



MG14 QLD STATE CHAMPIONSHIP 2023-2024

Sat 20th and Sun 21st April 2024

Lake Cootharaba Sailing Club

Sailing Instructions


ORGANISING AUTHORITY

Lake Cootharaba Sailing Club Inc.

(ABN 30 624 557 096)

in association with

MG14 ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIAN INC.

1 RULES	
1.1	The event is governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 (RRS).
1.2	The MG14 Class Rules, available at https://www.mg14.com.au/about/documents , apply.
1.3	The Prescriptions and Special Regulations (Part 2) of Australian Sailing will apply, available at https://cdn.revolutionise.com.au/site/tde3yzdsue2uqzaq.pdf .
1.4	These Sailing Instructions shall supersede any conflicting information in the Notice of Race.
1.5	RRS Appendix T (arbitration) shall apply.
2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS	
2.1	Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board at Lake Cootharaba Sailing Club located adjacent to the bottom of the stairs to the clubhouse off the road, by 2 (two) hours prior to the first start signal on the day it will take effect.
2.2	Any change to the Schedule of Events will be posted on the official notice board at Lake Cootharaba Sailing Club, by 1800hrs on the day before it will take effect.
3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS	
3.1	Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board at Lake Cootharaba Sailing Club.
3.2	A competitors' briefing will be held at 1130hrs on Saturday 20 th April 2024 in the clubhouse.
3.3	Further briefings may be called by the Race Committee as required and notified on the official notice board at Lake Cootharaba Sailing Club.
3.4	Any notices to all competitors, including changes to the sailing instructions or the schedule of events, posted on the LCSC notice board will be accompanied by a signal pennant "L"  being flown from the club's flag pole and a sound signal.
4 CODE OF CONDUCT	
4.1	Competitors and support persons shall comply with all reasonable requests from race officials.
5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE	
5.1	Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole located on the northern end of the clubhouse of the Lake Cootharaba Sailing Club.
5.2	When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

6 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS			
6.1	The Championship will consist of a maximum of five (5) races scheduled over two (2) days of racing.		
6.2	The events are scheduled for:		
	Date	Time	Event
	Saturday 20 th April	1130hrs	Competitor Briefing
		1300hrs	1 st race session Warning signal not before 1300hrs
	Sunday 21 st April	1100hrs	2 nd race session Warning signal not before 1100hrs
			Presentation ASAP after conclusion of Championships
6.3	Unless otherwise notified by the Race Officer, races will be conducted back-to-back in each race session.		
6.4	No warning signal will be made after 1600 hours on Sunday 21 April.		
7 CLASS FLAG			
7.1	The Class Flag shall be a white flag displaying the MG insignia.		
8 RACING AREA			
8.1	The approximate designated racing area is in the waters of Lake Cootharaba. SI Addendum 1 shows the approximate location of the racing area.		
9 COURSES			
9.1	The diagram in SI Addendum 2 shows the courses, and the order in which the marks are to be passed. The course shall consist of a windward/leeward format starting to windward and finishing upwind. The windward mark is to be left on the port side; the leeward mark is to be left on the port side.		
9.2	The approximate compass bearing of the first leg will be displayed on the start boat no later than the warning signal.		
9.3	No later than the warning signal, the numeral pennant indicating the number of laps will be displayed on the start boat. For example, Numeral Pennant 3 indicates sailing 3 times to the windward mark.		
9.4	The start/finish line is an obstacle of the course unless a boat is starting or finishing a race.		

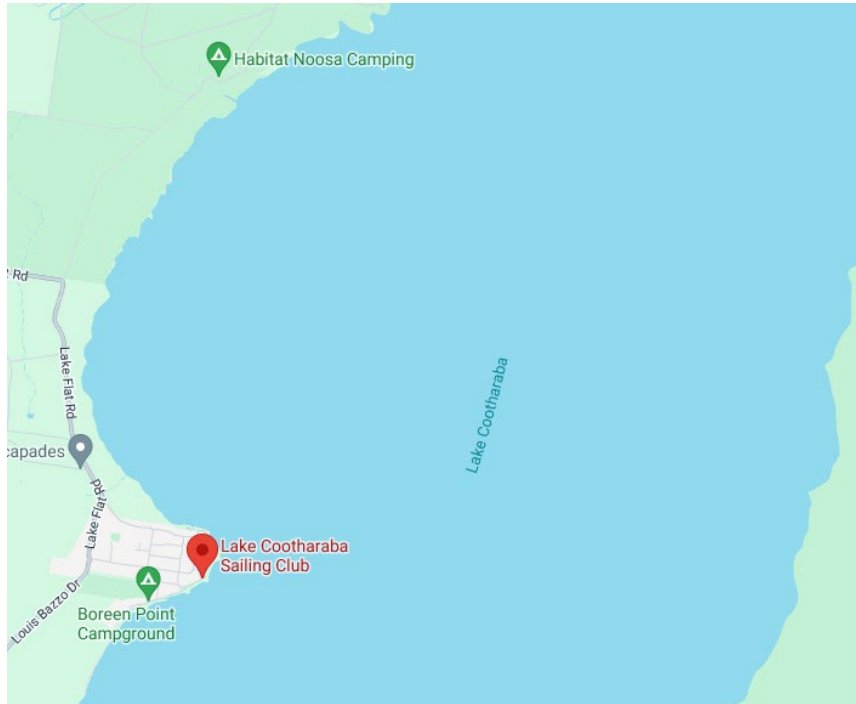
10 MARKS	
10.1	The windward mark will be a yellow inflatable buoy and the leeward mark will be yellow inflatable buoy.
10.2	The Start and finish mark will be a red and white checkered inflatable buoy.
11 THE START	
11.1	Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the start signal.
11.2	The starting line will be between a flagstaff displaying an orange flag on the start boat at the starboard end and a red and white checkered inflatable buoy at the Port end. If a clearance buoy is laid off the Start Boat, then the buoy together with its mooring line shall be considered as part of the Start Boat.
11.3	A boat that does not start within four (4) minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS (Did Not Start) without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.
12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE	
12.1	Legs of the courses will not be changed after the first Preparatory Signal of the race. This amends RRS 33.
13 THE FINISH	
13.1	The finishing line is between a flagstaff displaying a blue flag on the Start Boat at the Starboard end and a red and white checkered inflatable buoy at the Port end.
14 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES	
14.1	The race target time is 40 minutes.
14.2	The Finishing Window is 20 minutes and is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalised, or given redress, will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10
15 HEARING REQUEST AND PENALTIES AT TIME OF INCIDENT	
15.1	RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty when an infringement of a rule of Part 2 of the RRS occurs.
15.2	Protests shall be lodged with the Race Secretary (or delegate) within the Protest Time Limit. Protests shall be lodged in accordance with RRS Rule 60. RRS Appendix T will apply, and Arbitration may be offered.

15.3	The Protest Time Limit is sixty (60) minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. Alters RRS 61.3, 62.2.
15.4	Notices relating to protests will be posted on the notice board at Lake Cootharaba Sailing Club no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of the hearing/s in which they are parties or named as witnesses, the order of the hearing/s, the time, and the location of the hearing/s. Arbitration will be available and conducted in accordance with RRS Appendix T. A boat that accepts a penalty shall have 20 percent of the score for DNF added to their score for that race, but their score will be made no worse than the score for DNF.
16 HEARINGS	
16.1	The Protest Committee will convene as soon as possible after the protest has been lodged, but no later than 9:30hrs on the next scheduled race day.
16.2	The Protest Committee may approve the extension of the deadline noted above but only in extenuating circumstances. This adds to RRS 63.
17 SCORING	
17.1	Rules A4, A5.1 and A5.3 will apply.
17.2	A maximum of five races are scheduled for the Regatta.
17.3	Three races shall be completed to constitute a series.
17.4	When fewer than four races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of all her race scores.
17.5	When four or five races have been completed a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
17.6	A Handicap Series will be conducted concurrently with the Championship (scratch) series.
17.7	Handicaps will be allocated by the Association Race Secretary. If the Association Race Secretary is unavailable, three (3) MG14 Race Committee members will allocate handicaps. The Association Race Secretary reserves the right to review any handicap, up or down, at any stage. Handicap decisions by the Association Race Secretary are final and not subject to overriding by the Race Committee. Any request for review shall be made in writing to the Association Race Secretary.
18 SAFETY REGULATIONS	
18.1	All competitors and boats must comply with the safety regulations of Australian Sailing and the MG14 class rules. The Race Committee may reject or rescind the entry of a non-conforming boat and may disqualify a boat for a safety breach at any stage during the series without a Protest Hearing. This amends RRS63.1.

18.2	The helmsperson or crew of a boat intending to start in any race session or re-sail must 'sign on' for that race session no later than 30 minutes before the start of the race session. Any boat found to have not complied with this rule in a race session will incur a 5-place penalty for both their scratch and handicap position of the infringed race or when back-to back races are sailed the first race of that session.
18.3	The helmsperson or crew must 'sign off' for each race or race session no later than 30 minutes after the last boat arrives at shore. Any boat found to have not complied with this rule in a race session will incur a 5-place penalty for both their scratch and handicap position for the infringed race or when back-to-back races are sailed the last race of that session.
18.4	The location of the 'sign on' and 'sign off' sheets will be announced at the competitor briefing.
18.5	A boat that retires from a race shall where possible notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT	
19.1	Substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior written approval of the race committee and only in exceptional circumstances.
19.2	Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorised in writing by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race.
19.3	Applications for a replacement of the skipper must be made in writing to the Race Committee no later than 80 minutes prior to the start of the race, unless in exceptional circumstances the Race Committee agrees this was not possible. This application will be assessed on a case by-case basis. Any change of skipper will cause the boat to be ineligible for major prizes and the Race Committee reserves the right to change the handicap of the vessel.
20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS	
20.1	A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.
20.2	When instructed by a race official, a boat shall proceed to a designated area for inspection.
21 RADIO COMMUNICATION	
21.1	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.
22 PRIZES	
22.1	The MG14 Queensland State Champion perpetual trophy will be awarded to the 1st MG14 in the overall scratch series.

22.2	The MG14 Queensland Handicap State Champion perpetual trophy will be awarded to the 1st MG14 or in the overall Handicap series.
22.3	Prizes 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.
22.4	Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organising authority.
23 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY	
23.1	Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS rule 3, Decision to Race. LCSC will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the Championship event.
24 INSURANCE	
24.1	All competing boats must have third party liability insurance cover of an amount of not less than AU\$10,000,000 for the duration of the event. By entering the event, a competitor warrants that he/she has the required insurance cover. Although a competitor may be asked to provide evidence that they do have the required insurance cover, failure to ask for such evidence does not make the organising authority liable in any way.

SI ADDENDUM 1 – APPROXIMATE LOCATION OF THE RACING AREA



SI ADDENDUM 2 – COURSE DIAGRAM

