



Sailing Instructions

OK Grand Slam Travellers Series and Finn Spring Series

Date: **05 April 2025**

Organising authority: **Burghfield Sailing Club**

Event Website: <https://www.burghfieldsailing.org/event/okfinn-open-meeting>

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2. The rules and bylaws of Burghfield Sailing Club will apply.
- 1.3. The racing rules will be changed as follows:
 - 1.3.1. Rule 44.1 is changed so that a One-turn penalty replaces a Two-Turns Penalty when a boat may have broken one or more rules of Part 2.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the clubhouse. Course information may be posted on the whiteboard under the balcony.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least half an hour before the first race affected.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the club flag staff at the southeast corner of the main club house.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 20 minutes' in the race signal AP.
- 4.3. Adequate personal buoyancy shall be worn by all competitors whilst afloat or on the foreshore near the water. Flag Y will not be flown. Life jackets without permanent buoyancy shall be suitably inflated. Wet or dry suits are not adequate personal buoyancy. This changes Rule 40.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1. The times below in bold are fixed (subject to RRS procedures), the remaining times are for guidance only and may vary considerably, deviation will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

Registration	09:00-10:00
Competitors' Briefing	10:15
First A.M. Warning Signal	10:57
Lunch ashore	12:45-13:30
First P.M. Warning Signal	ASAP after Lunch
Last Warning	16:00
Ashore	16:30
Prize giving	17:00

5.2. The target is for 8 to 10 short races but more may be sailed at the discretion of the Race Officer. There is no maximum number of races.

5.3. The intention is that there will be a short break ashore for lunch at approximately 12:45.

6. FLEETS AND CLASS FLAGS

6.1. The class flags will be as follows:

OK

Flag "K" (Kilo)



Finn

Flag "F" (Foxtrot)



7. Not used


8. THE COURSES

8.1. The diagram in **Attachment A** shows the course, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

8.2. The number of laps to be sailed will be displayed on the committee boat from the warning signal.

8.3. Alternatively, a “Round the cans” course may be set using the club marks by listing the marks and the order of rounding on the stern of the committee boat.

8.4. Boats shall pass through the start/finish line on every lap

8.5. For the Finn Class only, if the wind strength is deemed by the Race Officer to be over 10 knots and Flag “O” Oscar is flying then Free Pumping will be permitted until such time that the “O” Oscar flag is lowered. 

9. MARKS

9.1. Inflatable marks will be used.

9.2. The spherical orange and yellow fixed club marks will only be used if a “Round the cans” course is set as described in SI8.4.

10. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

10.1. The area to the north and west of the first island to the east of the clubhouse is declared an obstruction. See Attachment C.

10.2. Shallow areas on the lake are marked with white staff marks, small cardinal marks or grass ...

10.3. No boat is to go within a three-length zone of a person fishing and this zone shall count as an obstruction.

10.4. Boats are not permitted to sail between a shallow's marker and an adjacent island or obstruction to which the marker relates. Where the rhumb line between designated course marks passes the shallows marker, then the marker shall form part of the course; boats shall pass outside of the marker adjacent to obstruction to which it relates.

10.5. Shallows Marks may be indicated by small inflatable white or yellow buoys.

11. THE START

11.1. The starting procedure will use the same sequence as Rule 26 with the following changes to the times. This changes Rule 26.

Minutes before Start	Signal
3	Warning (Class Flag Displayed)
2	Preparatory Displayed (P, I, Black, U)
1	Preparatory Removed
0	Start (Class Flag Removed)

11.2. The warning for a subsequent start may be concurrent with the start of a previous start.

11.3. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee boat at the starboard end and the port-end starting mark with an orange flag.

11.4. A boat starting later than 3 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rule A4.

12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

12.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position or lay a new mark and remove the previous one as soon as possible.

12.2. The race committee may move a mark (or the finishing line) up to 100m without signaling the change. This changes rule 33.

13. THE FINISH

13.1. The Finish line will be between a staff displaying an blue flag on the committee boat at the starboard end and the port-end starting mark with an orange flag.

13.2. Boats may be finished on the course. Flag W will be displayed, and the boat's sail number called. This changes Rule 28.1.

14. NOT USED

15. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

15.1. The target time for each race is 15-20 minutes

15.2. There is no time limit.

15.3. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

16.1. Protest forms may be collected from the race office.

16.2. The protest time limit is 45 minutes after the last boat has finished the race of the incident or the race committee signals that the fleet should go ashore, whichever is later.

17. SCORING

17.1. The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply.

17.2. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

17.3. A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst scores as listed below:

Races Completed	Scores Excluded
1-2	0
3-5	1
6 or more	2

18. SAFETY REGULATIONS

18.1. Boats will not be required to Check-out or Check-in (Tally).

18.2. A boat that retires from a race shall notify an official boat as soon as possible.

18.3. All competitors shall wear a Wet Suit or a Dry Suit.

19. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

19.1. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorised by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

20. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

20.1. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, sailing instructions and safety. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race official to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

20.2. All such sails must display unique numbering within the spirit of the class rules.

21. EVENT ADVERTISING

21.1. OKs will not be required to display event advertising

21.2. Finns will not be required to display event advertising.

22. OFFICIAL BOATS

22.1. All boats assisting with the management or safety of the event will be considered official boats.

23. SUPPORT BOATS

23.1. Support boats are not permitted.

24. LITTER DISPOSAL

24.1. Litter may be placed aboard support or official boats and shall not be disposed of in the lake.

25-27 NOT USED

28. PRIZES

28.1. Prizes will be awarded to the top three boats in each fleet.

28.2. Additional prizes may be awarded depending on the size of the fleet.

29. STATEMENT OF RISK

Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- e) The provision of a race management team, patrol vessels, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f) The provision of patrol vessel cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;

g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any competitor briefing held at the venue;

30. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000.

A. Course diagrams

