



## Code of Conduct

All participants must, by their actions and general attitude, during all events and at all times while within the precincts of an IKA sanctioned event, promote the image of the sport, the sponsors of the event, the class and themselves in a professional manner.

Any failure to do so immediately prior to, during and immediately after an IKA sanctioned event may result in appropriate fines. The responsibility to impose fines are as follows: For all incidents happening during the event and on the event site, the Race Committee is in charge. For all incidents happening outside an event, the IKA executive committee is in charge. This procedure is following the principles of RRS 69.

More severe cases of bringing the sport into disrepute may result in the suspension or expulsion of a competitor from further IKA events after due consideration by the IKA executive committee.

### Official Attendance

All competitors may be required to attend a post heat/race media Conference immediately after, or within 45 minutes of the end of the race, whether he/she be the winner or loser. Sailors must wear the Event Sponsors' advertising vest or a suitable substitute supplied by the Organizer during this Conference.

Competitors failing to attend a post heat/race media Conference or to wear the correct branding will be penalized.

Punctual attendance at up to a maximum of three Official Functions per event is mandatory for all sailors and sailors' representatives on the Management Board at the event. Failure to adhere to this rule may result in offending competitors being penalized.

All sailors shall dress in a suitable attire as outlined in the Sailing Instructions.

### General Codes and Fines

The Rules set forth under this section apply to the conduct of each competitor while within the precincts of an event site.

Fines levied for breach of this code are payable to the IKA and/or the event organizer and competitors fined shall not be allowed to compete further in any event, race or heat recognized or sanctioned by the IKA until the fine is paid.

When imposing a fine or penalty the committee involved will consider the seriousness of the offence and if the rule violation is a repetition.

Fines may be imposed for each individual breach of these rules and where different rules have been breached during a single incident, each individual breach may be penalized.

Sailors will be notified of any fines levied in writing by the Principal Race Officer. Any sailor wishing to appeal against a fine may submit a written appeal to the IKA class representative. This appeal will be considered by a committee consisting of the Jury, the IKA class representative and the Race director.





Where it is not possible for an appeal to be heard by this committee i.e. after an event has finished, then the appeal may be heard by the IKA executive committee.

#### **Failure to obey Written or Verbal instructions**

A competitor failing to follow clear written or verbal instructions at an event may be subject to a fine of not more than € 500, payable to *class*.

#### **Entering the results office or timing station whether competing or not**

Violations under this rule will result in immediate disqualification of the whole event.

#### **Sailing in the Course/Competition Area when not competing**

Violations under this rule will incur a fine of no more than € 300 per violation and/or disqualification from the series, event or elimination, payable to the class.

#### **Littering**

Competitors found to be littering or causing any other environmental damage within the precincts of the event site will incur a fine of no more than € 200 per violation, payable to the event organizer.

#### **Media Conference**

Any competitor failing to attend a media Conference as prescribed will incur a fine of no more than € 300, payable 50/50 to the class and the event organizer.

#### **Official Functions**

Any competitors failing to attend an Official Function as prescribed will incur a fine of no more than € 300, payable 50/50 to the class and the event organizer. Failing to attend the price giving ceremony will also lead to losing the price money.

#### **Advertising**

All competitors are required to abide by the advertising rules as laid out in these rules. Violation of the various categories of this section will incur a fine of no more than € 500 for each violation and/or disqualification from the series, event or elimination, fines payable to the class.

#### **Audible Obscenities**

Any competitor using an audible obscenity will incur a fine of no more than € 500 for each violation, payable to the class. For the purpose of this rule, audible Obscenities are defined as words commonly known and understood to be profane and uttered clearly and loudly enough to be heard by any officials in the proximity.

#### **Visible Obscenities**

Any competitor making an obscene gesture of any kind will incur a fine of up to € 500 payable to the class





for each violation and/or disqualification from the series, event or elimination. For the purpose of this rule, a visible obscenity is defined as the making of signs or gestures by a competitor using his hands, body, or sailing equipment that commonly have an obscene meaning or Import to reasonable people.

#### **Verbal Abuse**

Any competitor heard to be verbally abusive of an official, opponent, spectator, member of the media or any other person will incur a fine of no more than € 500 payable to the class for each violation and/or disqualification from the series, event or elimination. For the purpose of this rule, verbal abuse is defined as a Statement directed at an official, opponent, spectator, member of the media or any other person that implies dishonesty, or is derogatory, insulting or otherwise abusive.

#### **Abuse of Event Equipment**

Any competitor abusing or damaging event equipment, violently or dangerously or with anger, will incur a fine of no more than € 500 payable 50/50 to the class and the event organizer plus the costs of repairing or replacing any damaged equipment and/or disqualification from the series, event or elimination.

#### **Physical Abuse**

Any competitor found to have been physically abusive of an official, opponent, spectator, member of the media or any other person will incur a fine of no more than € 1000 for each violation, payable to the class, and, depending on the character of the physical abuse, in immediate disqualification from the series, event or elimination, in addition to further claim of damages.

For the purposes of this rule, physical abuse is the unauthorized touching of an official, Opponent, spectator, member of the media or any other person.

#### **Safety Precautions**

Any competitor failing, wilful or careless, neglect of safety precautions and thus causing danger to officials, opponents, spectators, members of the media or any other person or event equipment will incur a fine of no more than € 500 for each violation, payable to the class in addition to further claim of damages.

#### **Unsportsmanlike Conduct**

Any competitor failing to conduct themselves at all times in a sportsmanlike manner and or to give due regard to the authority of officials and the rights of opponents, spectators, members of the media or other persons will incur a fine of no more than € 750 payable to the class for each violation and/or disqualification from the series, event or elimination. For the purposes of this rule, unsportsmanlike conduct is defined as any misconduct that is clearly abusive or detrimental to the sport, but does not fall within the prohibition of any specific on site offence contained in these rules. In addition, unsportsmanlike conduct shall include but not be limited to the giving, making





issuing, authorizing or endorsing any public Statement having or designed to have an effect prejudicial or detrimental to the best interests of the class, the event or the sport.

### **Cheating**

Violations under this rule will result in immediate disqualification of the leg, whole event or the whole tour, at the race committees discretion.

### **Coaches, Team Managers**

Competitors take responsibility for the presence of their coaches, managers, representatives and any ancillary staff and the violation of any of these Rules by any of these will result in the appropriate penalty being applied to the competitor.

### **Future Disciplinary Action**

When the class representative, Jury, Race Director or Head Judge excludes a competitor from further participation in an event or takes further disciplinary action against the competitor after a gross breach of good manners or unsportsmanlike conduct, his action shall be reported to the IKA executive committee, who may reconsider the matter after further investigation.

### **Doping**

For doping test and violation of the rules the ISAF rules apply in full.

