



NOTICE OF RACE FOR THE 2024 J/70 CLASS GRAND SLAM SERIES

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1.0 ORGANISATION

The 2024 J/70 Class Grand Slam Series is managed by the J/70 UK & Ireland Class Association. Each individual event host yacht club or organisation will be the Organising Authority (OA) working in collaboration with the J/70 UK & Ireland Class Association

2.0 RULES

2.1 The 2024 J/70 Class Grand Slam Series will be governed by;

2.1.1 The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021 – 2024, including the National Authority (RYA) prescriptions.

2.1.2 International J/70 Class rules (<https://j70ica.org/class-office-rules/>)

2.1.3 The specific Event Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions that will be published by each OA.

3.0 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1 The Grand Slam Series is open to Boats and Owners that meet the International J/70 Class Rule. Attention is drawn to the requirements of CR B1, B2 and C3 regarding compliance of boat and crew.

3.2 Charter boats shall be eligible to compete in the Grand Slam series, but in this case the results will accrue to the charterer(s) rather than the chartered boat.

3.3 Entries for the J/70 Class Grand Slam Series' individual events shall be made on the official entry forms in accordance with each events NOR. All entries should be sent directly to the event OA.

3.4 In accordance with International Class Rule I.4, the Grand Slam series will include prizes for a Corinthian division.

3.5 [NP] For each of the Grand Slam Events, Entrants will be required to;

a) Declare their status for that Event as either Corinthian or Open in accordance with Class Rules.

If an entrant makes no declaration, then the entrant is classified as Open.

b) Declare who will be the driver for that event

c) Provide names, current valid WS classification and other requested information for all crew members.

Entrants will provide this information via an online Google form. A link to the appropriate form will be issued prior to each event in the series. Specific details of how to complete and submit this will be provided on the class website.

3.6 [NP] Entrants shall sail with the same Owner and driver combination for at least 75% of their counting events (i.e. 3) in order to be eligible for a series placing .

4.0 ADVERTISING AND BOW NUMBERS

4.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA or/and the J/70 UK & Ireland Class Association.

4.2 Bow numbers and other decals may be issued for use.

5.0 RACE DOCUMENTS

5.1 The Sailing Instructions for each event of the J/70 Class Grand Slam Series will be made available to all entries by the event organising authority.

6.0 - SCHEDULE

Event #	Date	Event	Organising Authority
1	April 6th-April 7th	Grand Slam Opener	Royal Southern Yacht Club
2	April 20 th -April 21 st	South Coast Championships	Royal Thames Yacht Club
3	July 12 th -July 14 th	UK Nationals	Royal Yacht Squadron
4	July 27 th - July 30 th	Cowes Week Mini Series	Cowes Week Ltd
5	Sept 7 th -Sept 8 th	RTYC Regatta	Royal Thames Yacht Club
6	Oct 5 th -Oct 6 th	Grand Slam Closing event	HRSC

7.0 SCORING

7.1 RRS Low Points System of Appendix A shall be used for scoring of the J/70 Class Grand Slam Series with the following changes:

7.2 The 2024 J/70 Class Grand Slam Series consists of six (6) separate Events, as per NOR 6.0.

7.3 One (1) race is required to be completed at each Event to constitute an Event to count towards the 2024 J/70 Class Grand Slam Series.

7.4 A boat must compete in 4 or more Events to qualify for the 2024 J/70 Grand Slam Series.

7.5 A boat's series score will be the total of its best four (4) overall rankings from the six (6) Events.

7.6 [NP] A boat must compete with the same Owner and driver combination for at least 75% of the counting four events in order to be eligible for a series placing.

7.7 The UK National Championships will be a non-discardable Event.

7.8 RRS A9 will not be used.

8.0 TROPHIES AND PRIZES

8.1 Perpetual trophies will be presented to the top boat and the highest ranked "Corinthian Team".

8.2 A series prize will also be awarded for the top mixed gender boat. For the purpose of this prize category, mixed gender is defined as having sailed with at least 2 females on board in at least 3 of their 4 counting events.

8.3 A series prize will be awarded to the top youth boat, defined as having sailed with all crew under 26 as of 1st January 2024 in at least 3 of their 4 counting events,

8.4 Other series prizes may be awarded.

8.5 Details for individual event prize giving presentations will be provided in the event NOR and SI's.

9.0 RIGHTS TO USE NAMES & LIKENESS

9.1 By entering the events, the owner (or charterer) and crew members on competing boats grant at no cost the absolute right and permission to use their names, voices, images, likenesses, and biographical material, as well as representations of their boat in any media (including film, print and internet), to the J/70 UK & Ireland Class Association and sponsors.

10.0 RISK STATEMENT

10.1 Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone." Owners should pay particular attention to the Risk Statements in the Notice or Race and Sailing instructions for each event in the Series.

11.0 FURTHER INFORMATION

Websites - UK Class: <http://j-70.co.uk> International: <http://www.j70ica.org>

Class Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/j70uk>

Please encourage your crew to join our "J/70 UK Sailors" Facebook Group

at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/534311636772573/>

And join the J/70 UK Sailors WhatsApp group: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/9ctEzHKTwzo50d364RkIEw>

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Attention is drawn to the eligibility requirements within the International J/70 Class Rules, particularly section C3 and I.4 within those rules. Please ensure that your class memberships and World Sailor classifications are current as required.

The International J/70 Class Association issues invites to restricted entry International J/70 Class events. In most cases they defer to the country level class associations for nominations of some of these invitations.

Nominations for invitations to restricted International J/70 Class events in 2025 by the UK J/70 Class Committee will be based on ranking achieved in the 2024 Grand Slam Series. The precise allocation procedure will be described in the separate document "UK Qualifying System for the 2025 J/70 Restricted Entry Events" available on the class website.

Given that the International J/70 Class Association has not yet published its invitation criteria for 2025 whilst the UK J/70 Class Committee intends to nominate places by the above method, they reserve the right to interpret or amend the nomination procedure in whatever way seems fit and fair.