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GLOSSARY

IMCA :

The International Moth Class Association (IMCA), recognised by the International Sailing Federation (ISAF) as the authority responsible for the worldwide affairs of the International Moth Class.

Council of Presidents:

As per the IMCA Constitution, consisting of the National Presidents of member national class associations, is responsible for the organisation and conduct of the International Moth Class Worldwide.

Executive Committee :

As per the IMCA Constitution, consisting of 3 National Presidents, the IMCA President and Secretary, is responsible for the day to day management & affairs of the IMCA.

Race Consultant :

The race consultant is appointed by the executive committee of the International Moth Class Association. His/Her role is :

To advise & assist the Organising Committee in the planning and conduct of the championship.

To ensure the Organising Committee are adhering to the guidelines set out herein and to ensure the needs of the class are met.

To act and a link between the competitors and the Organising Authority during the event.

Organising Committee :

The organising committee is the committee that is in charge of the complete organisation of the event in accordance with the ISAF rules, regulations and codes, the present championship guidelines, the International Moth Class rules and the rules and laws in application in the host country. This committee may include members of the organising club, national association, the International Moth Class Association Executive Committee and the race consultant.

PRELIMINARY

General :

The Council of Presidents will agree which National Moth Class Association or Authority will act as host to events. The Executive Committee will make recommendations after such appointment ensuring that Associations or Authorities who apply, are able to fulfil the requirements and conditions laid down by the International Moth Class to host a World Championship.

A host nation must have read and agreed to be bound by the guidelines and guarantee that they can fulfil the requirements, before being accepted.

A host Moth Class Association should have the agreement of their National Authority before applying to host a World Championship.

The National Moth Association of the host country must be satisfied that the host club can abide by the international Moth class guidelines and be able to fulfil their requirements.

Application to host a World Championship should be made to the IMCA Secretary, in writing, at least 2 months before the IMCA Annual General Meeting.

The organising committee shall ensure the championships have the highest quality racing, the best conditions for developing individual friendship among competitors and goodwill amongst all participating people.

Official Application :

With the official application, a document will be supplied, with the information below:

Suggested dates and times of racing & social events

Suggested venues

Proposed racing format including courses, laps and number of races

Expected sea, wind, weather and tidal information on suggested venues

Club facilities

Travel and accommodation information

Boat and container transportation and storage arrangements

Social and official program

Forecasted Profit and Loss, including proposed entry fee, event expenditure and sponsorship

Particulars of the club or the area, possibly including some photos

Experience in major championship organisation

Expected media coverage

Reasons why the club or the national class association to wish organise an event in this area.

Visit of the site:

The organising committee or host club shall arrange for a member of the Council of Presidents, Executive Committee or the National Class Association, to visit the venue prior to the championship, preferably during a main national or international event.

Granting :

When the IMCA are convinced about the capability of the applicant to organise a World Championship and have received :

the Official Application

a formal letter confirming agreement to apply the championship guidelines.

This complete application will be put to the next AGM of Council of Presidents who will make the final decision.

Co-operation :

The complete organisation of the event will be in charge of the Organising Committee.

OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS

All the official documents such as notices of race, sailing instructions, measurement check forms etc. must be approved by the International Moth class association and shall be in accordance to the standard documents established by the IMCA.

LANGUAGE

The official language of the World Championship is English. In case of different interpretations about a translated text, the English version shall prevail.

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

It is anticipated that the IMCA will organize a World Championship every 12-18 months.

In years where the World Championship is not held on the European continent, the Executive Committee may authorise the conducting of a European Championship which shall be organised and conducted according to the principles and guidelines set out in this document.

The Council of Presidents or Executive Committee may authorise other regional or continental championships upon application by a National Class Association.

Such events shall be organised and conducted according to the principles and guidelines set out in this document.

Dates of the Events:

Events organised in the northern hemisphere should be held between May and October. Events organised in the southern hemisphere should be held between November and January.

Application of Rules:

The current ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing, the ISAF codes and regulations, the current moth class rules, the prescriptions of the host country authority and the championship guidelines shall govern each event.

Advertising:

Each event shall be a category "C" event according to the Advertising code of ISAF.

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

Format of the Event:

The Moth Class World Championship shall be competed in one fleet.

Recommended Eight Day Program:

Day 1 Measurement & Registration

Day 2 Measurement + practice race + opening ceremony

Day 3 Races 1 & 2

Day 4 Races 3 & 4

Day 5 Rest Day (or re-sail if necessary)

Day 6 Races 5 & 6

Day 7 Races 7 & 8

Day 8 Races 9 & 10 + closing ceremony

No more than 3 races shall be held on any one day.

Eligibility:

The World Championship shall be open to boats/crews who are current members of a national class association in good financial standing with IMCA.

Courses and Duration:

The format of the course will be a "p" or "d" type course according to the current version of the Standard Sailing Instructions issued by IMCA.

The duration of each race will be approximately 60 minutes for the leading boat around a two lap course, or 90 minutes for a three lap course.

Required Number of Races:

5 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

Scoring:

The low point scoring system of RRS appendix shall be used.

When 7-8 races have been completed, 1 race shall be discarded.

When 9-10 races have been completed, 2 races shall be discarded.

Awarding of the Titles:

The title of World Champion shall be awarded to the first placed boat in the event, only if 5 or more races have been conducted.

In years where a World Championship is conducted on the European continent, the title of European Champion shall be awarded to the first placed resident or citizen of a European country in that particular World Championship.

EUROPEAN & CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

A European Championship shall only be conducted in a particular calendar year when the World Championship is not held on the European continent. ***Continental championships may be held subject to the same general conditions.***

Timetable:

The timetable of the event shall be the same as that of a World Championship.

Eligibility:

The European Championship shall be open to boats/crews who are current members of a national class association in good financial standing with IMCA.

Awarding of the Title:

The title of European Champion shall be awarded to the first placed resident or citizen of a European country after all non-European entries have been removed from the final results.

Courses and Duration:

The courses and race duration shall be the same as that of the World Championship.

Required Number of Races:

The required number of races to complete a series shall be the same as that of a World Championship.

Scoring:

The scoring shall be the same as that of the World Championship.

DISCLAIM PROCEDURES

The organising committee is responsible for the correct application of all the laws and rules applied in the hosting country, regarding the organisation of sport and/or sailing events.

The International Moth Class Association shall not be responsible of any infringement regarding the laws and rules applied in the hosting country regarding sport and/or sailing events.

FUNDING AND SPONSORSHIP

It is the responsibility of the host club, the organising committee and the host Moth Class national association to cover all funding for the event.

Entry fees from participating boats will support the event but these entry fees should not exceed 250 EURO or equivalent for each boat, including the nominated amount for the International Moth Class Association (which is decided at the previous AGM).

The entry fees will be paid directly by the entrants to the National Association or host club.

The organising committee shall be responsible for forwarding the nominated amount per entrant in the World Championship to IMCA.

Sponsorship is the responsibility of the organising committee and shall be used for the benefit of competitors to reduce the entry fee and improve the overall quality of the event.

TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION

As with any quality international sailing event, full details of accommodation, travel arrangements, visa's etc. must be available. Cheap accommodation, close to the venue, including camping must be given.

RACE MANAGEMENT

Race Committee:

The Race Committee members shall be designated in accordance with the ISAF rules and regulations. The Executive Committee of the International Moth Class Association shall be informed about the composition of the Race Committee and may require changes if needed.

Race Consultant:

The International Moth Class Association shall designate the race consultant.

Jury:

The jury members shall be designated in accordance with the ISAF rules and regulations. The jury where possible should be an International Jury approved by the host country's national authority.

Measurement:

The Executive Committee shall appoint, in accordance with the ISAF regulations, the chief measurer of the event. The chief measurer shall carry out his/her duties in accordance with the ISAF rules & regulations, the Moth Class Rules and any IMCA rule interpretations in force at the time.

ON SHORE ORGANISATION

For each championship, the minimum events to be organised are:

An opening ceremony

At least 2 social events with food, should be included in the entry fee, one of which will be the Prize Giving.

A social/sightseeing event in the neighboring area on the rest day

A closing and prize giving ceremony

The International Moth Class Association Annual General Meeting
(at World Championships Only)

The social events should be available at reasonable cost to supporters and free of charge to competitors.

ONWATER ORGANISATION

The Organising Authority must insure that:

The event must be reserved exclusively for the moth class.

There is good on the water provision to ensure quickly, well laid, clearly marked courses and clear signals from Committee boat

Sufficient, experienced safety cover is available

Rescue:

The organisation of the safety will be under the responsibility of a safety officer. This person is responsible for the safety of all the competitors during races and between the course and the shore.

The number of safety boats will be at least 1 for 10 competing boats, Those boats should be inflatable boats, have two experienced persons onboard and the appropriate equipment.

Medical assistance within reasonable distance from the racing area shall be available all times during the event.

An appropriate system shall be set up in order to check in and check out, each day, the boats competing on the course.

Jury:

One suitable boat shall be available for the Jury Members in order for them to act as required on the race course.

LOGISTICS

On shore facilities to include:

Competitors:

Secure and sufficient area to be used as dinghy park including tie down facilities for the boats

Secure car and trailer parking close-by with areas for trailers and containers

Adequate and safe launch and recovery ramps accessible whatever the height of the tide and weather conditions

Clean, spacious, secure changing rooms with good showers and drying facilities

All weather social gathering area with food/drink facilities for post race socializing between competitors, officials & supporters

Clean, cheap and accessible accommodation / camping for competitors

Fresh water tap in the dinghy park

Toilets in sufficient number for the event

Suitable food for all competitors and supporters

Spectators and supporters needs must be provided for by the host club.
This should include food and drink being available

Communication:

Spectators, where possible, should be given the opportunity to get on the water. Good information about the progress of the racing and the competitors should also be available onshore.

Computer/s linked to internet in order that all participants in the event can receive or send E-mails

Results and press releases shall be given to the Moth class website in a timely manner to enable worldwide distribution.

Registration:

Adequate space for Registration of Competitors.

Measurement:

A facility for boat measurement and sail checking capable of checking all boats & sails within the time frame allotted in the event schedule.

Race Committee:

A room for the Race Committee

Jury:

Adequate space/rooms for protests to be held

International Moth Class:

During a World Championship, the International Moth Class annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held. The organising committee shall supply a room to hold the AGM.

During a European or Continental Championship, an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) or an informal moth discussion forum may be held. The organising committee shall supply a room to hold the meeting/forum.