

EUROPEAN SCHOOLS' CUP 2027

CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION FOR SKIPPERS AND CO-SKIPPERS

ESC 2027 - Document applicable to online registration. Validation of the registration constitutes acceptance of these conditions.

1. PURPOSE AND NATURE OF THE EVENT

The European Schools' Cup (ESC) is an educational and supervised sailing week intended primarily for young participants, some of whom may be discovering sailing for the first time.

The ESC is not a race or regatta in the sporting or insurance sense of the term.

It does not pursue any objective of performance, selection or official competition.

Its purpose is to promote learning, safety, life on board and the development of teamwork.

2. STATUS OF THE SKIPPER AND CO-SKIPPER

Participation by skippers and co-skippers is on a voluntary basis.

No employment relationship, service agreement or relationship of subordination is created between the skipper, the co-skipper and the organising association.

The skipper acts as master of the vessel in accordance with applicable maritime law.

3. ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES ON BOARD

The skipper is responsible for:

- the safety of the vessel and its crew;
- navigation decisions;
- compliance with applicable maritime regulations (including COLREGs);
- adapting manoeuvres to the actual abilities of the participants and to weather conditions.

Young participants may be invited to helm the yacht or take part in manoeuvres under the skipper's authority and continuous supervision. The skipper remains the sole decision-maker at all times.

4. SUPERVISION OF MINORS

The Organisation establishes the overall framework of the event and provides the necessary information.

The skipper does not exercise parental or school authority.

However, together with the co-skipper and the Organisation, the skipper contributes to the supervision, safety and welfare of the participants throughout the event.

The skipper and co-skipper shall ensure that at least one of them is physically present with the participants at all times, both at sea and ashore.

Any situation giving rise to concern (behaviour, safety, health, fatigue, alcohol consumption, prohibited substances, weather conditions, etc.) must be reported immediately to the Organising Committee.

5. NAUTICAL ORGANISATION AND COORDINATION

In order to ensure safety and the smooth running of the event:

- yachts may be divided into groups;
- coordinated starts may be organised;
- an indicative itinerary may be proposed and adapted at any time;
- tracking devices may be used for safety purposes.

These measures are solely intended for organisational and safety purposes.

6. RANKINGS AND ACTIVITIES

Fun activities or educational challenges may be organised during the week.

Any ranking or classification shall be purely symbolic and shall have no sporting, financial or official significance.

Any prizes awarded shall be of modest value and intended solely to recognise participation and team spirit.

7. INSURANCE

The Organisation arranges the insurance cover necessary for the organisation of the event, consistent with the nature of the activity as described herein.

No racing extension is arranged, as the event does not fall within that classification.

8. PERSONAL ASSESSMENT OF RISK

Each skipper acknowledges that he or she participates in the ESC with full knowledge and acceptance of the nature and framework of the event.

It is the responsibility of each skipper to determine whether this framework corresponds to his or her own level of comfort and acceptance of risk.

9. CODE OF CONDUCT

The skipper and co-skipper undertake to:

- act as positive role models both on board and ashore;
- contribute to the teaching of sailing, seamanship, safety at sea, life on board and teamwork;
- comply with and enforce the safety rules established by the Organisation;
- ensure compliance with the prohibition of alcohol, tobacco, e-cigarettes and illegal substances for all participants;
- immediately report any incident, accident or concerning behaviour to the Organisation;
- comply strictly with all safeguarding requirements relating to minors;
- maintain a professional, respectful and appropriate attitude at all times;
- refrain from any communication, conduct or behaviour that could reasonably be regarded as inappropriate towards a participant;
- not seek or encourage private communications with minor participants through social media platforms or messaging applications except where strictly necessary for the event;
- respect the confidentiality of any personal information or information to which they may have access.

Any serious breach of these commitments may result in the immediate exclusion of the skipper or co-skipper and exclusion from future editions of the European Schools' Cup.

10. WITHDRAWAL

Should participation become impossible, the skipper or co-skipper undertakes to inform the Organisation as soon as possible in order to minimise the operational impact.

11. ACCEPTANCE

Validation of the online registration constitutes full and unconditional acceptance of these Conditions of Participation.