



2023 J70 Victorian States and 2023 J70 Australian Championship

14-16 January 2023 and 19-22 January 2023

The Organising Authority is the Sandringham Yacht Club (SYC), in conjunction with the J70 Australia Class Association.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by:
 - the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)
 - the rules and regulations of the J70 One Design class
 - the Australian Sailing Special Regulations.
- 1.2 Boats must comply with the Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 1 Category 7 requirements and carry all Safety Equipment specified by the J70 Class.
- 1.3 Appendix T, *Arbitration*, will apply.
- 1.4 If there is a conflict between rules or regulations, other than the RRS, then the Sailing Instructions will prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

The Official Notice Board is located online with a link available on the regatta page for each regatta <https://syc.com.au/2023-j70-australian-championships/>.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board by 0900 on the day they will take effect. After this time, any changes to the Sailing Instructions, including oral instructions given on the water, will be indicated by displaying code flag L on the committee vessel.
- 3.2 Any change to the Schedule of Races will be posted by 2000 the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Ken King Centre flag pole, at the marina entrance.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signals AP. This changes Race Signals AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 The Schedule of Events will be as per the respective Notice of Race.
- 5.2 A maximum of twelve (12) races are scheduled for the Victorian State Championships and a maximum of sixteen (16) races are scheduled for the Australian National Championships.
- 5.3 To alert boats that a race will begin soon, competitors may be advised on VHF channel 77.
- 5.4 No Warning Signal will be made after 1500 on the last scheduled day of racing of each regatta.

6 CLASS FLAG

The Class Flag will be a white flag with the J70 class logo.

7 RACING AREA

The racing area will be on Port Phillip, adjacent to Sandringham Yacht Club.

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 All courses will be windward/leeward configuration.
- 8.2 Courses will be advised by displaying the appropriate numeral pennant (1-3).
- 8.3 Attachment A shows the courses and marks including the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.4 No later than the warning signal, the race committee vessel will indicate the course to be sailed by displaying the corresponding numeral pennant and the approximate magnetic compass bearing from the starting line to Mark 1.
- 8.5 In the event that either mark 2P or 2S is not in place, boats shall round the single mark to port.

9 MARKS

- 9.1 Marks 1, 2S and 2P will be yellow inflatable marks.
- 9.2 Mark 1a will be a pink inflatable mark.
- 9.3 The start ~~and finish~~ mark will be an orange inflatable mark.
- 9.4 ~~The finish mark will be a blue inflatable mark.~~
- 9.5 The change mark as provided in clause 11 will be a yellow inflatable mark with a black band. In any subsequent change, the original marks shall be used.

10 THE START

- 10.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel at the starboard end of the line and either an orange inflatable mark or a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee vessel at the port end.
- 10.2 A boat starting later than four (4) minutes after her starting signal may be scored DNS. This changes RRS Appendix RRS A5.1 and A5.2.
- 10.3 As a courtesy, the race committee will attempt to hail OCS boats by sail number by radio on VHF channel 77. Failure of equipment, failure to hail, failure to hear a hail, delay in hailing or the order in which hails are given will not be grounds for redress except when a request for redress under this instruction is initiated by the race committee or protest committee. This changes RRS 62.1.

11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1 The race committee may change the position of the next mark in accordance with RRS 33.
- 11.2 In the event that the position of Mark 1 is changed, Marks 1 and 1a may be replaced by a new single Mark 1 and boats will round the new Mark 1 and proceed directly to Marks 2S/2P or the finishing line, as appropriate. Similarly, in the event that the position of Marks 2P/2S is changed and there is only one new mark in place, boats shall leave the single mark to port.

12 THE FINISH

The finishing line when viewed from the last mark of the course will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee vessel at the port end of the line and either ~~an orange a blue~~ inflatable mark or a staff displaying a blue flag on a race committee vessel at the starboard end.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1 Appendix T, *Arbitration*, will apply. The arbitrator may be a member of any subsequent Protest Committee or may observe and give evidence to a Protest Committee.
- 13.2 The penalty for breaking a rule of Part 2 shall be a One Turn Penalty (one tack and one gybe in the same direction) except that for infringements within the Zone, as defined in the RRS, which shall be a Two Turns Penalty (two tacks and two gybes in the same direction). This changes RRS 44.1 and 44.2.

14 TIME LIMIT

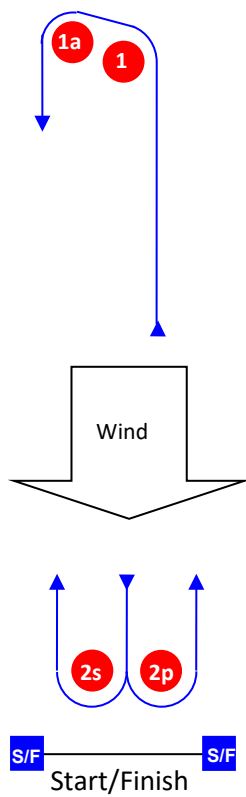
- 14.1 The time limit shall be 90 minutes from the starting signal.
- 14.2 Boats failing to finish within the time limit shall be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes RRS 35.
- 14.3 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, Appendix A4 and A5.

15 PROTESTS

- 15.1 Protest forms are available at the SYC Boating Office.
- 15.2 Protests shall be lodged at the SYC Boating Office within 60 minutes, taken from the finish time of the last boat to complete the last race of the day or when the race committee signals no more racing for the day, whichever is later. This changes RRS 61.3.
- 15.3 Protest notices will be posted on the Official Notice Board within 30 minutes of the expiry of the protest time limit or as soon as possible thereafter to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing in which they are parties to a protest.
- 15.4 Breaches of Sailing Instructions 18, 19 or 20 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.
- 15.5 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:
 - (a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
 - (b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 66.
- 15.6 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

- 16 SCORING**
16.1 Scoring will be as per the respective Notice of Race.
- 17 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**
Boats may be weighed and have their sails measured at any stage throughout the regatta and be inspected for outboard and safety equipment.
- 18 SUPPORT BOATS**
18.1 Coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the first warning signal each day until racing has been concluded for the day.
18.2 Competitors shall have no communication with, and boats shall not be tied to, coach or support boats from the first warning signal each race day until racing has been concluded for the day.
- 19 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**
Haul-out restrictions apply for both regattas as per the respective Notice of Race.
- 20 RADIO COMMUNICATION**
20.1 All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of receiving and transmitting marine VHF channels. Boats shall use the radio to report retirement from racing and may use the radio to request assistance in an emergency. No transmissions of any other nature are permitted by competing boats during each racing day from the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day.
20.2 The race committee may use VHF channel 77 to advise of general matters relating to the racing.
20.3 The use of mobile/cell phones or any device capable of sending and/or receiving external electronic communication and/or connecting to the internet is prohibited after the warning signal until the boat has completed its day's racing, except as provided in clause 22.1 or in an emergency threatening the safety of any member of the crew or the flotation of the boat and only with the express permission of the protest committee or race committee.
- 21 TROPHIES AND PRIZES**
Trophies and prizes will be awarded as per the respective Notice of Race.
- 22 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**
22.1 All those taking part in races conducted by SYC do so at their own risk and responsibility. SYC, the Australian J70 Class Association and the Victorian J70 Class Association are not responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment.
22.2 Sandringham Yacht Club, its staff, officers and volunteers accept no responsibility whatsoever for loss or damage to boats or equipment or personal injury or death associated with races conducted by the Club.
22.3 Competitor attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rules 3.
- 23 INSURANCE**
All boats competing shall be covered by current Third Party Property Liability Insurance and Third Party Personal Liability Insurance of not less than \$10,000,000 (ten million) for each incident. All insurance cover shall be maintained for the period of racing.

ATTACHMENT 1 — COURSES



Signal	Mark Rounding Order
1	Start – 1 – 1a – Finish
2	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – Finish
3	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – Finish