



MG14 QLD STATE CHAMPIONSHIP 2023-2024

Sat 20th - Sun 21st April 2024

Lake Cootharaba Sailing Club

NOTICE OF RACE

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

Lake Cootharaba Sailing Club

in association with the

MG14 Association of Australia Inc.

The MG14 Association of Australia Inc. in conjunction with Lake Cootharaba sailing Club, as the Organising Authority, invites entries to the QLD MG14 State Championship to be held on Lake Cootharaba, Boreen Point, Qld on 20th to 21st April 2024.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined by the 2021-2024 World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the Prescriptions and Special Regulations (Part 2) of Australian Sailing, and the MG14 class rules and Javelin class rules except as any are changed by the Sailing Instructions or Notice of Race.

2 ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 Entry is open to all MG14/MG14B dinghies registered with the MG14 Association of Australia Inc. for the 2023/2024 sailing season, and for which at least one Full Membership and one Associate Membership for the 2023/2024 season has been paid to the Association. The nominated helmsperson shall be a member of the MG14 Association of Australia Inc., and the forward hand must be nominated at the time of entry. (Membership and boat registration is at www.revolutionise.com.au/mg14ca/registration/.)

NOTE ALL SAILORS – SKIPPER AND CREW MUST HOLD VALID AUSTRALIAN SAILING REGISTRATION AND COMPLY WITH RULE 46.

ALL BOATS MUST HAVE MIN \$10 MIL LIABILITY INSURANCE AND UPLOAD PROOF AT ENTRY.

- 3.2 Eligible boats may enter and pay by registering online at <https://www.revolutionise.com.au/lcsc/events/230302> , also available on the MG14 website www.mg14.com.

- 3.3 Entries will be received by the Organising Authority no later than the close of the registration and measurement period on 20TH April 2024.

- 3.4 All competitors under 16 years of age as at 20th April 2024 are required to lodge a fully completed MG14 Association Junior Indemnity Form, attached to the online entry, which must be signed by a parent or guardian. This form can be downloaded when completing the online entry and submitted to the Secretary of MG14 Association of Australia Inc. prior to registration or submitted to Sailing Club at time of registration on Saturday 20th April 2024.

4 FEES

- 4.1 The Championship entry fee:
Early bird entry fee: \$85 submitted before or at 5pm on 6TH April 2024.
Late entry fee of an additional \$50 if paid after.

5 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 5.1 The Championship will consist of five (5) races scheduled over two (2) days of racing.
- 5.2 The events are scheduled for:

| Date | Time | Event |
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| Saturday | 1000-1130 | Late Entry (online only) |
| | 1130 | Competitor Briefing |
| | 1300 | 1st Race Session Warning Signal not before 1300 hours |
| Sunday | 1100 | 2nd Race Session Warning signal not before 1100 hours |
| | | Regatta presentation ASAP after conclusion of Championships |

- 5.3 No more than three (3) races shall be conducted on any one day of the Regatta.
- 5.4 Races will be conducted back-to-back due to the travel time between the club house and the sailing area.
- 5.5 No warning signal will be made after 1530 hours on Sunday.

6 MEASUREMENT

- 6.1 Boats shall comply with class rules.

7 EQUIPMENT LIMITATIONS

- 7.1 A boat shall only use a maximum of 2 jibs, 1 mainsail, 1 spinnaker, 1 mast, 1 boom, 1 spinnaker pole, 1 centreboard and 1 rudder in the Championship, except in cases where gear is damaged accidentally or in use and is beyond repair or unable to be repaired at that event. Details of the damaged items and of the circumstances under which the damage occurred shall be submitted in writing to the Association Measurer along with the items for inspection. Replacements through damage will be accepted at the discretion of the Association Measurer and shall not be made without the written approval of the Association Measurer. If the Association Measurer is not present, a member of the Race Committee may substitute.

8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1 Sailing Instructions will be available on the Lake Cootharaba website at <https://lcsc.org.au/event/mg14-javelin-qld-state-championship-2023-2024/>

9 VENUE

- 9.1 The Championship will be conducted from Lake Cootharaba Sailing Club, Boreen Point Qld. and sailed on the waters of Lake Cootharaba.

10 COURSES

- 10.1 Courses will be windward-leeward with gates. Details will be provided in the Sailing Instructions.

11 SCORING

- 11.1 Five races are scheduled for the Regatta.
- 11.2 Three races shall be completed to constitute the Regatta.
- 11.3 When fewer than four races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of all her race scores.
- 11.4 When four or five races have been completed a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 11.5 A Handicap Series will be conducted concurrently with the Championship (scratch) series.

12 PRIZES

- 12.1 The MG14 Queensland State Champion perpetual trophy will be awarded to the 1st MG14 in the overall scratch series.
- 12.2 The MG14 Queensland Handicap State Champion perpetual trophy will be awarded to the 1st MG14 or MG14B in the overall Handicap series.
- 12.3 Trophies will be awarded to the skipper and crew of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd boats in the overall scratch series and to the skipper and crew of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd boats in the overall handicap series, except that a boat awarded a scratch series trophy will not be eligible for a handicap series trophy. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organising authority.

13 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 13.1 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, WI-FI and internet-based technologies.

14 SUPPORT BOATS

- 14.1 Coaches and other support personnel shall register with the organising authority and display the identifying flag provided. Approved Support Boats shall keep at least 100m clear of the course area during racing, except when asked to assist by the race committee. Support boats must be able to communicate on the designated VHF frequency at all times.

15 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 15.1 RRS 3 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.**
- 15.2 The Organising Authority, their officers, members, servants and agents 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.
- 15.3 All competitors who enter the State Championship, in doing so, have made a declaration to the Organising Authority that the nominated boat will, at all times before, during and after racing comply with the rules and requirements of the RRS, Australian Sailing, the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions.

16 RISK WARNING

- 16.1 Participants are warned that, regardless of the precautions, which might be taken by reasonable and experienced persons, sailing can be a dangerous pursuit and participants are exposed to significant risk of property damage, physical harm and possibly death.

As an indication, these risks may include, but are not limited to:

- (a) The extremes of weather and sea conditions.
- (b) The potential that control of vessels may be lost, resulting in collision with objects and other vessels.
- (c) The sudden movement of the vessel at any time and the possibility that participants may fall or be thrown overboard, resulting in injury or drowning.
- (d) The possibility that participants may be injured by equipment on the vessel.
- (e) The absence of immediate medical care and the likelihood that significant delays may occur before medical care is available.
- (f) Exposure to the elements for extended periods.

The Organising Authority also warn participants that regardless of their best intentions, they may be unable to render assistance to participants who are in distress. Participants are warned to consider the above risks and all other risks before deciding to participate in the State Championship.

Participants are also advised that although the Organising Authority is covered by third party liability insurance, this cover does not extend to participants. Any participant who considers they have a need for insurance must make their own private arrangements with an insurer. Membership of a sailing club affiliated with Australian Sailing entitles you to personal accident insurance cover.

17 MEDIA RIGHTS

- 17.1 The Organising Authority shall have the right to use any names, images and sound recording taken during the Regatta free of any charge.

18 INSURANCE

- 18.1 All competing boats shall certify, by entering, that they carry third party liability insurance of an amount of not less than AU\$10,000,000.

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