



# 2024 New Zealand ILCA 7, 6 & 4 National Championships

Wednesday 17 January - Sunday 21 January 2024

Venue – Napier Sailing Club, Napier

The Organising Authority is the Napier Sailing Club (NSC)  
in association with the ILCA.nz (New Zealand Laser Association).

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## NOTICE OF RACE

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### 1. ILCA / LASER NAMING CONVENTIONS

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- 1.1. As many people will be aware, issues with trademark ownership in some parts of the world have required the class to change its naming conventions as per the following table. The new naming conventions are used throughout this document and will be used for the contest.

New Naming Convention	Previous Naming Convention
ILCA 7	Laser Standard
ILCA 6	Laser Radial
ILCA 4	Laser 4.7
ILCA 7 Masters	Laser Standard Masters
ILCA 6 Masters	Laser Radial Masters

### 2. RULES

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- 2.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 2.2. The Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulation Part 1 will apply.
- 2.3. RRS Appendix P, *Special Procedures for Rule 42*, will apply with changes to include allowing a protest committee-initiated redress, a scoring penalty for a first infringement given after finishing and to prohibit a boat that has retired or been disqualified for a second or subsequent RRS 42 infringement from sailing in a race if that race is restarted or re-sailed.
- 2.4. Appendix T, *Arbitration* will apply.
- 2.5. In all rules governing this event the notation [DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the protest committee; and [NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 2.6. The ILCA Class rules will apply.
- 2.7. ILCA class rule 7 (a) is changed as follows:  
Only one person shall be on board whilst racing. The person shall be named on the entry form.

### 3. COMMUNICATION

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- 3.1. The online official notice board is located at [www.napiersailingclub.org.nz](http://www.napiersailingclub.org.nz). Notices to competitors will also be posted on the event Whatsapp group – “ILCA Nationals”

#### **4. ADVERTISING**

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- 4.1. The organising authority may require all participating boats to display the event sponsor's advertising in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20, Advertising Code. The organising authority will supply the stickers and instructions for their use.

#### **5. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

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- 5.1. The event is open to all boats of the ILCA 7, ILCA 6 and ILCA 4 classes that comply with the class rules.
- 5.2. To be eligible to compete in this event each competitor shall be a financial member of a club affiliated to the competitor's national authority.
- 5.3. Each competitor shall be a financial member of the ILCA.nz (New Zealand Laser Association) or their national laser/ILCA class association.
- 5.4. Entries will be accepted until midnight on 12 January by completing the online entry form at <http://www.nzlaser.org/> and paying the required entry fee.
- 5.5. Late entries may be accepted until 1500 on Wednesday 17th January 2023.
- 5.6. There is no upper age limit for competitors to sail in the ILCA 4 fleet; however, cubes for this class will be awarded in accordance with ILCA policy to competitors who are less than 18 years of age in the year of the championship.
- 5.7. Masters age categories are the following ages on the 17 January 2022.  
Apprentice 30 to 44 (ILCA 7/ ILCA 6)  
Masters 45 to 54 (ILCA 7/ ILCA 6)  
Grand Masters – 55 to 64 (ILCA 7/ ILCA 6)  
Great Grand Masters 65 to 74 (ILCA 7/ ILCA 6)  
Legends 75 and over (ILCA 6)
- 5.8. The organizing authority will monitor the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic or other potential disruptions to the event and, having regard for the health and safety of all participants as well as any government travel restrictions or government mandated conditions on gatherings that affect participation in or conduct of the event, may at its sole discretion:
- Postpone or cancel the event,
  - Change the status of the event from a national championship to a national regatta,
  - Make any other decision deemed necessary in the circumstances.
- Any decisions made will be communicated to entrants. If the event is postponed or cancelled the organizing authority will use reasonable endeavours to refund as much of the entry fee as possible, though the amount of any such refunds cannot be guaranteed.

#### **6. FEES**

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- 6.1. More information, including entry details at: <http://www.nzlaser.org/>
- 6.2. The entry fee is NZD 200 except that entry is FREE for any member that has not competed at a New Zealand Laser National Championship in the last ten years.
- 6.3. Late entries, if accepted, shall be accompanied by an additional entry fee of NZD 100 – i.e., total entry fee of NZD 300.
- 6.4. Entry fees are non-refundable. All bank admin, exchange and transfer fees are the competitor's responsibility.

## **7. RACING FORMAT**

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- 7.1. ILCA 7; Open and Masters (Apprentice Masters, Masters, Grand Masters and Great Grand Masters) will sail as a single fleet.
- 7.2. ILCA 6; Open (Youth, Men and Women) will sail as a single fleet.
- 7.3. ILCA 4 entries will sail as a single fleet.
- 7.4. ILCA 6 Masters; (Apprentice Masters, Masters, Grand Masters, Great Grand Masters and Legends) will sail as a single fleet.
- 7.5. The organising authority may decide to change the racing format depending on the number of entries received.

## **8. SCHEDULE**

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8.1. Wednesday	17 Jan	1000-1700 Registration and Equipment Inspection
Thursday	18 Jan	0800-0900 Registration and Equipment Inspection
		1000 Competitor Briefing
		2 races back-to-back
Friday	19 Jan	3 races back-to-back
Saturday	20 Jan	3 races back-to-back
Sunday	21 Jan	2 races back-to-back.

- 8.2. The time of the first warning signal each day is 1200.
- 8.3. A total of 10 races are scheduled.
- 8.4. One extra race per day may be sailed.
- 8.5. The target time for all races is 45-50 minutes.
- 8.6. Registration and briefing will be held at the Napier Sailing Club.
- 8.7. On Sunday, 21 January no warning signal will be made after 1530 hours.

## **9. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION**

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- 9.1. Boats must be presented for and pass the compulsory equipment inspection check. Each boat shall be presented for equipment inspection checks during the equipment inspection times scheduled above.
- 9.2. Boats shall be presented with all equipment that shall be used in the event, with the bottom mast up, boom and all control lines rigged and with the sail and top section unrigged ready for inspection.
- 9.3. Equipment inspection will take place in the vicinity of the Napier Sailing Club.
- 9.4. In addition, equipment inspections may be made at any time throughout the event.
- 9.5. Each competitor shall use only one hull, sail, mast, boom, centerboard, and rudder which shall be identified during equipment inspection.
- 9.6. Each boat in the ILCA 6 Women and Youth Girls categories shall have a red rhombus on their sails in accordance with the class rules.
- 9.7. All sails shall have the class sail number.

## **10. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

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- 10.1. The sailing instructions will be available from <http://www.nzlaser.org/> after 12 January.

## **11. VENUE**

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- 11.1. The racing area will be Hawkes Bay adjacent to the Napier Sailing Club.

## **12. THE COURSES**

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- 12.1. The courses to be sailed will be either trapezoid with an upwind finish or windward/leeward with an upwind finish.

### **13. SCORING**

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13.1. Five races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

13.2. When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

13.3. When five or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

### **14. SAFETY**

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14.1. Competitors shall always wear personal flotation devices while afloat, except for brief periods while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Dry suits or wet suits are not adequate personal buoyancy.

### **15. SUPPORT VESSELS**

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15.1. All coach / support vessels must register with the organising authority at registration and nominate the boat(s) they support.

15.2. All occupants of support vessels less than 6 metres long shall always wear an appropriate size personal flotation device (PFD) while afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Each PFD shall comply with Maritime Rules Part 91, Navigation Safety Rules. Wet suits and dry suits are not PFDs. For support vessels 6 metres or longer the Maritime Rules require the vessel to carry sufficient personal flotation devices of an appropriate size for each person on board and in a readily accessible location.

15.3. Support vessel drivers shall have a kill-cord attached while the engine is running at all times while afloat, unless prior written exemption has been provided by the organising authority.

### **16. LAUNCHING AND STORAGE**

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16.1. All boats will be required to launch and retrieve from the ramps adjacent to the Napier Sailing Club, except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

### **17. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

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17.1. Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

### **18. PRIZES**

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18.1. Provided that the entries meet the ILCA entry criteria for awards, cubes will be awarded in the following divisions:

- ILCA 7: Open, U21.
- ILCA 6: Youth, Men and Women.
- ILCA 4: Boys and Girls. (Cubes awarded to competitors under 18 years old in the year of the event).
- ILCA 7 Masters: Apprentice Master, Master, Grand Master and Great Grand Master.
- ILCA 6 Masters: Apprentice Master, Master, Grand Master and Great Grand Master, Legend.

18.2. Division results will be determined by the series score in the combined fleets. (Note: These results will be extracted from the overall results and published without recalculation.)

18.3. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organising authority or the ILCA.nz.

### **19. INSURANCE**

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19.1. Yachting New Zealand recommends that, for national championships, each participating boat shall be insured with valid marine third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$1,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

## **20. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

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20.1. Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, *Decision to Race*. It is the responsibility of each competitor, and where applicable the nominated responsible adult, to decide to participate in a race or to continue racing. By entering in the championship and deciding to race a competitor warrants that he or she is in good health and a competent competitor capable of racing a ILCA 7 / ILCA 6 / ILCA 4 in open water in strong winds. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event.

## **21. USE OF DRONE FOR MEDIA**

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21.1. All those who take part in this event as competitors or support persons, agree to be overflown by a drone during the event for promotion or media purposes. This includes your person and property (boats, support vessels).

## **22. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS**

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22.1. By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.

## **23. FURTHER INFORMATION**

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For further information:

### **NZ Laser Association**

Website: <http://www.nzlaser.org/>  
Email: [secretarynzlaser@gmail.com](mailto:secretarynzlaser@gmail.com)  
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### **Napier Sailing Club**

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