



Finn World Masters Rules and Event Manual

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PART A - ORGANISATION

1. Structure

- 1.1 The Finn World Masters shall be managed by an elected President and a committee of up to six others. A Masters Secretary may also be appointed to assist the President. The term for all positions shall be four years, renewable at the appropriate Annual Masters Meeting.
- 1.2 The Finn World Masters Championship is a World Championship for Finn sailors who will reach the age of 40 during the year of the event. It has to be organised as an event offering good racing in limited wind strength in combination with good socials.
- 1.3 The Finn World Masters (FWM) Championship of the International Finn Class shall be governed by the Rules of the International Finn Class (IFA); the Racing Rules of Sailing in force at the time of the event; and the Finn Masters World Championship Rules and Event Manual. These shall be binding on the Organising Authority (OA) unless varied in writing.
- 1.4 All documents and messages concerning the Finn World Masters and its championships shall be written in the English language and the language spoken shall be English.
- 1.5 This document has been created, to bring consistency to the Championship. It provides information about the format, and provides guidance for potential candidate venues. This document will be used as a basis for discussion when the Master's President visits the location organising a Championship. The President will expect to see that the venue has sufficient resources in place to manage a championship and will report his findings back to the Finn sailors.

2. Annual Masters Meeting

- 2.1 During the week of the Finn World Masters (usually on the Wednesday morning at 10.00) there will be an Annual Masters Meeting (AMM) for all competitors. The timing will be discussed with the organising committee to ensure it is included in the schedule of racing.
- 2.2 The OA will provide a suitable room big enough to hold all the competitors for this meeting. Resources available in the venue must include a screen and microphone. A projector can be supplied by the Masters President.
- 2.3 The time and place shall be fixed by the Masters President and shall be published on the FWM website, www.finnworldmasters.com, at least one month before the AMM.
- 2.4 The Agenda will include:
 - a) Approval of the Minutes of the last AMM
 - b) Report of the Masters President
 - c) Finance Report
 - d) Election, or re-election, of the Masters President for a 4-year period. (This President shall automatically be elected Vice-President (Masters) of the IFA Executive Committee by the IFA Annual General Meeting.)
 - e) Election of new member(s) of the Masters Committee to stand for a period of 4 years
 - f) Approval of venue and date of Finn World Masters to be held two years after the current Championships.
 - g) Any item presented to the Masters President in writing at least one calendar month before the Meeting.
 - h) Finn Masters may, by a simple majority, decide whether any other business should be added to the Agenda. Any proposals must be handed over to the Masters President at least 24 hours before the start of the AMM.
- 2.5 It is recommended that the immediate past President remains on the Committee for the year following retirement. The nominee for a new President should be elected to the Committee at least one year prior to becoming President.



PART B – FINN WORLD MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

1. Location

- 1.1 The Finn World Masters Championship shall be sailed on waters that have a record of stable wind directions and good breezes; variable and very light airs venues shall be avoided.
- 1.2 The course of the Finn World Masters Championship shall be exclusive and separate.
- 1.3 The date and place for the Masters World Championship shall be published on www.finnworldmasters.com no later than 12 months prior to the event.
- 1.4 The venue will normally be situated within Europe. However, the Annual Masters Meeting can decide to accept a candidate outside Europe.

2. Organisation of the championship

- 2.1 The Organising Authority (OA) will organise and manage the Championship in close conjunction with the Masters President. The OA is financially responsible for the whole event. No funds from the FWM will be available, except for the prizes, as mentioned in 22.2.

4. Eligibility

- 4.1 The Finn World Masters Championship shall be held annually and is open to all Finn sailors who during the calendar year of the event shall be in their 40th year or older.
- 4.2 There will be the following categories:
 - a) World Master (the overall winner)
 - b) Master (winner 40-49 years old)
 - c) Grand Master (winner 50-59)
 - d) Grand Grand Master (winner 60-69)
 - e) Legend (winner 70+)
 - f) Super Legend (winner 80+)
 - g) Ladies
 - h) Classic Boat (Hull built prior to 1985).

5. Dates of the Championship

- 5.1 The Championship will be held during the period of Whitsun.
- 5.2 The Practice Race will be on Whitsunday afternoon in the race area where the racing will take place.
- 5.3 The first race will be sailed on the Whit Monday.
- 5.4 The last race will be sailed on the Friday following Whitsunday.
- 5.5 Other dates will only be considered only after discussion with the Masters President.

6. Format

- 6.1 The format will be announced at least two months prior to the event. It will depend on the expected number of entries and what is realistic on the sailing water.
- 6.2 Depending on entries, the fleet will be divided into Colour Groups of similar size, which will change each day. The decision about the amount of groups will be with the Masters President.
- 6.3 The series will consist of a maximum of eight races.
- 6.4 A maximum of two races will be sailed on each day; except that three may be sailed to save the series if races have been lost. This decision shall only be taken with the approval of the Masters Committee.
- 6.5 Four races shall be completed to constitute a series.
- 6.6 Five races shall be completed before a medal race is sailed.
- 6.7 The format could be as follows:
 - a) When sailing in one group, there will be a maximum of eight scoring races.
 - b) When sailing in more than one group there will be a maximum of seven opening series races and,

on the last day of racing, there will be one final fleet race and a medal race. For the medal race the top ten sailors in the overall result after the opening series, plus the sailors with equal points to tenth place, will be selected for the medal race.

c) When sailing in more than one group, the groups will be allocated using a system described in the Sailing Instructions.

d) Identification of the boats in the different groups will be defined in the Sailing Instructions.

7. Scoring

- 7.1 The low point scoring system will apply. After five races have been completed, the worst score of each competitor will be discarded.
- 7.2 In the medal race (if applicable) the scoring points will be doubled and not discarded.
- 7.3 The results for category groups in B4.2 will use the points the competitors have in the overall results.

8. Entry Forms And Notice Of Race

- 8.1 The Organising Authority shall publish the Notice of Race (NoR) and Entry Form in the English language during the month of January in the same year of the event, or at least four months prior to the event, whichever is earlier. The NoR, whilst abiding by the RRS, shall be agreed by the Masters President before publication.
- 8.2 The OA shall use standard templates for the Notice of Race provided by the Masters President.
- 8.3 The Notice of Race (NoR) shall not be changed without approval of the Masters President.
- 8.4 The entry fee shall be agreed with the Masters President and shall include the cost of the Masters dinner and a €20 Masters Fee for the Masters account. The Masters Fee may be changed at the Annual Masters Meeting for succeeding years.
- 8.5 Eligible boats may enter by completing the Entry Form for the Masters as published on the Finn World Masters event website.
- 8.6 Fully completed entry forms and payments should be received no later than four (4) weeks prior to the event. After completing and sending the Entry Form the competitor agrees to pay the Entry Fee as defined in the NoR, however, only after receipt of payment is a competitor's entry valid. Entries and/or payments received less than four weeks before the first race, will be charged 50% more. Entries and/or payments received after arrival will be charged double the entry fee. No shows without notification will be expected to pay before any entry will be accepted in future years. This rule may be varied in writing by the OA in exception circumstances.

9. Sailing Instructions

- 9.1 The Sailing Instructions (SI) shall be published by the OA in accordance with the provisions of current RRS, World Sailing Race Standards, IFA Class Rules, and the Finn World Masters Rules and Event Manual, and approved by the Masters President no later than 2 months prior to the event.
- 9.2 The President will, at least 3 months before, provide the standard SI template to the OA. These standard SI will be adapted on limited items by the local organisation.
- 9.3 The SI shall not be changed without approval of the Masters President.
- 9.4 Preliminary Sailing Instructions shall be published on the event website at least two months before the first race. The final version will be produced at registration.

10. International Jury

- 10.1 There must be an International Jury in accordance with RRS Appendix N. It shall include at least six members (two from the organising country and four from other countries) who have proven experience in on the water judging of RRS 42 (Propulsion) and umpiring Medal Racing. At least one should have practical Finn racing experience. If two courses areas are being used then the jury will include at least eight members.
- 10.2 The International Jury should meet with the IFA Representative and/or Masters President before the

first race for a policy briefing. The Jury Chairman must not be of the same Nationality as the organising country.

- 10.3 One national judge may be appointed through the Eurosaf exchange programme. As long as Appendix N is applied, one national judge from the host country may also be appointed.
- 10.4 The Masters President will recommend the constitution of the Jury. Notwithstanding this, the Jury must be approved by the Masters President, at least 6 months prior to the event.
- 10.5 There shall be at least one boat with 2 judges per fleet.
- 10.6 For the medal race the OA must provide 3 suitable judge boats.
- 10.7 RULES 42 and 31: The Jury will apply Appendix P of the Racing Rules of Sailing with regard to Rule 42 and may draw attention to boats that break Rule 31 during the rounding of the marks.

11. Courses

- 11.1 Courses will be either a windward-leeward course or a trapezoid course. The target time for a race is 75 minutes; the maximum time for a race is 120 minutes.
- 11.2 When sailing in one starting group the windward-leeward course will be used. When sailing in two starting groups the trapezoid course, with outer and inner loop will be used. When sailing in more than two starting groups, two race areas should be sailed simultaneously.

12. Advertising

The Organising Authority may require all participating boats to display the event sponsor's advertising in accordance with RRS.

13. Insurance, National Association dues and IFA dues

All eligible boats shall provide the current IFA Class sticker for the year of the Championship plus hold an insurance certificate showing a minimum third party limit of €2,000,000 or equivalent in another currency. Sailors shall sign a declaration, but will not be asked to present the insurance documents.

14. Race officer (PRO)

The PRO shall be a World Sailing qualified International Race Officer (IRO) and his appointment shall be subject to the approval of the OA and the Masters President.

15. Race office

- 15.1 The Race Office should be open from 08.30 to 19.00, from the first day of measurement.
- 15.2 Preliminary race results must be available as soon as possible after each day's racing and posted onto the Official Notice Board.
- 15.3 The Official Notice Board must be in, or close to, the Race Office.

16. Skippers Meeting

A briefing meeting for the sailors should be held before the start of the practice race, or the first race if no practice race is scheduled. The Race Committee and the International Jury will be introduced to competitors. The Race Officer has to be present. Sailing Instructions should be available well in advance. The Masters President and/or the committee may request additional skippers meetings.

17. Starting signals

- 17.1 All flag signals will be repeated on all starting line boats.
- 17.2 Audible signals will be given, when possible by a gun.
- 17.3 The Committee Boat should display the approximate magnetic compass bearing from the leeward mark to the windward mark in clear, large numbers.
- 17.4 The Committee Boat shall ensure that it is able to post all boats numbers that have been black-flagged in a manner that is legible from a reasonable distance.



18. Start line

- 18.1 The start line shall be equivalent to 1.5 times the length of the Finn multiplied by the number of starting boats. Where there are more than 60 boats on any one start there should be a middle mark, or boat, placed in the centre of the line. This shall not constitute a mark of the course for the purpose of the 'round the ends rule.'
- 18.2 In addition to the Committee Boat there shall be a pin end boat that shall repeat all flag and sound signals made by the Committee Boat.
- 18.3 Committee Boat and pin end boats shall display clearly visible line flags at a height of at least 8 metres.
- 18.4 All flag signals shall be in a prominent position, at least the height of a Finn mast above sea-level.
- 18.9 In the event of a General Recall, a fast boat must cross in front of the fleet as soon as possible after the signal has been given, clearly displaying the First Substitute flag.

19. Windward mark boat

Wherever possible there should be a mark boat at the windward mark displaying a clearly visible shape or flag, in such a manner as to assist identification of the windward mark. This is particularly important in poor visibility.

20. Minimum/maximum wind strength and time limit

- 20.1 These shall be prescribed in the SIs but no race shall be started in less than 5 knots of wind measured on the Committee Boat at deck level.
- 20.2 No race shall be started in more than 20 knots of wind measured on the Committee Boat at deck level.
- 20.3 The decision whether to start a race or not, regarding wind speed, will be taken by the Race Committee.
- 20.4 The time limit for each race and for the latest warning signal on the final day must be specified in the SIs.

21. Safety

- 21.1 The Organising Authority shall demonstrate it has an adequate Safety Plan in place.
- 21.2 There shall be sufficient safety boats in order to secure the competitors safety. There shall be at least 1 patrol boat for 20 competitors.
- 21.3 Each designated patrol boat shall have 2 capable people on board, of which 1 shall be able to jump into the water to provide assistance, when necessary.
- 21.4 The Safety Plan should include a protocol to indicate when a helm is safely ashore if the boat is left on the race course
- 21.5 Mark boats should be located at the windward and leeward marks while racing is in progress in order to record each boat passing these marks and to ensure all boats sail the correct course.
- 21.6 There shall be 24 hours a day security on the regatta compound, to continue until 12.00 on the day after the last official day of racing during the Championship, normally Saturday.
- 21.7 The OA will organise medical assistance and will have contact with a medical doctor.
- 21.8 When sailing at sea or on a wide lake a tally system is recommended for each racing day. This will be included in the Sailing Instructions, together with the penalty for not having tallied in or out. This will normally be a nominal monetary penalty payable to a local charity.

22. Prizes

- 22.1 The OA will provide prizes for the top 10 sailors in the Overall Results and for the top three sailors in each age category.
- 22.2 The Masters organisation will provide medals for the first three competitors in the categories described in B4.2.



22.3 The Masters President will provide a participation prize for all Legends.

22.4 The Masters President will provide all Classic Finns with a gift.

22.5 Perpetual prizes will be awarded to:

- a) 1st Overall (Austrian-Hungaria Gold Cup)
- b) 1st Master (President's Cup)
- c) 1st Grand Master (With the grapes on top)
- d) 1st Grand Grand Master (With the Finn model on top)
- e) 1st Legend (Wide cup)
- f) 1st Lady (Wide cup with ears)
- g) The 'Golden Crutch' will be awarded to the 11th place finisher in the overall results.

23. Data protection

At no time may the contact information for competitors be passed to a third party for their use. This would be a breach of data protection.

24. Accommodation and transport for class officers and officials

The Organising Authority shall pay for travel, accommodation and meals for the Masters President, one nominated class official (normally the media rep), the Class Measurer (s) and the Jury. The IFA shall advise which class measurer(s) shall be invited.

25. Liability

Each competitor is required sign a form to confirm the following items:

- a) A liability clause.
- b) They have understood and abide by the risk statement as written into the notice of race
- c) The boat has a valid measurement certificate and the boat meets the IFA Class Rules
- d) The competitor has a third party insurance to an amount of at least €2,000,000. This amount to be fixed in the NoR.
- e) The competitor has a valid IFA sticker, which proves that his IFA fee has been paid.

26. Organising Authority

26.1 The Organising Authority (OA) will appoint one person who will be the primary contact between the Masters President and the OA. Email addresses and cell phone numbers will be provided.

26.2 The OA shall sign a declaration of compliance with these Rules (Part F).

26.3 The OA will acquire, and take full responsibility for establishing and maintaining all the relevant permissions and licenses required to run the event. This will include liaison with authorities such as the host country's National Finn Association and MNA, police, military, environmental organisations, local and port authorities, community, health and safety, etc

26.4 It is recommended that the OA has arrangements in place for competitors to purchase third party insurance for the duration of the event, if needed.

26.5 No later than four weeks after the completion of the event, the OA shall pay to the Finn World Masters any balance of the Masters Fee described in Rule 8.4. Interim payments may be requested by the Finn Masters President before the event begins, after entry fees are received by the OA, and must be paid within two weeks.

27 Other facilities

27.1 Free parking should be available at, or very close, to the venue.

27.2 The OA must ensure that appropriate road signs are in place to guide motorists to the venue from the main arterial routes. Signs must clearly indicate the Finn logo with an arrow to indicate the direction of travel to the venue. Postal or Zip codes of the venue must also be available on the website and in the notice of race.

- 27.3 The OA must have and display at the venue the national flags of all the competing nationalities.
- 27.4 Accommodation must be available on or very close to the venue and must have the capacity to provide for 300-400 persons. Every effort should be made for accommodation to be within walking or biking distance from the boatpark.
- 27.5 There must be space, close (walking distance, or biking distance maximum of 2 km) to the host club, for 60 - 80 campers. There must be electricity and water available on the site. Toilets must be accessible 24 hours a day. The cost for these facilities will be as reasonable as possible. Ideally campers should be accommodated at the club.
- 27.6 There must be sufficient Finn dinghy parking spaces for more than 300 Finns and more than 250 road trailers on the beach or in the vicinity of the club. Finn parking spaces should ideally be numbered. There must be security in the boat park from three days before the Championship commences until 12.00 on the day after the Championship finishes.
- 27.7 There has to be sufficient launching facilities to be able to launch and recover the entered number of Finns within a 30-minute period. Sufficient support and assistance must be available to assist competitors in launching and recovery. A system must be in place for the storage of the launching trolleys that will ensure competitors can easily locate their trolleys after sailing. Bow numbers corresponding to boat parking spaces and or individual tally numbers will be made available to the competitors.
- 27.8 When sailing on salt water the OA will provide sufficient fresh water hose pipes in the boat park so competitors can rinse their boats each day after sailing.
- 27.9 The OA shall ensure there are adequate communication services, including fast and sufficient wi-fi, for competitors and press. It is recommended that there are separate channels for race committee and jury, media and competitors.

28. Opening and Closing Ceremonies

- 28.1 The Opening Ceremony will take place on Sunday evening with short speeches from the OA's President, the Master's President and local officials (i.e. the Mayor of the hosting city) as a welcome to the sailors. This will be followed by a snack buffet and drinks for all competitors and their escorts.
- 28.2 The prize giving ceremony will be held on the Friday, after the last races. It will normally be carried out by the Master's President together with the President of the OA.
- 28.3 The national anthem will be played for the overall winner and the winners of each age category.
- 28.4 The prize giving will immediately be followed by a closing ceremony, with a small party, with drinks and snacks for competitors and their escorts.
- 28.5 The OA will provide locals gifts for the Measurer and the members of the Jury.
- 28.6 The Finn Class flag will be supplied by the Master's President and will be officially returned to him at the prize giving ceremony. Another flag will be available for all competitors to sign at registration. This flag will, at the closing ceremony, be presented to the OA by the Master's President. The Masters President will also supply a Finn class flag for the committee boat, which is to be returned to the Masters President after the last race.
- 28.7 ***The structure of the Opening Ceremony shall be:***
 - a) Stand for host country National Anthem
 - b) Welcome by the host club/other dignitary
 - c) Welcome from the Finn Masters President
 - d) Previous year's winner to present cup to OA
 - e) Finn Masters President hands Finn flag to OA
 - f) Finn Masters President declares the event open
- 28.8 ***The structure of the closing ceremony shall be:***
 - a) Stand for host nation National Anthem
 - b) Welcome and thanks by Finn Masters President, with gifts to officials
 - c) Reply by the host club/other dignitary

- d) Any other presentations
- e) Prizegiving. Order will be:
 - i) Classic Finn gifts;
 - ii) Legends (all);
 - iii) Super Legend
 - iv) Legends (OA Prize + medals + trophy)
 - v) Ladies (OA Prize + medals + trophy)
 - vi) 11th place prize
 - vii) Grand Grand Masters (OA Prize + medals + trophy)
 - ix) Grand Masters (OA Prize + medals + trophy)
 - ix) Masters (OA Prize + medals + trophy)
 - x) Overall (top 10 prizes + trophy)
- f) Final speeches
- g) Finn Masters President hands signed flag to OA
- h) OA hands back Finn Masters flag to close the event.

28.9 All trophy winners shall sign a declaration of safe keeping before leaving the venue with any trophy.

29. Arrival and departure

- 29.1 The OA should be prepared to receive competitors from the Wednesday before the start of the event.
- 29.2 The OA must be prepared for a staggered departure of competitors after the Championships with competitors leaving from Friday through to Sunday.

30. Results

- 30.1 Result lists will be printed for use in the prize giving ceremony for the overall results and each of the categories in B4.2

32. Miscellaneous

- 32.1 The OA will provide each competitor with an event shirt.
- 32.2 The OA will provide each competitor with a small local gift as a memento of the local area.
- 32.2 During the week (preferably on the Wednesday) there will be a Finn dinner or buffet. This will be included in the entry fee for competitors. Wives or others accompanying will pay ticket at the race office.
- 32.3 Other after race parties and social events, e.g. beer and snacks, free or at low cost may be organised at the discretion of the OA.
- 32.5 The OA will organise a programme for the ladies not sailing. The cost of this programme will be as reasonable as possible. Ideally, trips to local attractions should be offered on 2 or 3 days during the week when sailing is taking place.
- 32.6 The OA should plan to launch a Facebook page for the event as soon as possible after the end of the previous year's championship concludes.
- 32.7 The following shall be given to the Masters President immediately after the Championship.
 - a) A complete list of entries from the website, including no-show entries (without notification), including addresses, tel. numbers and email addresses.
 - b) Overall results.
 - c) Results for the Masters, Grand Masters, Grand Grand Masters, Results for the Legends, Ladies and the Classic Boats.

23. Final decisions

The final decisions on any matters not covered by the RRS and the International Jury shall rest with Masters President.

PART C – EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

1. Overview

- 1.1 The items of sailing equipment to be inspected and the measurement procedure will be discussed with the Masters President, but the inspections as mentioned below will always be executed.
- 1.2 An Equipment Inspection Committee (EIC) will be established. The EIC must consist of at least 3 qualified measurers. The EIC should execute spot checks on the class rules during the Championship on boats selected at random. These spot checks will be executed directly after crossing the finishing line. For this purpose a separate inspection boat shall be available.
- 1.3 All eligible boats shall present a current valid IFA Measurement Certificate.

2. Equipment

- 2.1 Boats will be measured in accordance with the latest Class Rules and amendments thereto.
- 2.2 The measurer may check any measurements within the Class Rules at any time during the event. At Equipment Inspection the following items shall be scrutinised:
 - a) Hull: Weight, including checking amount and location of weight correctors. Arrangements to prevent the mast and rudder from becoming detached in a capsize.
 - b) Masts: Max 2 per boat. Weight, centre of gravity and mast limit marks.
 - c) Booms: Boom limit marks, and limiting stop with the boom attached to the mast.
 - d) Centreboard: Maximum projection from the keel.
 - e) Sails: Max. 2 per boat. Only sails that have been certified according the Finn Class Rules shall be presented.



PART D – MEDIA REQUIREMENTS AND GUIDELINES

1. Website

- 1.1 The main website will be the Finn World Masters (FWM) site: www.finnworldmasters.com. This site will be used for all of the official Finn communications.
- 1.2 The OA will provide content and manage a microsite on the Finn World Masters website, which will be the event site, for six months prior to the event until the event's completion.
- 1.3 The Finn World Masters will provide a template and access for the OA to add content and manage entries.

2. Media coverage

- 2.1 Whenever possible the Finn Class will provide the press coverage of the event with daily reports, onshore photos and videos, published during and after the event on the Finn Class website, electronic newsletters and social media feeds.
- 2.2 The organisers will supply travel, accommodation and meals to the Finn Class press officer, and (if they compete in the Championship) their entry fee.
- 2.3 The organisers will be asked to provide additional on-the-water photographs through a local photographer and to provide coverage of the event in local and national media.
- 2.3 The OA shall discuss with the Finn Masters President about the possibility, subject to budget, of video or other media production.
- 2.4 For further detail please contact Robert Deaves, Chairman Marketing Committee of the International Finn Association (robertdeaves@yahoo.co.uk) or the Masters President.

3 Media channels and materials

- 3.1 The Finn class operates an integrated media platform that incorporates many third party and social networking services such as Twitter, Facebook, Flickr, Instagram and Youtube. These will be the official social media channels of the event, though OA are welcome to create additional event based channels.
- 3.2 When preparing publicity and marketing, the OA can request photos and videos from the Finn Class for editorial or promotional use. The Finn Class has a large library of photos and video footage that is free for use.

PART E – BIDDING PROCEDURE

1. Nominations for a venue

- 1.1 Nominations for a venue shall be sent to the Master's President prior to February 1st two years before the desired year of the Championship.
- 1.2 Candidates will be sent the Finn World Master Rules and Event Manual and new venues may be visited by the Master's President as soon as possible.
- 1.3 After the Masters President has approved the venue and an agreement has been made on compliance with these Rules, an invitation to present the venue and organisation during the next AMM will follow.
- 1.4 During the AMM a maximum of four potential candidate venues are invited to make a maximum of a 5-10-minute presentation. The presentation shall be supplied digitally, or on a USB drive, in advance of the meeting.
- 1.5 Normally venue nominations can only be accepted two years in advance, but in special circumstances, a venue can be voted on three years in advance. However, the venue proposal can only be heard, and voted on, if there is a majority in favour of this at the meeting.
- 1.6 A candidate wishing to organize the FWM shall guarantee a visa for all competitors.
- 1.7 All bids must be accompanied by a completed and signed declaration form (Part F), and accompanying papers including a proposed budget, and must be with the Masters President one month before the AMM.

2. Voting procedure

- 2.1 After the presentation(s) the competitors present will vote for the venue that will host the FWM two years ahead.
- 2.2 This decision shall be by a majority show of hands. If all venues gets less than 50% of the vote, the venue with the lowest vote will be removed and the vote re-held. This process will be repeated until there are only two venues left, if appropriate.
- 2.3 The decision will be ratified in the minutes of the AMM and by the Masters President who will confirm the result of the vote in an email to the OA.

3. Venue visits

- 3.1 All bidders must invite the Masters President and/or Secretary for a 1-2 day site visit between placing the application and the AMM where it is to be voted on.
- 3.2.1 The Masters President will pay for travel and expenses up to the point of arrival. The bidding country will pay for accommodation, meals and internal travel.
- 3.2.2 Venues that have successfully held previous Finn World Masters may not be visited.

4. Documentation

- 4.1 At least one month before the AMM where the venue will be voted on, the Masters President shall be sent the following documentation
 - a) Signed declaration in Part F, agreeing to all parts of the Rules.
 - b) Proposed budget for the event
 - c) Brief details on prevailing weather and sailing conditions at the time of year the event is proposed.
 - d) Map or diagram of venue indicating size, boat park areas, race areas, location of nearby accommodation.
- 4.2 Bidding clubs are welcome to bring or send documentation to handed out at the Finn World Masters championship where the vote will be taken.
- 4.3 Bidding clubs shall provide a brief article and photos for publication in the Finn Masters Magazine, if a visit cannot be arranged before publication.



PART F – ORGANISING AUTHORITY DECLARATION

ACCEPTANCE OF THESE RULES

On behalf of the Organising Authority (OA), the below signed agrees to comply with all the requirements laid out in the Finn World Masters Rules and Event Manual and in all matters pertaining to the organisation and running of the Finn World Masters Championship

I, _____ of _____

[name] (name of Organising Authority/Yacht Club)

agree:

- to comply with all points in the Finn World Masters Rules and Event Manual
- that any deviation will only be on the written approval of the Finn World Masters President
- to pay the Masters Fees (see Rules 8.4 and 26.6) into the Finn Masters account on demand, with the balance payable no later than four weeks following the final race of the Championship

On behalf of the Organising Authority

[signature]

[print name]

On behalf of the Finn World Masters

[signature]

[print name]