

**STATUTES FOR  
DANISH CHAMPIONSHIPS  
IN SAILING**

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**Abbreviations:**

ARU	Appeals- and Rules Committee (Appel- og Regeludvalget)
CO	Class Organisation
DIF	Sports Confederation of Denmark (Danmarks Idrætsforbund)
DIF-DM	Sports Confederation of Denmark's Danish Championship
DM	Danish Championship
DS	Danish Sailing Federation (Dansk Sejlunion)
DS-DM	Danish Sailing Federation's Danish Championship
DS-club	Sailing Club, member of Danish Sailing Federation
NordicSF	Nordic Sailing Federation
RRS	Racing Rules of Sailing
UDM	Youth Danish Championship
UDMOH	Youth Danish Championship for Optimists (team racing)
WS	World Sailing
WS-MNA	World Sailing Member National Association

**Preface**

This English version of the statutes is a translation from the original Danish text. If there is a conflict between the English and Danish versions, the Danish text shall prevail.

# **1 GENERAL STATUTES**

## **1.1 RULES AND INSTRUCTIONS**

Danish Championships in sailing (DIF-DM, DS-DM and UDM) are regulated by the following rules:

- a) WS' Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) together with the prescriptions of DS and NordicSF
- b) Statutes for Danish Championships in sailing
- c) WS' standard sailing instructions for Match Race, when these instructions are relevant
- d) DIF's "General prescriptions for DIF-DM" (only at DIF-DM)

## **1.2 EVENT TITLE**

The title Danish Championship may only be used for the events listed in appendix 3.1.

In communication regarding a recognized championship (Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions, event schedule, results, press releases etc.) the wording "Danmarks Idrætsforbunds Danmarksmeesterskab" shall be used for a DIF-DM and the wording "Dansk Sejlunions Danmarksmeesterskab" shall be used for a DS-DM. The wording "Dansk Sejlunions Ungdomsdanmarksmeesterskab" shall be used for a DS-UDM. Numbers in parenthesis for UDM(15), UDM(19), UDM(20) and UDM(23) are referring to the maximum age for participants at the UDM in question. See item 1.4.3 and appendix 3.1.

The championship titles can be used together with a sponsor name.

## **1.3 VALIDITY OF STATUTES**

### **1.3.1 Authority**

The statutes are written and administered by the person in charge of racing in DS. Changes shall be approved by the board of DS after hearing ARU. The statutes cannot be changed in the Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions or any other documents at a Danish championship without dispensation from DS.

### **1.3.2 Dispensation**

The person in charge of racing in DS administers and decides applications for dispensation from the statutes. Applications must be sent to DS not later than three weeks before the event. Dispensation from items 1.2 to 1.4.2 included are to be decided by DIF or by the board of DS based on a recommendation from the person in charge of racing in DS.

### **1.3.3 Breaches**

Breaches of the statutes with consequence for the result are processed finally by ARU based on a valid protest and appeal. If the right of appeal has been denied the decision of the protest committee is final. Breaches with possible consequence for the validity of the championship as a DM are processed by the person in charge of racing in DS. However, serious breaches are processed as described in DS Laws § 26 and § 27.

## **1.4 REQUIREMENTS TO PARTICIPANTS AND BOATS**

### **1.4.1 The title "Danish Champion"**

The title "Danish Champion" and the medals are awarded to the best scoring participant and crew where all crew members are members of a Danish sailing club (DS-club) – independent of their nationality. See also item 1.4.4.

### **1.4.2 Number of participants**

It is a condition for the recognition of the championship that at least the number of boats stated below, where all crew members are members of a Danish sailing club (DS-club), starts in at least one race:

	<b>DIF-DM/DS-DM</b>	<b>UDM</b>
Olympic classes	5	-
Keel boats	10	5
Double-handed dinghies	10	5
Single-handed dinghies	15	10
Boards	15	10
Match Race	8	-
Sailing League	12	-
UDMOH	-	8

### **1.4.3 Age and gender**

Youth can participate at UDM until the year they turn the age, applying to that class, according to appendix 3.1.

If the class has status as UDM-class, but no separate UDM-event is organized, the title Youth Danish Champion can be awarded to the best scoring youth crew at the Danish championship independent of the number of youth participants. This has to be mentioned in the Notice of Race.

Both genders can compete together or in separate events as it is practice in the class.

If both genders have championship status according to appendix 3.1 the two genders can compete in a mixed fleet or in separate fleets. When sailing in a mixed fleet the titles and medals will be awarded to the best scoring participant of each gender independently of the number of participants of each gender. This must be mentioned in the Notice of Race.

### **1.4.4 Membership of sailing club and class organizations**

All crew members shall be members of sailing club under a WS-MNA.

Membership of a Sailing Club is obligatory and this must be documented before registration.

At Optimist dinghy Championships for teams, membership of a sailing club must be valid before 1<sup>st</sup> May the same year.

At UDM, membership of a CO cannot be required.

### **1.4.5 Class certificate, measurement certificate or starting license**

It is a condition for participation in Danish championships that the boats hold a valid class certificate, measurement certificate or starting license. However, boats in classes recognized by DS can participate in the class' championship with a statement from the KO, stating that the boat is in compliance with the class rules.

### **1.4.6 Replacement of crew after registration**

If a participant must be excused (due to illness, travel etc.) after registration and before the finish of the championship, a substitution can be made if the race committee accepts the substitute based on a written application. Medals, if any, are awarded to the participants at the discretion of the race committee.

## **1.5 ORGANIZATION OF DM**

### **1.5.1 Organizing authority**

The organizing authority is a DS-club. At Danish championship in Match Race and at UDM in dinghies, the DS-club is appointed by the person in charge of racing in DS. At all other Danish championships, the DS-club is appointed by the CO. At Danish championships in the Olympic classes, the person in charge of racing in DS can appoint the DS-club if the CO has not done so before April 1<sup>st</sup> the same year.

### **1.5.2 Term, format and venue**

DM is organized once every year.

For all Danish championships, dates, format and venue must be published on the communication channel of the class no later than April 1<sup>st</sup> of the same year and simultaneously sent to DS.

For the Olympic classes the Danish championship shall be organized as one single event, and the dates and venue for the championship shall be approved by the person in charge of racing in DS, aiming at having these championships held together and respecting the dates of the international championships in these classes.

For UDM in dinghies, the person in charge of racing in DS decides dates, format and venue.

For all other classes and championships, the CO decides the dates, format and venue together with the organizing DS-club. These championships can be organized as a single event, a series of events or as a series of events finalized by a final event.

If the championship is organized as a series of events, all these shall be held in Denmark, (unless dispensation DS has given dispensation). The dates of all events in the championship series must be published by April 1<sup>st</sup> the same year, and the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions must state that the event is a part of a championship series. These statutes shall apply at all events in the series except that the requirement regarding number of participants shall apply to the total number of participants at any event in the series.

The specific statutes in chapter 2 can change the here mentioned general requirements.

### **1.5.3 Notice of Race, entry and administration**

Not later than four weeks before the first day of racing, the DS-club together with the CO shall publish a Notice of Race as described in RRS 89.2. The Notice of Race must be forwarded to DS' secretariat together with the names of the race officer, the chairman of the protest committee and the regatta manager or contact person. These names shall be announced in the Notice of Race. Finally, it shall be announced, if on-the-water judging for breaches of RRS 42 is planned.

If the championship is organized as a series of events, there can be one Notice of Race for each event or one for the series of events. The four weeks requirement mentioned above applies to each event. The information requirements regarding regatta manager, race officer and chairman of the protest committee, only apply for the last event in the championship series.

At registration participants must state name, nationality and membership of sailing club for all crew members. At UDM, the date and year of birth must also be included.

The eligibility criteria at UDMOH are decided by the person in charge of racing in DS after hearing the CO, and these shall be announced in the Notice of Race.

The Championship shall be managed on manage2sail, making all relevant information regarding the event and the races available there. This includes (but is not limited to) Notice of Race, schedule, sailing instructions, changes to sailing instructions, entries and results where all crew members are stated with their sailing club membership, public notices, protest notices etc.

### **1.5.4 Measurement and control**

Control of class certificates/measurement certificates/starting licences is the responsibility of the organizing authority and must be completed before the first race of the championship.

If the person named on the class certificate/measurement certificate/starting license is not participating, the organizing authority must require a right-to-loan statement from the crew. This does not apply at UDM, when sailing in club owned boats.

The organizing authority together with the CO agrees on the measurement items and the person in charge of measurement at the event. This person shall also advise the protest committee as described in RRS 63.5(d).

### **1.5.5 Minimum and maximum wind speed**

The minimum and maximum wind speeds, if any, for starting or abandoning a race is chosen by the organizing authority and must be published in the Notice of Race and in the sailing instructions.

At UDM, no racing will take place in more than 12 m/s, measured by the race committee. This does not apply to windsurfing/board sailing.

### **1.5.6 Protest committee, denial of right to appeal, race management, on-the-water judging and umpires**

A protest committee consisting of at least three competent persons, of which the chairman must be a National Judge, shall hear and decide all protests. The protest committee must be independent of the race committee, and no participant shall be member of the protest committee.

If Appendix UF is to be used, the umpire group shall be approved by the Appeals and Rules Committee, ARU.

If the championship is a part of a qualification to a World Championship, European Championship etc., the right to appeal can be denied according to RRS 70.3 including the prescription of NordicSF.

The races shall be managed by a race officer with license as National Race Officer.

If the championship is organized as a series of events, the requirements regarding National Race Officer and National Judge shall only apply to the last event or final event – except that at the sailing league championship, all races shall be managed by a National Race Officer.

The names of the race officer and the members of the protest committee shall be published in the sailing instructions.

The requirements regarding protest committee and race management does not apply to Kite Freestyle nor to windsurfing/board sailing and Wave Performance.

If the CO and the organizing authority decides, that judging on-the-water will take place for breaches of RRS 42, the requirements in RRS appendix P and in the class' own rules shall be followed. This has to be stated in the sailing instructions.

### **1.5.7 Results and winners**

Danish champion is the crew with the lowest scoring according to RRS 90.3 and appendix A with exclusion of worst score (-s) if applicable.

When sailing in one mixed fleet (men/women or adults/youth), only one total list of results shall be published. See also item 1.4.3.

Points from other events shall only be included in the scoring if it is a championships series according to item 1.5.2.

For championship in Match Race, see item 2.2.4.

For championship in Kite Freestyle and windsurfing/board sailing Freestyle and Wave Performance, the usual scoring systems for these disciplines shall apply.

### **1.5.8 Medals and prizes**

On the condition that the requirements of the statutes regarding Notice of Race and time limits are fulfilled, DS will send the DIF- and DS championship medals to the organizing authority.

DIF's championship medals (gold) are awarded to the DIF champions. At DIF-DM and at DS-DM DS' championship medals (gold, silver and bronze) are awarded to the best three crews, where all crew members are members of a DS-club. The other prizes shall be awarded regardless of the number of races completed.

In the event of prize money, the DS regulation applies.

### **1.5.9 Report to DS and class organization**

Immediately after the finish of the championship, the organizing authority shall send the following to DS' secretariat and to the CO:

- a) Entry list including names, nationality and sailing club for all participating crews and changed crews
- b) Results
- c) Sailing Instructions

The organizers of Match Race championships shall also send the results to WS.

## **1.6 MEDIA RIGHTS**

The requirements regarding media rights at championship events are stated in DS' Laws appendix V: "Regulativ for lyd-, billed- og medierettigheder for Dansk Sejlunion".

## **2 SPECIAL STATUTES**

### **2.1 DM IN KEELBOAT AND DINGHY CLASSES AND FOILING KITE**

#### **2.1.1 Format**

At least four races have to be completed in order to gain official championship status. At UDM, only three races are required.

The format, including length of courses or duration of races, should correspond to the practice in the class.

### **2.2 DM IN MATCH RACE**

#### **2.2.1 Organizing authority and format**

Danish Championship in Match Race is organized in cooperation between DS and a DS-club.

The format is decided by DS and the DS-club.

#### **2.2.2 Umpire group**

The umpire group shall be approved by the Appeals and Rules Committee, ARU.

#### **2.2.3 Measurement and control**

The organizing authority provides identical boats and rules for boat handling in accordance with WS standard sailing instructions for Match Race and WS Grading Criteria.

#### **2.2.4 Scoring**

The scoring system described in RRS appendix C applies.

### **2.3 DM IN WINDSURFING/BOARD SAILING – Course Racing, Slalom, Freestyle and Wave Performance**

#### **2.3.1 Rules and instructions**

The list in item 1.1 in the general statutes is amended, in order to state that also the same rules apply as at international championships in these disciplines.

#### **2.3.2 Format**

The format should correspond to the practice in the disciplines.

#### **2.3.3 DM and discipline winners**

The discipline winner is appointed, when at least the following number of races are completed:

- Course Racing: Three races
- Slalom: One elimination series including the final
- Wave Performance: One elimination series including the final



- Freestyle: One elimination series including the final

A Danish champion is appointed in each discipline. In addition, an overall Danish champion is appointed – “DM Combined” – for the combination of the disciplines “DM Course Racing” and “DM Slalom”.

## **2.4 YOUTH DANISH CHAMPIONSHIP IN OPTIMIST FOR TEAMS (UDMOH)**

### **2.4.1 Term**

The term for UDMOH is decided by DS.

### **2.4.2 Participants**

The eligibility and entry criteria and UDMOH is decided by the person in charge of racing in DS and must be published in the Notice of Race. All participants must be members of a DS-club. See also item 1.4.4.

### **2.4.3 Rules and instructions**

The list in item 1.1 in the general statutes is amended: RRS appendix D also applies.

### **2.4.4 Format**

The format must be described in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions have to be approved by DS.

### **2.4.5 Umpires and protest committee**

All races will be umpired (in accordance with RRS D.2).

A protest committee will be formed from the umpire group.

The umpire group shall be approved by the Appeals and Rules Committee, ARU.

## **2.5 DM FOR CLUB TEAMS (SAILING LEAGUE AND WOMEN ON WATER)**

### **2.5.1 Organizing authority**

The organizing authority is Danish Sailing League Association in cooperation with one or more DS sailing clubs.

### **2.5.2 Participants**

Club teams from DS sailing clubs can participate. The crew members must be members of the sailing club they are representing. The criteria for participation are formulated by the Danish Sailing League Association.

### **2.5.3 Format**

The organizing authority provides boats to the participants.

The Sailing League is arranged as a series of events.

The races are conducted as Fleet Race.

The format is determined by the Danish Sailing League Association.

### **2.5.4 Umpires and protest committee**

Appendix UF, Umpired Fleet Racing, Danish Sailing League Edition (current version). It changes specific racing rules and determines how umpires will judge the races.

A protest committee will be formed from the umpire group.

The umpire group shall be approved by the Appeals and Rules Committee, ARU.

## **2.6 KITE FREESTYLE**

### **2.6.1 Rules**

The list in item 1.1 in the general statutes is amended, in order to state that also the same rules apply as at international championships in this discipline.

#### **2.6.2 Format**

The event consists of an elimination series where the final has to be finalized.

Apart from this, the format is determined by the CO and must reflect the practice of Int. Kiteboarding Association, IKA.

### **2.7 E-SAILING**

#### **2.7.1 Term and venue**

The term and venue for the DM in E-sailing is decided by DS.

#### **2.7.2 Format**

Rules and format must be stated in the instructions. Instructions must be approved by DS.

Rules and format are agreed with the DS no later than 3 months before the start of the event.

## **3 APPENDICIES**

### **3.1 LIST OF CLASSES WITH DM-STATUS**

*(The actual list of classes with DM-status is published on [www.dansksejlunion.dk](http://www.dansksejlunion.dk). The list is only available in Danish)*

### **3.2 ACHIEVING AND MAINTAINING DM-STATUS**

*(This text is only available in the Danish version.)*