

International Europe Class Union.

IECU Nations Trophy – RULES

- Each Nation enters 3 sailors (male, female or both, it is up to every nation)
- No reserve sailors are allowed. The 3 entered the registration day must go on until the end.
- A nation with only 2 sailors may participate, but they will automatically loose one of the 3 races per heat. Still, they could win.
- Minimum 8 Nations are needed to run the Cup. There is no maximum (for the moment... 20 would be a practical max.)
- Seeded teams (the "best" teams should not meet in first round) we have to rank the teams by the result of the last World Championship, average result of men and women. See appendix 1.

COURSE.

Start between Committee Starting Boat and Starting Mark- 300 meters upwind - mark 1 to port - 200 m reach - Finish between Finishing Boat and Finishing Mark.

COMPETITION FORMAT.

2 sailors per start (one per Nation).

Each Heat between Nations has 3 individual heats.

Individual Heat 1 = Nation X, Sailor 1 against Nation Y, Sailor 1.

Individual Heat 2 = Nation X, Sailor 2 against Nation Y, Sailor 2.

Individual Heat 3 = Nation X, Sailor 3 against Nation Y, Sailor 3.

The definition of Sailor 1, 2 and 3 per Nation will be decided by each participating Nation at registration and will not change during the event.

SCORING SYSTEM.

Winning the Individual heat = 1 point

Loosing the Individual heat = 0 points.

A Nation that wins 2 or 3 points goes forward. The other one is eliminated.

No second chance to qualify.

STARTS.

There will be a start given every 2 minutes.

Start will be given with P flag rule only.

Obviously no General Recall, only Individual if necessary.

Starts will be signalled by flags and, if possible by loudspeakers/megaphone.

Type and colour of flags will be posted on the Notice Board.

5 minutes before the 1st start, repeated sound signals will be given to draw the sailors attention.

2 minutes before the 1st start, the corresponding flag will be hoisted and a sound signal will be given

1 minute before the start, flag and sound signal.

Start (= 2 minutes for the next individual heat), flag and sound signal.

An Individual recall will NOT interrupt the process.

At the Race Committee's discretion, the process will be interrupted between Previous Phase (if any) - Quarter Finals - Semi Finals and Finals.



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BASIC 8 NATIONS SYSTEM.

When 8 Nations participate, we initiate the Event with QUARTER FINALS.

4 Nations against the other 4

The order will be : Nation 1 against Nation 8, then N4><N5 - N2><N7 - N3><N6

4 winners go on to SEMIFINALS

2 Nations against the other 2

So, winner of N1><N8 against winner of N4><N5, etc...

2 go on to FINAL

Final, 1 Nation against the other.

When 9 to 15 Nations participate.

If 9 Nations enter:

Top 7 Nations (see appendix 1) don't participate at the PREVIOUS PHASE.

Nation 8 against Nation 9 one goes to QUARTER FINALS.

Then, same as BASIC 8 NATIONS SYSTEM.

If 10 Nations enter:

Top 6 Nations (see appendix 1) do not participate at the PREVIOUS PHASE.

Nation 7 against Nation 8 one goes to QUARTER FINALS.

Nation 9 against Nation 10 one goes to QUARTER FINALS.

Then, same as BASIC 8 NATIONS SYSTEM.

If 11 Nations enter:

Top 5 Nations (see appendix 1) don't participate at the PREVIOUS PHASE.

Nation 6 against Nation 7 one goes to QUARTER FINALS.

Nation 8 against Nation 9 one goes to QUARTER FINALS.

Nation 10 against Nation 11 one goes to QUARTER FINALS.

Then, same as BASIC 8 NATIONS SYSTEM.

And so on. If 15 Nations enters, only Nation number 1 will not sail the Previous Phase.

If 16 Nations enters:

When 16 Nations participate, we initiate the Event with EIGHT-FINALS.

8 Nations against the other 8

The order will be : Nation 1 against Nation 16, then N8><N9 - N2><N15 - N7><N10 - N3><N14 -

N6><N11 - N4><N13 - N5><N12

8 winners go on to QUARTER-FINALS

4 Nations against the other 4

So, winner of N1><N16 against winner of N8><N9, winner of N2><N15 against winner of N7><N10, etc...

4 winners go on to SEMIFINALS

2 Nations against the other 2, following the same order as above.

2 go on to FINAL

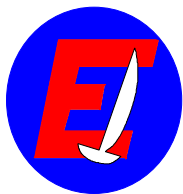
Final, 1 Nation against the other.

If more than 16 Nations enters.

If 17, top 15 go straight to Eight Finals, the other 2 sail the previous phase.

If 18, top 14 go straight to Eight Finals, the other 4 sail the previous phase.

And so on.



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Appendix 1 - Seeded Teams.

Ranking of Nations will be decided by the result of the best sailor men and the best sailor women in the last World Ch. divided by 2. If no men or women participated at the last W.C., the non-participating division will have one more point as the last sailor participating.

Example. The best Moldavian sailor (man) was World Champion and the best woman was 10th. Moldavia has 5,5 points.

Nations are ranked by points.

When there is a tie, the second best man & woman will be added to the calculation, and so on. If there is still a tie, lottery will decide.

Notes:

With 16 Teams (48 boats) we would need 24 starts for the eight finals.

Then 12 starts for quarter-finals

Then 6 starts for semi-finals

Then 3 for finals.

Total 45 starts 2 minutes per start = 90 minutes.

You need to add all interruptions... let's say all together, if there is wind, should be possible to be done in 120 - 150 minutes.

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