



### **Gauteng Model Boat Club Sailing Championship Regulations for IOMs**

The Gauteng Model Boat Club organises an annual championship for radio-controlled sailing boats, which is held in terms of these regulations.

The objective of these regulations is to have competitive fairness where good results come from the skill of the skipper in sailing well and adjusting his/her boat to the sailing conditions, and not altering or modifying the boat to create an unfair advantage. Above all else, the aim is to have social, friendly competitive fun!

**Note: In these rules the word 'shall' means mandatory and the word 'may' means elective.**

**Note: If any modification is not allowed for in these regulations then it is not permitted.**

#### **1. Eligibility**

- 1.1. The only boat eligible for points in this championship is the International One Metre (IOM) Class and all boats must conform to the IOM Class Rules document located on this Web site: <http://www.iomclass.org/class-rules-2018/>
- 1.2. Only paid-up members of GMBC may sail in club championship regattas.
- 1.3. Any boat found to be non-compliant with the above regulations may be excluded from the results of a regatta.

#### **2. Modifications**

- 2.1. Only modifications contained in the "IOM Class Rules" document in 1.1 above shall be permitted.

#### **3. Racing Rules**

3.1. Although the accent is on sailors having fun and not ruthlessly applying racing rules, there are a few rules that need to be applied in order to minimise collisions:

#### 3.1.1. The Port and Starboard Rule

When you are beating to windward, normally after starting the race or rounding the leeward mark, you will frequently change tack from Port (where the wind is coming over the left-hand side of the boat) to Starboard (where the wind is coming over the right-hand side of the boat). A boat on Port tack must yield right of way to a boat on Starboard. An easy way to remember which is which is using this phrase: "The ship left port" - left is port. This rule also applies to boats running downwind. If your main boom is on the right side of the boat you are on Port and must yield right of way to a Starboard boat.

#### 3.1.2. Rounding a Mark

3.1.2.1. At each mark of the course, there is a 'zone', an imaginary circle whose radius is four boat lengths from the mark i.e. four metres. The first boat to arrive in the Zone clear ahead has right of way over any boat not yet in the zone on the same tack.

3.1.2.2. If two boats arrive at the zone on the same tack and Boat A has an inside overlap on Boat B, then Boat A can call for room (Water! or Water at the mark! or Room at the mark!) and Boat B is obliged to keep clear and make sufficient room for Boat A to pass the mark. If Boat B is clear ahead when arriving at the zone then Boat A cannot call for room even if she later gets an overlap because the overlap did not exist when the zone was entered by Boat B.

3.1.2.3. If two boats approach the mark on different tacks, then the port boat shall yield right of way to the starboard boat irrespective of their positions in the zone.

3.1.2.4. The two marks which form the start line are not marks of the course under this rule and no boat can call for room at either end of the start line.

3.1.2.5. If you miss a mark, or round it from the wrong side, then you have to go back and round the mark again in the correct direction. If an imaginary string is laid out behind your boat as it sails along, then when the string is pulled tight it must follow the correct course around each mark.

#### 3.2. Starting

If any boat is over the line when the start signal is given, then that boat shall return around the outside of either of the two start marks and re-enter the start line from the back. Any such boat is not yet racing and shall keep clear of all racing boats.

#### 3.3. Tacking Boat Keeps Clear

When a boat is tacking it must keep clear of other boats. A boat may not tack 'under the bow' of an approaching boat in such a way as to force the other boat to alter course to avoid it.

### 3.4. Windward Boat Keeps Clear

If two boats are on the same tack, then the boat which is to windward (upwind) must give way to the leeward boat (downwind boat) if the leeward boat has an overlap. An overlap is where the bow of one boat is inside a line drawn at right angles across the transom of the other. If there is no overlap, then the windward boat is clear ahead and has right of way over the boat astern.

### 3.5. Penalties

If there is contact between two boats, it is because at least one of them has broken a rule. The offending boat must then do a 360-degree, one-turn penalty (turn your boat around through one tack and one gybe) and the penalty has then been served. You must do your one-turn penalty within the leg of the course in which the offence occurred, i.e. before you reach the next mark and as soon as possible after the infringement. The boat doing the penalty shall keep clear of other racing boats.

## 4. Championship Regattas and Races

- 4.1. The organisers will attempt to hold at least nine races in each round of the championship. At least four races must be sailed in any regatta in order to qualify as a round.
- 4.2. There will be one round of the championship held each month on the first Sunday. There will be no round in December. A scheduled round can be cancelled or moved by the GMBC committee. If a round is not held one month it can be carried forward into the next month which would then have two rounds.
- 4.3. The low-point scoring system will be used i.e. 1 point for a win, 2 for a second, etc.
- 4.4. If four races are sailed, all races shall count.
- 4.5. If five or more races are sailed, a competitor's worst result will be discarded.
- 4.6. If nine or more races are sailed, a competitor's worst two results will be discarded.
- 4.7. If there is a tie in a regatta or a series between two or more boats, then each boat's race scores shall be listed in order of best to worst, and at the first point(s) where there is a difference the tie shall be broken in favour of the boat(s) with the best score(s). If a tie still remains between two or more boats, they shall be ranked in order of their scores in the last race.
- 4.8. In order to qualify as a finisher, a competitor must finish within two minutes of the first boat to cross the finish line (at the discretion of the race committee).
- 4.9. A boat which starts the race but fails to finish in the allotted time shall score the same as the final official finisher plus one point.
- 4.10. Any member of the GMBC committee may at any time (except while a boat is racing) scrutinise any boat for compliance with these regulations and may disqualify any boat found to be non-compliant from further participation in that round.

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## **Appendix A - Calendar**

The dates for the rounds of the 2020 IOM championship are:

Sun, 05 Jan '20	GMBC Sailing Competition for IOMs - Round 1
Sun, 02 Feb '20	GMBC Sailing Competition for IOMs - Round 2
Sun, 01 Mar '20	GMBC Sailing Competition for IOMs - Round 3
Sun, 05 Apr '20	GMBC Sailing Competition for IOMs - Round 4
Sun, 03 May '20	GMBC Sailing Competition for IOMs - Round 5
Sun, 07 Jun '20	GMBC Sailing Competition for IOMs - Round 6
Sun, 05 Jul '20	GMBC Sailing Competition for IOMs - Round 7
Sun, 02 Aug '20	GMBC Sailing Competition for IOMs - Round 8
Sun, 06 Sep '20	GMBC Sailing Competition for IOMs - Round 9
Sun, 04 Oct '20	GMBC Sailing Competition for IOMs - Round 10
Sun, 01 Nov '20	GMBC Sailing Competition for IOMs - Round 11