

MonoCup Race Management Guidelines

General Principles

- Races shall not be started in winds of less than 3 knots.
- Races once started should only be abandoned if racing becomes unfair through large changes in wind direction, lack of wind or safety of the competitors is in danger.
- Races should not start in winds averaging more than 25 knots but this average should be reduced in rough sea conditions with wave heights greater than 1 metre.
- Flag Y shall be used when wind exceeds 12 knots (All people on board should wear a personal life jacket or personal buoyancy).
- The Race Committee should try, where possible, to avoid long waiting periods on the water particularly in heavier winds, preferring to wait on the shore rather than on the water.

Starting

The P flag should be used as the initial starting flag.

The starting line should be, as near as possible, at right angles to the wind. Length for 20 boats should be 165 metres or 0.1 nautical miles. The calculating factor is 1.5 x number of boats x length of boat (5.5 metres). This length should be increased by up to 40 metres in winds above 15 knots.

Courses

The target time for all races shall be from 30 to 45 minutes.

The course shall be a windward – leeward course, ideally of two laps, but can be three laps, but this very much depends on wind strength and the course area available.

Changes of course

The course may be changed but only by moving the windward mark for the second upwind leg and signalling the change of course at that point using code flag 'C'.

Finishing Line

The finishing line shall be a committee boat at one end of the line and bouy at the other end of the line.

Event formats

For events with 2 racing days, minimum of 6 and maximum of 8 races shall be scheduled.

For events with 3 or more racing days, 3 races per day shall be scheduled.

All attempts should be made to end each day with the same number of races sailed by each class. No more than 5 races per day should be sailed.

Scoring guidelines

The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A shall be used.

When up to three races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.

When four to eight races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

When nine or more races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.