

# Guidelines For Laser Masters Championship Regattas

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## **ELIGIBILITY & AGE DIVISIONS**

Masters events are restricted to competitors age 30 and older. The competitor's age on the regatta start date determines the group the sailor competes in for the whole regatta. Age divisions are as follows:

- 30-44: Apprentice
- 45-54: Master
- 55-64: Grand Master
- 65-74: Great Grand Master
- 75 & over: Legend

## **SCORING**

For Masters regattas, results are calculated for both the overall fleet and for each of the five age divisions. To calculate overall results, an age-based handicap system is applied. Points are added to each finish according to the competitor's age division, as follows:

- Apprentice: add 4 points
- Master: add 3 points
- Grand Master: add 2 points
- Great Grand Master: add 1 point
- Legends: add 0 points

To determine the overall winner, results are recalculated after adding in handicap points, and the person with the lowest score wins.

To determine results for each age division, competitors are simply broken out of the overall results by division (do not recalculate divisional results by re-scoring individual finishes within age divisions).

When two or more competitors are tied on points, the tie shall be broken as follows:

- Within an age division, a tie should be broken as described in RRS Appendix A, Section A8.
- Across the age divisions, a tie should be broken in favor of the sailor from the older division.

## **RIG-SWAPPING RULE**

Unless a minimum of 12 Standard and 12 Radial entries has been received by the pre-registration deadline (to be determined by the Organizing Authority), all entrants shall start and finish together and be scored as a single fleet. Competitors may choose Standard, Radial or 4.7 rigs at their discretion, and change rigs throughout the regatta, provided that all rig changes are made on shore and all sails have the same number (Rig-Swapping Rule turned on).

Providing that a minimum of 12 Standard and 12 Radial entries has been received by the pre-registration deadline, Standard and Radial fleets shall be given separate starts and shall be scored separately (Rig-Swapping Rule turned off).

Rig-Swapping between Radials and 4.7s shall always be in effect. This changes ILCA Class Rule 28(d) by permission of the International Laser Class Association of North America.