

AIRBUS

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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS FOR:

Event 6: Optimist Fleet

Event 7: Slow Handicap Dinghy

Event 8: Fast Handicap Dinghy

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1. RULES

- a. Racing shall be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017-2020 as published by World Sailing.
- b. The AIRBUS Winter Regatta Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions and any subsequent amendments shall apply.
- c. No national authority prescriptions will apply.
- d. Current One Design Class rules will apply.
- e. If there is a conflict in languages, the English text will take precedence.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- a. Notices to competitors will be posted on the race notice board located outside of the Sailing Office.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1000 hrs on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races which will be posted by 2000 hrs on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- a. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the main club flagpole.
- b. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1' minute is replaced by not more than **30** minutes in race signal AP.
- c. When AP is flown independently, the postponement shall apply to all fleets.
- d. When AP is flown over signal flag Kilo, the postponement shall apply to Keelboats only.
- e. When AP is flown over signal flag Echo, the postponement shall apply to Dinghies only.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- a. The schedule for Racing is as follows;
- b. On Friday 7th and Saturday 8th December, there will be up to 4 races each day.

Friday 7th December 2018	Briefing (ALL FLEETS) Dinghy- TenTola Keelboat - Sailing Office	1000Hrs
	Start not before (up to 4 races)	1200Hrs
	Regatta Party	1800Hrs Onwards
Saturday 8th December 2018	Briefing (ALL FLEETS) Dinghy - TenTola Keelboat - Sailing Office	1000Hrs
	Start not before (up to 4 races)	1200Hrs
	Regatta Prize Giving	1800Hrs

6. CLASS FLAGS

- a. Class Flags shall be as follows;

Optimist Fleet	White Optimist Class Flag
Slow Handicap Dinghy	Echo
Fast Handicap Dinghy	Foxtrot

7. RACING AREA

- a. The racing area shall be as approximately illustrated in Appendix A

8. THE COURSES

- a. The diagrams in Appendix B show the Dinghy course which will also be detailed in the Friday morning briefing.
- b. Course number will be indicated by a Numeral Pennant flown displayed no later than 5 minutes before the start.
- c. Courses may differ class to class and race to race.
- d. Courses may be shortened in accordance with rule 32 of the RRS.
- e. **The start line of the course is an obstruction except when starting.** A boat that crosses the start line whilst racing shall given a 20% scoring penalty without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

9. MARKS

- a. Marks will be Orange or Yellow, cylindrical or tetrahedral inflatable racing marks. The finish mark may be a smaller non racing mark.

10. THE START

- a. Races will be started by using rule 26 of the RRS with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- b. The start line shall be between a staff on a Committee Vessel displaying and Orange flag and an Outer Distance Marker (ODM) OR an additional Committee Vessel also displaying orange Flag.

- c. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequences for other races.
- d. A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- e. When not starting, the Start line is an obstruction whilst racing.
- f. Starts of consecutive races will be made as soon as practically possible after all boats of an individual fleet are finished. A fleet may be started whilst other fleets are still completing their previous race.
- g. The starting sequence of divisions shall not necessarily be routinely the same and may vary from race to race and day to day. Boats must observe the class flag at the 5 minute warning to confirm starting sequence for that division.

11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- a. Marks of the course may be changed in accordance with rule 33 of the RRS.
- b. Marks of the course may be reset between races in the same day.

12. THE FINISH

- a. The finish line shall be between a staff on a Committee Vessel displaying a Blue flag and an Outer Distance Marker (ODM) OR an additional Committee Vessel displaying Blue Flag.
- b. Applicable to Events 6 [Optimist], a finish boat may pass through the fleet displaying Flag Whiskey recording a competitors position as final finishing place. Boats are advised to proceed straight to the starting area whilst keeping clear of any boats that are racing.

Class	First Boat Finish Time Limit	Mark 1 Time Limit	Target Time
Optimist	75 minutes	20 minutes	45 minutes
Slow Handicap Dinghy	75 minutes	20 minutes	45 minutes
Fast Handicap Dinghy	75 minutes	20 minutes	45 minutes

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

- a. The penalty system as detailed in rule 44.1 and 44.2 of the RRS shall apply.

14. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- a. Time limits and target times are as follows:
- b. If no boat in a class has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 time limit the race may be abandoned. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a) of the RRS.
- c. Boats in Slow Handicap division failing to finish within 30 minutes of the first boat in her class that sails the course and finishes shall be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5 of the RRS.

15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- a. Protest forms are available from Reception. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- b. For each class the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day when racing on course area Bravo or Charlie and 90 minutes when racing on Alpha or Delta Course Areas.
- c. Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room which will normally be either the loft in the upstairs of the club, or in the Instructor room.
- d. Notices of protests by the race committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b) of the RRS.
- e. Breaches of clauses 10c, 10d, 10e, 14a, 14b, 14c, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25 or 28 of these sailing instructions will not be grounds for protest by another boat. This changes rule 60.1(a) of the RRS. Penalties for breaches of these instructions may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides or these sailing instructions stipulate. The scoring abbreviation for a penalty imposed under this instruction shall be DPI.
- f. When a protest is not made by, nor made against the Race Committee a member of the Race Committee may form the Protest Committee if s/he acts in accordance with RRS 63.4
- g. Any protest involving a competitor within EVENT 6 Optimist Fleet must complete the RYA Arbitration process prior to a full Protest Hearing.

16. EXONERATION PENALTY

- a. A boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2, or rule 31 or 42, may, after finishing the race concerned and before the start of a related protest hearing, notify the race committee that she accepts a 20% scoring penalty as stated in rule 44.3(c), (except that the minimum penalty is two places if that does not result in a score worse than DNF). This penalty does not reverse an OCS score, a disqualification under rule 30.3 or a penalty under Appendix P. It is not available for a breach of rule 2 or of class rules or for gross misconduct under rule 69. Nor is it available to a boat that caused injury or serious damage, or gained a significant advantage by her breach: in these circumstances, her penalty is to retire.
- b. When an Exoneration Penalty is accepted,
 - i. Neither the boat nor a protest committee may then revoke or remove the penalty.
 - ii. The boat shall not be penalized further in a protest hearing when the protest committee decides that it was appropriate to the facts found and the applicable rules.

17. ADVISORY HEARING

- a. When there is an incident that will not result in the lodging of a protest or a request for redress, a boat, protest committee or race committee may request an advisory hearing with the race office, and notify any boat involved in the incident. An adviser will then call a hearing to learn what may have happened and will state whether any rule appears to have been broken, and by which boat. A boat may as a result notify the race office that she accepts an Exoneration Penalty when it applies to the incident, or choose to retire.

18. RYA ARBITRATION

- a. When a protest or request for redress is lodged, a boat may at the same time request RYA Arbitration, or the protest committee or race committee may offer it.
- b. If the parties and a member of the protest or race committee agree that RYA Arbitration is suitable, an arbitrator (who may be that member of the protest committee) will call a hearing conforming to Section B of Part 5 of the Racing Rules of Sailing, except that rule 64.1(a) will not apply. Instead, when the arbitrator decides that a boat that is a party to the arbitration hearing has broken a rule for which the Exoneration Penalty is available, the party will be invited to accept that penalty, and, if it is accepted by a protested boat, the protesting boat will be allowed to withdraw the protest, changing rule 63.1.

- c. When there is not an agreement to use RYA Arbitration, or when, after RYA Arbitration, a protest is not withdrawn or the Exoneration Penalty is not applicable to the facts, there will be a normal protest hearing, at which the arbitrator may be a member of the protest committee. Rule 66 will not apply to the arbitration decision. A boat may still accept an Exoneration Penalty at any time before the start of a protest hearing and receive its protection from further penalization. She may also retire.
- d. When redress is offered and accepted at the RYA Arbitration, the protest committee or race committee may seek to have this reviewed by asking for a full hearing. When redress is offered and not accepted, or not offered at all, the boat may have her request heard before a protest committee.

19. SCORING

- a. The low point system of Appendix A in the RRS shall apply.
- b. A boats series score shall be the total sum of race scores.
- c. A boat series score shall be the total sum of her races excluding her worst score, when 4 or more races are completed. This superseded 19.b.

20. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- a. All boats are required to sign on prior to **1015hrs** on each race day and sign off within the protest time limit. Failure to sign on may result in a score equal to DNS from the first race of the day and failure to sign off within the protest time limit may result in a score equal to DNF from the last race of the day. The scoring abbreviation for a penalty imposed under this instruction will be DPI.
- b. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

21. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OF EQUIPMENT

- a. Substitution of competitors in between races of the regatta shall not be allowed without the prior written approval of the race committee.
- b. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

22. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- a. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with all applicable rules and the sailing instructions

23. SUPPORT BOATS

- a. Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or retires or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

24. TRASH DISPOSAL

- a. Boats shall not put trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard support and official boats.

25. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- a. Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile phones.

26. PRIZES

- a. There will be prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each EVENT.
- b. There will be an award for 1st Under 12 in the Optimist Fleet
- a. There will be prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd U18 for EVENT 7 Slow Handicap.
- b. Prizes will be awarded at the prize giving after racing on Saturday 8th December.

27. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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.”

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

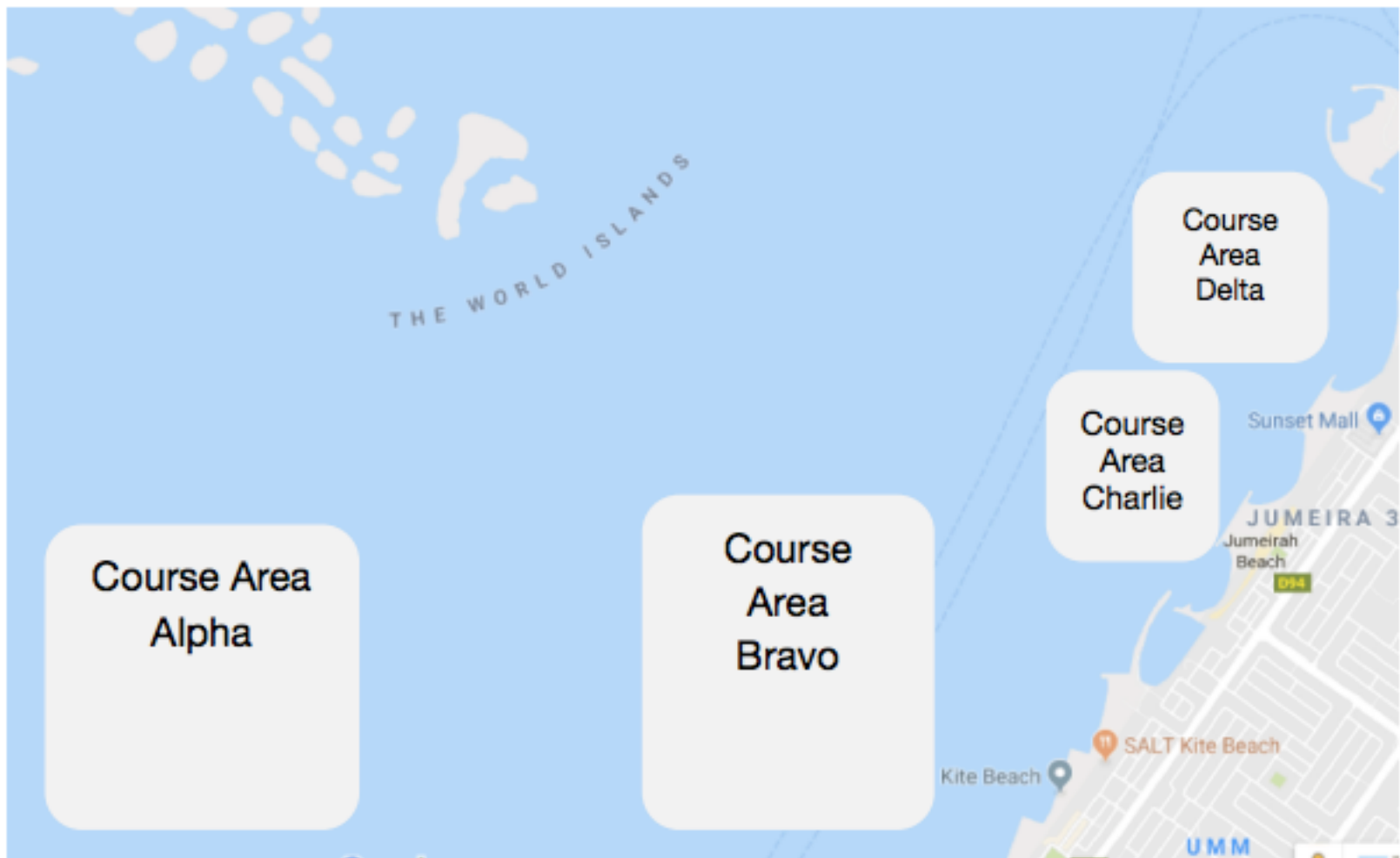
- i. They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- ii. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;

- iii. They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- iv. Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- v. The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- vi. The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

28. INSURANCE

- a. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with adequate cover for racing.

APPENDIX A - RACING AREAS



Approximate Distance to Sailing Areas from DOSC Harbor entrance:

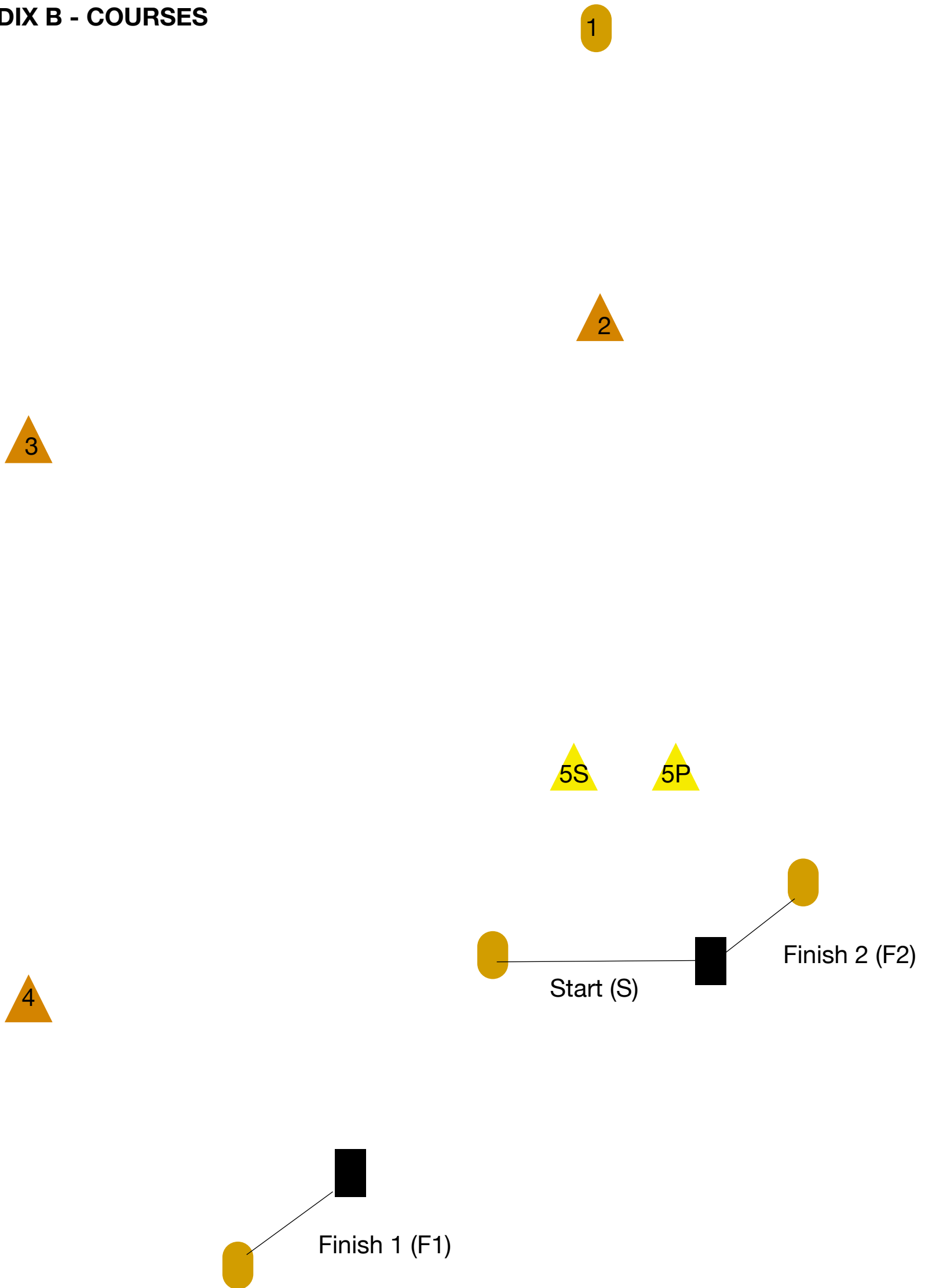
Course Alpha 6km

Course Bravo 2.5km

Course Charlie 0.5km

Course Delta 1.5km

APPENDIX B - COURSES



EVENT 6: Optimist Fleet

Course 1 - [Pennant 1]

Start - 2(P) - 5(P) - Finish 2

Course 2 - [Pennant 2]

Start - 2(P) - 5P/5S - 2(P) - 5P - Finish 2

EVENT 7: Slow Handicap

Course 1 - [Pennant 1]

Start - 2(P) - 3(P) - 4(P) - 3(P) - 4(P) - Finish 1

Course 2 - [Pennant 2]

Start - 2(P) - 3(P) - 4(P) - 3(P) - 4(P) - 3(P) - 4(P) - F

EVENT 8: Fast Handicap

Course 1 - [Pennant 1]

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Start - 1(P) - 5P/5S -1(P) - 3(P) - 4(P) - Finish 1

Course 2 - [Pennant 2]

Start - 1(P) - 5P/5S -1(P) - 5P/5S -1(P) - 3(P) - 4(P) - Finish 1