

RULES GOVERNING CHAMPIONSHIP MEETINGS

The Association publishes the following guidelines for the running of its Championship events. The purpose is to assist Clubs and Race Committees and to ensure a uniform standard of event. Clubs offering to organise an Association Championship must agree to these guidelines, or mutually agree necessary alterations, before the fixture is confirmed.

These Rules were updated on March 19th 2011

1. Style and title of events.

The World Championship shall be styled

- THE G.P. FOURTEEN CLASS INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

An Area Championship shall be styled:

- THE G.P. FOURTEEN CLASS INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION AREA CHAMPIONSHIP

Other Championship events in the U.K. shall be styled:

A National Championship shall be styled:

- THE G.P. FOURTEEN CLASS INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION U.K. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

A National Youth Championship shall be styled:

- THE G.P. FOURTEEN CLASS INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION U.K. NATIONAL YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP

An Inland Championship shall be styled:

- G.P. FOURTEEN CLASS INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION U.K. INLAND CHAMPIONSHIP

A Masters' Championship shall be styled:

- THE G.P. FOURTEEN CLASS INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION U.K. GRAND MASTERS' AND MASTERS' CHAMPIONSHIP

A Team Racing Championship shall be styled:

- THE G.P. FOURTEEN CLASS INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION U.K. TEAM RACING CHAMPIONSHIP

The appropriate style shall be used in full, as the principal heading, on all notices, entry forms, instructions and other relevant literature, and shall be followed by the names of the organising club or body. Should the Association agree a title sponsor for any of the Championships above, the name of that sponsor may be incorporated into the Championship title.

2. Drafts of Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions will be agreed between the host Club and the G.P. Association before any printing is put in hand.

3. Important items for inclusion in the Notice of Race and/or Sailing Instructions

(a) The drafts of Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions will be based on Appendices K and L of the Racing Rules of Sailing

(b) All dinghies must have a valid Class Certificate, issued prior to the date of the event. Only certified sails may be used.

(c) Except as provided in paragraphs 17,18,19, all helmsmen must be paid up members of the G.P.F.C.I.A. and shall sign a declaration to this effect on the entry form and this shall be

lodged with the organisers before the closing time.

4. The World Championship will be a six day event and a minimum of seven points races will be scheduled to be sailed.
5. A U.K. National Championship will be a minimum of a three day, maximum of a six day event and a minimum of six points races will be scheduled to be sailed
6. A U.K. National Youth Championship will be a two day, weekend event. A minimum of four races will be scheduled to be sailed, over the two days
7. Any Area Championship in the U.K. will be a two day, weekend event. A maximum of six races will be scheduled to be sailed spread over two days.
8. A U.K. Inland Championship will be a two or three day event, incorporating a weekend. A minimum of five races will be scheduled to be sailed.
9. A U.K. Grand Masters' and Masters' Championship will be a two day, weekend event. A maximum of four races will be scheduled to be sailed over the two days.

10. Number of Races to count.

In all the above cases Sections 4 to 9 inclusive, the following will apply:

1 race sailed	Championship Void
2 or 3 races sailed	Count All
4 to 7 races sailed	Count All Less 1
8 or more races sailed	Count All Less 2

Alternative discards may be applied at the discretion of the Race Committee. The appropriate discard arrangements for a particular event must be published in the Sailing Instructions.

11. A Team Racing Championship will be organised in accordance with the current R.R.S. Racing Rules Governing Team Racing Championships. Any amendment to these rules must be sent to the Hon. Secretary of the G.P.F.C.I.A. for approval.

Entry is open to all clubs with G.P. Fourteen fleets, and any other group of members. All boats must have a valid Class Certificate and all helmsmen must be members of the Association.

12. All trophies shall be held by the winners and returned by them to the organisers of the Championship in the following year, in good time for that event. The winners shall be responsible for engraving the Trophies with the year, name of helmsman and the name of his/her club.

13. The full results must be notified, as soon as possible, to the Hon. Secretary of the G.P.F.C.I.A. for the records. Full reports must be sent to the Association's web master at admin@gp14.org immediately after the regatta.

14. The arranging of the venue for an Area Championship is the responsibility of the Area Representative on the Committee.

15. The closing date/time for entry in the National and World Championship Events will be set by the Association and will be printed on the entry form.

16. Entry to the World Championship will be subject to the conditions decided by the Committee of the Association in consultation with the Committees of the Branches of the Association.
17. Area Championships are open to all members of the Association but, if limitation of entries is necessary, priority must be given to members from the local area. To encourage participation by youth sailors (age qualification as in Rule 18 below), non-member youth helmsmen will be eligible to enter one Area Championship event per year.
18. A U.K. National Youth Championship is open to anyone whose 21st birthday has not been reached by the 31st December in the year of the event. This age qualification also applies to the crew.
19. A U.K. Grand Masters' and Masters' Championship is open to Members and past Members of the Association who have reached the qualifying age. The President of the G.P.F.C.I.A. may also invite guests who have reached the qualifying age to compete in the Championship. The qualifying age for the Grand Master category is 55 years. The qualifying age for the Master category is 40 years. The Grand Masters and Masters should have reached the qualifying age by the 1st January in the year of the event. The age limitation does not apply to the crew.
20. A Championship is to be organised as an event in itself. Any request to vary this requirement must be agreed by the Hon. Secretary, in writing, at least one month prior to the event.
21. The entry fee for each Championship shall be such sums as the Association Committee or Branch Committee may approve from time to time in agreement with the host club.
22. The Association does not favour any system of limiting the number of prizes which may be won by any one helmsman and such conditions may not be imposed.
23. The Class Flag is the International Code 'A' or Black Bell on White Background and this must be used as the warning signal for all races.
24. Changes to these guidelines must be agreed by the Committee of the G.P.F.C.I.A.