



AUSTRIAN SAILING FEDERATION

General Sailing Instructions 2026 of the OeSV

1. Rules:

The races will be governed by the World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing (2025-2028) and all prescription in the Notice of Race.

The disclaimer of liability applies as provided in the Notice of Race and accepted with the entry and/or participation.

2. Notice to competitors:

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board.

3. Changes of Sailing Instructions:

3.1. Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 09:00 am on the day it will take effect.

3.2. Any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 08:00 pm on the day before it will take effect or within protest time, whichever is later.

4. Signals made ashore:

4.1. Signals ashore will be displayed at the flagpole.

4.2. Answering Pennant "AP" displayed with two sound signals means: race is postponed. The warning signal will not be given less than 30 minutes after "AP" is lowered (together with a sound signal).

(Note: If „AP“ is displayed on the starting vessel towed to the pier, SI 4.2 does not apply.)

5. Signals made afloat:

5.1. Flag „Orange“: to alert boats that a starting sequence will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed at the pole of the starting line with one long sound for at least five minutes before a warning signal is displayed

5.2. Flag „V“: Displaying flag „V“ on the starting vessel means: All boats and official and support vessels are required to take part in rescue and operations. (amendment to RRS 37)

6. Course:

6.1. No later than the warning signal, the designated course will be displayed on the starting vessel. Courses and designation of courses will be specified in the amendments to these sailing instructions.

6.2. If more than one race per day is scheduled, the further race will start as soon as possible after the finish of the previous race. There will be no special signalisation.

7. Start:

7.1. Races will be started according RRS 26.

7.2. Starting line will be between a pole with an orange flag flying on the race committee boat and a mark.

7.3. On the boat end, the starting line may be limited by another mark; in this case, no boat shall sail between the race committee boat and the inner starting mark.

7.4. A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS (this changes RRS A4 and A5).

8. Storm warning:

In case of storm warning (or pre warning) the legal regulations have to be followed. These have to be announced before the first race. Personal flotation devices shall be used instantly.

9. Retirement:

Boats retiring from a race have to report this instantly to the race committee. Violation of this rule can result in a protest hearing.

10. Finish:

If not stated otherwise, the finish will be between a staff flying a blue flag on the finishing vessel and a mark or using flag "S" according RRS 32.2.

11. The Two-Turns penalty

Multihulls and skiffs have only to take a one turn penalty (this changes RRS 44.1)

12. Time limit:

- 12.1. In a championship or ranking event a race is only valid if the first boat finishes within the time limit (target time +50%).
- 12.2. The race committee should secure, that a race has a minimum time of target time -30%.
- 12.3. The target time is stated in the amendments to these sailing instructions.
- 12.4. All boats finishing within gate time will be scored. Gate time will be minimum 20 minutes. All other boats shall be scored as DNF (Change of RRS 35).
- 12.5. Shortening of the course is possible at any time in order to reach the recommended target time.

13. Protests and Penalties:

- 13.1. The protest time will be scheduled by the race officer after the last scored boat finished. The protest time shall not exceed 60 minutes (amendment to RRS. 60.3(b)). The protest time will be posted on the official notice board.
- 13.2. If several races are sailed on one day without a break of at least 1 hour, the protest time for all races of the day automatically changes to after the last race. Protest forms are available at the race office.
- 13.3. Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings and the time the hearing will be held.
- 13.4. The Protest Committee has discretion to decide that the appropriate penalty for a breach of RRS, Class Rules, Sailing Instructions or other rules applying may be less than DSQ. The bands of penalties are covered in the "Guidance for Discretionary Penalties" of the Austrian Sailing Federation. SI 13.4 does not apply for breaches of RRS Part 2 (except RRS 24) and RRS Part 3. This changes RRS 64.

14. Radio communication:

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 all mobile units as mobile phones, computers etc.