 17.6 All SPVs shall carry and monitor a working VHF radio capable of receiving normal domestic and international channels. SPV operators' attention is drawn to RRS 37.
- 17.7 The conduct of registered support boats, all other support boats, and support persons will be governed by the SIs. Competitors are reminded that J70CR I.3 (Outside Assistance) will be in effect.

18. BERTHING [DP]

- 18.1 Competing boats shall be kept in their assigned places as directed by the OA when either afloat or ashore.
- 18.2 The use of dehumidifiers or electric fans of any type is prohibited from the close of check-in until the end of the event.

19. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS [DP]

- 19.1 All competing boats shall be afloat by the close of check-in.
- 19.2 Competing boats shall not be hauled out and shall not remove their rudders 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.

20. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS [DP]

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

21. RIGHTS TO USE NAMES AND LIKENESS

21.1 By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the IJ70CA, the OA, and any 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.

22. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

22.1 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 (OA, host yacht club, RC, PC, 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. MEDIA RIGHTS

23.1 By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the IJ70CA, the OA, and the event organizers 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, on on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.

24. INSURANCE

24.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent.

25. PRIZES

- 25.1 The awards ceremony will be held at FWBC on Sunday, November 10th at 1700.
- 25.2 The J/70 US National Championship Trophy will be awarded to the overall winner from the United States.
- 25.3 A Trophy for the J/70 Corinthian US National Championship will be awarded to the top Corinthian Team from the United States.
- 25.4 A Trophy for the Top Female skipper will be awarded.
- 25.5 Trophies will be awarded in the Open, One-Pro, Corinthian, Mixed and Young Divisions depending on the number of entries.
- 25.6 Additional trophies may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.

26. CONDUCT [DP]

- 26.1 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 of the host club, and obey any reasonable request of an event or host club official.
- 26.2 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.
- 26.3 Failure to comply with NoR 26.1 and 26.2 may be misconduct under the RRS.
- 26.4 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. [NP]

27. CONTACT INFORMATION

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Boat and Trailer Storage: For details, contact Casey Trimble at (817) 236-8393

- Free designated in-the-water dockage will be provided for each boat competing in the event from the time of her inspection through Sunday November 11th.
- A competing boat's trailer may be stored free of charge at FWBC or an off-site location from the time of her inspection through Sunday Sept 11th
- Full details of onsite logistics arrangements including arrival, inspection, launching, dockage, and trailer storage will be published on the event website and made available to all competitors prior to arrival.

ATTACHMENT A

APPLICABLE US SAILING PRESCRIPTIONS

- Rule 60.3** After rule 60.3 add:
*US Sailing prescribes that rule 60.3(b) is changed to:
(b) request redress for a boat or call a hearing to consider redress;*
- Rule 61** Add at the end of rule 61:
*61.4 Fees for Protests and Requests for Redress
US Sailing prescribes that no fees shall be charged for protests or requests for redress.*
- Rule 67** After rule 67 add:
US Sailing prescribes that:
1. *(a) A boat that retires from a race or accepts a penalty does not, by that action alone, admit liability for damages.*
 2. *(b) A protest committee shall find facts and make decisions only in compliance with the rules. No protest committee or US Sailing appeal authority shall adjudicate any claim for damages. Such a claim is subject to the jurisdiction of the courts.*
 3. *(c) A basic purpose of the rules is to prevent contact between boats. By participating in an event governed by the rules, a boat agrees that responsibility for damages arising from any breach of the rules shall be based on fault as determined by application of the rules, and that she shall not be governed by the legal doctrine of 'assumption of risk' for monetary damages resulting from contact with other boats.*
- Rule 76.1** After rule 76.1 add:
US Sailing prescribes that an organizing authority or race committee shall not reject or cancel the entry of a boat or exclude a competitor eligible under the notice of race and sailing instructions for an arbitrary or capricious reason or for reason of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or age.

APPENDIX V1 — PENALTY AT THE TIME OF AN INCIDENT

The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: 'A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident while racing. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.'

APPENDIX V2 — POST-RACE PENALTIES

- (a) *Provided that rule 44.1(b) does not apply, a boat that may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident may take a Post-Race Penalty at any time after the race until the beginning of a protest hearing involving the incident.*
- (b) *A Post-Race Penalty is a 30% Scoring Penalty calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). However, rule 44.1(a) applies.*
- (c) *A boat takes a Post-Race Penalty by delivering to the race office a written statement that she accepts the penalty and that identifies the race number and where and when the incident occurred.*