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YNZ recommends that the regatta Race Officer is involved with the drafting of the NoR, and for National Championships, the Race Officer reviews them before they are sent to YNZ for approval before publication.

This guide provides recommended wording for a notice of race (NoR) and complies with Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) Appendix J.

The principles on which the NoR should be based are:

- i. The NoR should include the information a competitor will need to decide to compete in the event.
- ii. The NoR should include any information a competitor will need in advance of the event to prepare for the event.
- iii. The NoR should not change the racing rules except when clearly desirable. When they do so, they must follow RRS 85.1 by referring specifically to the rule being changed and stating the change.
- iv. The NoR should not repeat or restate any of the racing rules.
- v. The NoR should, when possible, use words or phrases from the racing rules.
- vi. Add '[DP]' at the beginning of a rule if that rule is subject to discretionary penalty (see RRS Introduction - Notation).
- vii. Addenda may be used for additional items, such as the applicable national prescriptions in English when entries from other countries are expected.
- viii. Recommendations for accommodations, social information, etc., should not be included in the NoR but may be distributed with the NoR.

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Rule references within the notice of race use RRS, NoR and SI to denote the source of the rule. 'RRS n' is a rule in The Racing Rules of Sailing. 'NoR n' is a rule in the notice of race, and 'SI n' is a rule in the sailing instructions.

Appendix J. inclusion paragraphs

J1.1 requires that some paragraphs are included in every NoR. They are marked with an asterisk (*). Then review rule J1.2 and J1.3 to decide which of these paragraphs are also appropriate. Select the preferred option if a choice or option is shown in [square brackets]. Instructions that apply to the suggested wording are shown in italics. Follow the instructions in italics to fill in the required information in the spaces where <angled brackets> appear.

After including all the appropriate paragraphs, number all paragraphs in sequential order. Be sure that rule numbers are correct where one rule refers to another rule.