



The 2024 Optimist South American Championship Encarnacion, PARAGUAY August 31 – September 7

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The 2024 Optimist South American Championship is organized by the Federación Paraguaya de Vela (FEPAVE) under the authority of the International Optimist Dinghy Association (IODA).

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[NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a)

[SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the Race Committee or Technical Committee without a hearing, or a discretionary penalty applied by the International Jury with a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and RRS A5.1.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The Championship will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The current Conditions of the IODA will apply.
- 1.3 No national authority prescriptions will apply.
- 1.4 Appendix D will apply for the Team Racing events. Races will be umpired. RRS D1.1 (e) is deleted.
- 1.5 The first three sentences of RRS 61.1(a) are changed to 'A boat intending to protest shall inform the other boat at the first reasonable opportunity. When her protest will concern an incident in the racing area that she was involved in or saw she shall hail 'Protest'. She shall inform the Race Committee at the finishing line immediately after finishing of the boat/s being protested, or as soon as practicable after she retires.'
- 1.6 RRS 40.1 applies at all times while afloat. The personal flotation device shall conform to Class Rule 4.2 (a).
- 1.7 In all rules governing this championship, both "athlete", "sailor" and "competitor" mean a person competing in the event. The term "support person" means a person as defined in RRS.
- 1.8 **[NP]DP]** A sailor or support person shall not act in a way likely to denigrate or offend others at the event or elsewhere.
- 1.9 Spanish is the Official Language of the Championship. If there is a conflict between languages the language of the original version of the relevant document will take precedence.

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2 [NP][DP] ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Sailor advertising is permitted on the hull as per World Sailing Regulation 20.3.2 but as restricted by Class Rule 2.8.
- 2.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.

3 [NP][DP][SP] CAMERAS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

- 3.1 Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment as specified by the Organising Authority. Information from this equipment shall not be used by a boat as evidence in a hearing. This changes rule 63.6.
- 3.2 Drones are prohibited in the racing area at all times during the championship except those operated by the Organising Authority.

4 ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1 The Championship is open to competitors sailing on boats of the Optimist class that fulfill the eligibility requirements stated below. On March 1, 2022 World Sailing published the following recommendations in relation to the situation in Ukraine:
<https://www.sailing.org/2022/03/01/world-sailing-statement-6/>
To help preserve the integrity and safety of the 2024 Optimist South American Championship, entries shall be open to all nationalities but not to competitors and support persons holding only Russian or Belarussian nationality. However, this does not apply to bona fide residents that fulfil the requirements of Condition 10.2 of the IODA Continental Championships as of March 1, 2022. The Organising Authority may amend this rule following any further World Sailing decisions on the situation with Russia and Belarus.
- 4.2 The Championship is open to competitors sailing on boats of the Optimist class that fulfill the eligibility requirements stated below.
- 4.3 Competitors shall enter through the national association member of IODA (hereinafter 'member') they represent.
- 4.4 Competitors shall have been born in 2009 or later.
- 4.5 South American members of IODA may enter up to 15 competitors. The member from Paraguay, as the host member, may enter up to 30 competitors. For all delegations there shall be a minimum number of the opposite gender as indicated in 4.9 below.
- 4.6 North American members may enter up to 5 competitors.

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- 4.7 Some North American members will be allowed to enter more sailors in accordance with IODA Condition 7.1 (c) for the South American Championship, as shown below.

USA:	15
Mexico:	12
Bermuda:	6
ISV	8
Canada	10
PUR	10

- 4.8 South and North American members are defined as those so listed on the IODA website www.optiworld.org.
- 4.9 If by **April 5, 2024**, the number of registered competitors is less than 180, available places may be allocated at the discretion of the IODA Executive Committee. Members seeking additional places shall request them by email to regattasecretary@optiworld.org.
- 4.10 Each member of IODA entering 5 or more competitors shall register a minimum number of competitors of the opposite gender in accordance with the IODA Condition 9.3 for Continental Championships, as follows:

total number of competitors	minimum of the opposite gender
5 or 6	1
7 to 9	2
10	3
11 - 16	4
17 - 19	5
20	6
21 - 26	7
27 - 29	8
30	9

- 4.11 The defending South American (closed) Champion may participate, if eligible, in addition to the number of competitors allocated to his/her member. This competitor will not count for the gender quota requirement.
- 4.12 Each team shall be accompanied by a Team Leader who shall be the responsible chaperone for the delegation at all times, and a Coach. Depending on the number of competitors registered, up to three adults may be permitted to accompany the sailors.

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Only teams with 10 or more competitors can enter a maximum of four adults, including the Team Leader (Condition 15.1 for Continental Championships).

- 4.13 Competitors shall be either national or bona fide residents of the country they represent, unless otherwise agreed by the IODA Executive Committee. A competitor who has represented one country at an IODA World or Continental Championship shall not represent another member country except in the case of alteration of residence, which cases shall be approved by the IODA Executive Committee. As per Condition 10.3 of the Optimist Continental Championships, when bona fide resident sailors are members of a team, they shall not be more than 50% of the sailors of their team.
- 4.14 As per World Sailing Regulations Appendix 3, item 19.6 (d) IODA events require competitors to have "World Sailing Eligibility" as defined in items 19.4 and 19.5.

5 ENTRY

- 5.1 Entries shall be made by completing the relevant online registration forms found at <http://2024southamericans.optiworld.org/en/default/races/race> and by paying the **required fees** according to the following schedule:
- 5.1.1 The **First Entry Stage** and a payment for 50% of the total required fees shall be received by the Organising Committee not later than **April 5, 2024**
 - 5.1.2 The **Second Entry Stage** and a payment for the balance of fees (50%) shall be received by the Organising Committee not later than **May 3, 2024**.
 - 5.1.3 The **Final Entry Stage** deadline is **July 30, 2024**. Failure to define the members of the team delegation with the required personal data in the online registration area by this date denotes non-compliance with the entry requirements of this championship, and therefore, by the rules of this Notice of Race, sailors shall no longer be considered competitors and will not be able to compete.

Required payments are 6 (Entry Fees), 15 (Support Team Vessels) and 16 (Charter Boats). Please check payment instructions in items 6.3, 15.5 and 16.7.

- 5.2 A surcharge of 20% will be charged on all late payments to the Organising Committee and includes late payments to the Charter Provider, if applicable, and late payments for early arrival fees.

NOTE: Throughout this document, 'late payment' refers to the amount of money not paid before the relevant deadline, and the surcharge will be applied to the amount paid late, not to the

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total amount due before the deadline, or to the total amount corresponding to the relevant item.

- 5.3 Competitors entering and withdrawing their entry not later than **May 15, 2024**, will be refunded 50% of the deposit (except for any bank costs incurred including those due to the refund). **Competitors withdrawing their entry after this date will not be refunded, including all early arrival fees.** The same schedule applies for any payment made according to paragraphs 15 and 16 **except for the charter boat fees which shall not be refunded.**
- 5.4 Competitors, Team Leaders, Coaches and other adults (when they are members of the official delegation) shall complete the on-site registration at the Race Office. The on-site registration of each competitor shall not be concluded until successful completion of measurement has been confirmed by the Technical Committee (see item 9) to the Race Office.

6 ENTRY FEES

- 6.1 Entry fees will be **USD 900** per competitor and **USD 900** per adult, maximum four adults according to paragraph 4.11.
- 6.2 Accommodation and meals are included in the entry fee for the duration of the Championship (from the official arrival day to the official departure day).
- 6.3 Payment instructions, including banking information, can be found on the PAYMENT page of the online entry system at
<http://2024southamericans.optiworld.org/en/default/races/race>.
- 6.4 Fees shall be paid in USD \$.
- 6.5 Fees shall be free of bank commissions.

7 FORMAT OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP

- 7.1 The Optimist South American Championship comprises three 'championships':
- 7.1.1 The OPTIMIST INDIVIDUAL SOUTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP (ISAM);
 - 7.1.2 The OPTIMIST TEAM RACING SOUTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP (TRSAM);
 - 7.1.3 The OPTIMIST NATIONS CUP (NC).
- 7.2 For the **ISAM**:
- 7.2.1 Entries may be divided into fleets to sail a qualifying series followed by a final series.

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- 7.2.2 The qualifying series will take place on the first 2 days of racing. However, if 5 races of the qualifying series have not been completed by the end of the second scheduled racing day, then the qualifying series will continue on the third ISAM racing day and so on, until a fifth qualifying race is completed, and then the qualifying series will include all races sailed until the end of that day.
- 7.2.3 A qualifying series race will not count until all fleets have completed that race.
- 7.2.4 If 5 races are not completed in the qualifying series for all fleets by the end of the program racing days as described in 8.1, fleets shall not be divided into Gold, Silver, or Bronze. (if applicable).
- 7.3 For the **Team Racing Events**:
 - 7.3.1 Each event is organised for a maximum of 16 teams from members, represented by at least 4 competitors. Each team shall comprise of 4 or 5 competitors of which 4 may sail in each race. Composition of teams is at the discretion of the member. For the TRSAM if there are more than 16 eligible teams and the host member does not qualify a team, it will replace the last qualified team.
 - 7.3.2 For the selection of the teams, as well as for the seeding, the Race Committee will calculate 'Total scores' per group of 4 competitors per member, as explained below. Using the total number of races sailed until the end of the second ISAM racing day, or on **September 3, 2024**, inclusive, the total points of the 4 competitors with the best cumulative results from each member will be added to give a total score for the first team of each member. For members with more than 4 competitors, the total points of the following 4 competitors with the best cumulative results from each member will be added to give a total score for the second team of each member and so on.
 - 7.3.3 For the team racing events, each country may enter one or more teams comprised of four sailors, to a maximum of three teams, if qualified as per the instructions in 7.3.2. No member may enter more than three teams.
 - 7.3.4 No member will be allowed to enter more than one team in the team racing championship they are eligible to participate in unless a suitable umpire for either the TRSAM or the NC is made available (if required) and the name given to the Organising Committee at registration during the Official Arrival Day.
 - 7.3.5 When a member enters more than one team in the same team race event, the position of each team in the grid will be based on each team's total points. Teams with lower total points will be seeded in higher positions.

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- 7.3.6 The total points of the competitors, as mentioned in 7.3.2 will be based on the ranking available at 21:00 on **September 3, 2024**, regardless of protests or requests for redress not yet decided.
- 7.3.7 For members that enter more than one team, they must be identified by coloured ribbons (supplied by the Organising Committee) as follows:

First Team: No Ribbon
 Second Team: Yellow Ribbon
 Third Team: Blue Ribbon

7.4 TRSAM

- 7.4.1 This championship is organised for up to a maximum of 16 teams from IODA Members of South America represented by 4 or 5 competitors of which 4 may sail in each race.
- 7.4.1.1 Teams shall qualify on the basis of total points scored in the INAM as described in 7.3.2.
- 7.4.1.2 If the number of teams eligible to sail in the TRSAM is less than 16, the series will be sailed with the number of existing teams according to a format provided by the IODA PRO.

7.5 OPTIMIST NATIONS CUP

- 7.5.1 This championship is organised for up to a maximum of 16 teams from IODA Members from outside of South America represented by 4 or 5 competitors, of which 4 may sail in each race.
- 7.5.1.1 Teams shall qualify on the basis of points scored in the ISAM as described in 7.3.2.
- 7.5.1.2 If the number of teams eligible to sail in the NC is less than 16, the series will be sailed with the number of existing teams according to a format provided by the IODA PRO.

8 PROGRAM

8.1

August 31	Official Arrival Day. Registration and Measurement. Official accommodation available from 1400.
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September 1	Registration and Measurement. Team Leaders' meeting. Opening Ceremony
September 2	ISAM, Races.
September 3	ISAM, Races.
September 4	TRSAM. NC
September 5	ISAM, Races. Reserve for TRSAM and NC.
September 6	ISAM, Races. Reserve for TRSAM and NC. Prize Giving and Closing Ceremony.
September 7	Official Departure Day.

8.2 Ten (10) races are scheduled with a maximum of three races per day.

9 [DP] MEASUREMENT

- 9.1 Each boat shall produce a valid Registration Book and each sail shall accompanied by the corresponding Sail Measurement Certificate (CR 2.5.6 and 6.1.4)
- 9.2 Competitors shall use only one hull, dagger board, rudder (with tiller and extension), mast, boom, sprit, and sail during the Championship. These parts of the equipment will be scrutineered and may be measured by the Technical Committee according to the Measurement Regulations and approved by the Technical Committee to be complying with the Class Rules.
- 9.3 Repair or substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless prior approval is received in writing by the Technical Committee. Requests shall be made to the Technical Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 9.4 Repair or substitution of damaged equipment may be permitted providing that the relevant form has been completed online in the 'Sailor Account' which is located on the official event microsite <http://2024southamericans.optiworld.org> or on the event APP, and the equipment has been presented for inspection as instructed.
- 9.5 If the repair or substitution is made on the water between races, the equipment shall be presented to the Technical Committee after the end of the day's racing. In this case, the substitution is subject to the approval of the Technical Committee given retrospectively.

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- 9.6 Boats chartered through the Organising Authority shall carry the national letters of the country entering the chartered boat. This may mean a contravention of the Class Rules and is allowed by RRS G3.
- 9.7 Hulls chartered through the Organising Committee are exempt from complying with Class Rule 2.4.3 (b) and (c) and hence from Class Rule 2.4.1.
- 9.8 Competitors are allowed to compete in the championship in boats correctly registered in the country of the competitor or in charter boats officially chartered for the championship through the Organising Committee.
- 9.9 Sails measured to the maximum limits during the measurement days may be inspected again.
- 9.10 Sails to be used during the Championship shall have been measured before inspection at the Championship. If a sail is presented unmeasured (or without the Sail Measurement Certificate) it will be measured at the Championship either by an Official Measurer appointed by the Organising Committee, or by an IODA Measurer. In the latter case the certificate shall be issued at a cost of **USD \$50**, payable to IODA. Measurement of country letters and sail numbers is available for free.
- 9.11 GRP boats shall be equipped with Epoxy foils.
- 9.12 Once measurement has been completed, no item of equipment including the hull may be removed from the boat park or nautical venue without the permission of the Technical Committee. All items of equipment, once measured, shall not be cleaned using any substance other than water unless otherwise permitted by the Technical Committee.

10 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 10.1 Sailing Instructions, along with other governing documents, will be available at <http://2024southamericans.optiworld.org/en/default/races/race>.

11 VENUE

- 11.1 The Championship will be held at the Aguavista Club de Campo in **Encarnación**. The racing area will be the waters of **Parana River**.

VENUE: Aguavista Club de Campo

Address: Av. Fulgencio Yegros,
Barrio Guaraní.
San Juan del Paraná
Paraguay.

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12 THE COURSE

- 12.1 The course for the fleet racing will be an outer loop trapezoid with the finish line at the end of the second windward leg.
- 12.2 For the team racing championships the course will be a starboard 'S' course.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1 Appendix P will apply for the ISAM.
- 13.2 Decisions of the jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

14 SCORING

- 14.1 Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a valid championship.
- 14.2 When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 14.3 When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

15 [NP][DP] SUPPORT TEAM VESSELS

- 15.1 Team support vessels shall be registered with the Organising Committee and used according to the following conditions:
 - 15.1.1 Each vessel shall be a minimum of 4.5 metres in length, shall have a tow rope minimum 15 metres length/10 mm diameter, and shall have a functional 'kill cord', plus anchor chain and tackle adequate for conditions and depth.
 - 15.1.2 Each vessel shall display white flags bearing the three-letter national code of the countries it supports. Flags shall be supplied by the Organising Committee. No other flags shall be displayed by support vessels.
 - 15.1.3 Unless otherwise decided by the Organising Committee, from **August 31** each boat shall meet the requirements of the maximum number of adults per team allowed on the water in support boats as per 15.2 and 15.3 (hereinafter 'coaches') at any one time.

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- 15.1.4 Fuel and other consumables are available in the Marina and shall be paid by teams using the vessel. Cash and Credit cards are accepted.
- 15.1.5 During the team racing days, the support team vessels shall be at the disposal of the Organising Committee.
- 15.1.6 Coaches are encouraged to use a VHF radio. Radios will not be provided, and coaches should bring their own.
- 15.1.7 Coaches and other personnel on support team vessels shall wear a life jacket (PFD) and shall be in compliance with the local law and may also be asked to sign a Disclaimer Form upon registration at the venue. Drivers shall be required to provide an international marine license.
- 15.1.8 Drivers shall attach the “kill cord” of the support team vessel to their person as a safety requirement when the engine of the vessel is running.
- 15.1.9 Personal support team vessels not chartered through the Organising Committee, shall be registered with the Organiser and the following documents to be provided by **July 30, 2024**:
- RIB engine registration document (engine brand name & engine serial numbers)
 - Insurance (including 3rd party liability insurance)
 - Driver's identity document
 - Proof of Int'l Marine License for Driver
- 15.2 The maximum number of coaches per team allowed on the water in support team vessels at any one time shall be:
- Teams comprising 10 or fewer competitors: 1 Coach
Teams comprising 11-20 competitors: 2 Coaches
Teams comprising 21 or more competitors: 3 Coaches
- 15.3 Each support team vessel shall be shared by at least two coaches at all times (except during the team racing, when one coach per vessel might be allowed, if the Organising Authority so decides). The Organising Authority will allocate places in support vessels to coaches who have reserved, subject to the above limits and at its absolute discretion. If a team is entitled to and enters more than one coach, two of these coaches may be allocated to the same vessel.
- 15.4 Teams wishing to have places on chartered support team vessels shall pay for each such place a fee of 50% of the charter fee for the vessel. If the situation demands that more than

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two coaches share a support team vessel, the cost of renting the vessel for the regatta days will be divided by the number of coaches, in which case the difference (between the 50% required and the actual percentage) will be refunded at the end of the championship at the latest.

- 15.5 Team support vessels to be used during the Championship days (**August 31 – September 6**) are available from the Organising Committee at the **support team vessel charter fee of USD \$ 1300 per vessel / \$ 650 per coach.**
- 15.6 For each place on a support team vessel, reservations shall be made by completing the relevant online entry form and by transferring a first payment of 50% of the total amount to be paid, which shall be received on or before **April 5, 2024**. The balance of fees (50%) shall be received on or before **May 3, 2024**. Payment instructions can be found on the PAYMENT page of the online entry system at <http://2024southamericans.optiworld.org/en/default/races/race>. Availability of places on support vessels is not guaranteed for reservations and/or payments made after **April 5, 2024**.
- 15.7 A damage deposit of **USD \$800** per support team vessel will be charged at registration at the venue and refunded at the end of the championship provided the vessel is in good condition. Should the Organising Committee decide to deduct from the damage deposit, it may require that the deposit be restored to its original amount before the coaches are permitted to use the vessel again. Any remaining deposit will be refunded at the end of the Championship. Damage deductions will be shared by the teams using the boat. **Damage deposits shall be paid in cash (USD \$) only.**
- 15.8 A surcharge of 20% will be charged to late reservations and/or payments of support team vessels.

16 [NP][DP]CHARTER BOATS

- 16.1 Charter boats are not mandatory.
- 16.2 The charter boats will be provided by the Organising Committee. The method of allocation of charter boats shall be defined by the IODA Executive Committee.
- 16.3 Competitors shall not modify the boats or cause them to be modified in any way except that:
 - A compass may be tied or taped to the hull or spars;
 - Wind indicators, including yarn or thread, may be tied or taped anywhere on the boat;
 - Adhesive tape may be used anywhere above the water line;
 - All fittings or equipment designed to be adjusted may be adjusted, provided that the Class Rules are complied with.

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- 16.4 Competitors may use their own foils, spars, fittings and running rigging.
- 16.5 Charter boats will be delivered:
WITH: two mainsheet blocks attached to the hull (one of them a ratchet block), airbags, padded toe straps, shock-cord to keep the dagger board in place (Class Rule 3.3.5), racing spars, racing foils, and trolley.
WITHOUT: mainsheet, block and becket (to attach the mainsheet to the boom), bowline, paddle, bailers, dagger board safety cord (Class Rule 3.3.4), wind indicator or any fitting at the top of the mast to secure the lacing lines at the throat point.
- 16.6 Sails will not be provided.
- 16.7 The charter fee for 7 championship days (**August 31 – Sept 6**) will be **USD \$500** per boat.
- 16.8 Reservation of charter boats shall be made by completing the online Charter Boat Reservation Form and by transferring **50% of the total charter fee** on or before **April 5, 2024**. The balance of the charter fee (50%) shall be due on **May 3, 2024**. Payment instructions are found on the **PAYMENT** page of the online entry system at <http://2024southamericans.optiworld.org/en/default/races/race> Charter boat fees shall not be refunded.
- 16.9 Fees shall be free of bank commissions. Any bank fee will be charged to the competitors.
- 16.10 Late registrations and payments will incur a surcharge of 20% of the charter fee. Charter boat availability will not be guaranteed for reservations and/or payments made later than **April 5, 2024**.
- 16.11 In addition to the charter fee a damage deposit of **USD \$200** will be required on receipt of each boat, to be refunded if no damage has occurred. Damage deposits shall be made in cash (USD \$) only.

17 PRIZES

- 17.1 For the **ISAM** prizes will be awarded at least to:
- 17.1.1 The 15 best placed sailors without gender distinction, regardless of their continent of residence.
 - 17.1.2 The 3 best placed sailors, without gender distinction, whose IODA member is South American. The first of these 3 sailors shall become the 2024 South American Champion.
 - 17.1.3 The 5 best placed girl sailors, regardless of their continent of residence.
 - 17.1.4 The best placed boy sailor regardless of his continent of residence.
 - 17.1.5 The best placed girl sailor whose IODA member is South American.

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17.1.6 The best placed boy sailor whose IODA member is South American.

17.1.7 The top three sailors in Silver and Bronze fleets (if applicable).

17.2 For the **Team Racing Championships**, prizes will be awarded to each member of at least the following teams:

17.2.1 The three best placed teams in the TRSAM. The first of these teams shall be the 2024 South American Team Racing Champion.

17.2.2 The three best placed teams in the 2024 Optimist Nations Cup.

18 RISK STATEMENT

18.1 RRS 3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone." By participating in this event each competitor and the responsible adult agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia, or other causes.**

19 INSURANCE

19.1 The purchase of third-party liability insurance from IODA is mandatory. The purchase will be arranged through the IODA at a cost of **USD \$12** per competitor and per coach and payable to IODA by the end of registration at the venue.

Note: There is a EURO €150 deductible payable on any claim.

20 MEDIA RIGHTS

20.1 By participating in this championship, a competitor automatically grants to the Organising Authority, the IODA, and the sponsors of the championship, the right in perpetuity to make, use, and show at their discretion any motion pictures, still pictures, and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of him or her during the championship, and of all of his or her material related to the championship, without compensation.



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21 FURTHER INFORMATION

21.1 For further information please contact:

Chairman	Francisco Leri, Chairman of the Organising Committee
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21.2 Each participating country shall designate a person to be the official contact with the Organising Committee and provide an email address.

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ATTACHMENT 1: RACING AREA



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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

A. BEHAVIOUR

Team members and officials shall observe the regulations of the host club and the house rules of the hotel and shall behave correctly at all times. Bad behaviour at any time, whether on shore or afloat; with or without any damage to the facilities, may be investigated by the Jury who may call a hearing and impose a scoring penalty when appropriate.

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE RULES OF THE EVENT

B. ACCOMMODATION, LOCAL, TRANSPORTATION AND MEALS

- B.1 Competitors and team officials will be housed in the official event accommodation: **Hotel Carnaval** Website: <https://www.carnavalhotelcasino.com.py> and **Hotel La Trinidad** Website: <https://www.hoteldelatrinidad.com.py> For more information: Contact: Francisco Leri Email: sudoptipar2024@fepave.org.py WhatsApp: +595982171000 Official accommodations will be available from **14:00 on August 31 until 11:00 on September 7**.
- B.2 All three meals will be provided. Breakfast and dinner will be served in the hotel. Packed lunches will be distributed at the nautical venue. The first official meal will be dinner on **August 31** and the last official meal will be breakfast on **September 7**.
- B.3 A damage deposit of **USD 200** per team is required to be paid upon check in. Extra charges are the responsibility of the team delegations and will be paid directly to the hotel and may be paid in cash or by credit card, including any damages accessed to the rooms by the hotel during the stay or at check-out. The hotel accepts all international credit cards.
- B.4 The distance between the hotel and the nautical venue is 14 kilometres or approximately a 20-minute bus ride. Busses during the championship days will be provided for free by the Organiser and a schedule posted closer to the event. It will be possible to reserve a place on a shuttle bus during the early arrival days for transport between the hotel and the venue, for a nominal fee per person, by contacting **the Organiser** by May 3 at email: sudoptipar2024@fepave.org.py
- B.5 Any extra charges will be paid directly to the hotel and may be paid by credit card.
- B.6 Special food can be provided if requested in advance. Please include full details of any special request by filling in the relevant field in the online entry form at <http://2024southamericans.optiworld.org/en/default/races/race> .

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C. EARLY ARRIVALS

- C.1 Teams wishing to arrive before the Official Arrival Day starting from **August 24, 2024**, should complete the relevant fields of the online entry system and transfer the USD\$ amount equivalent to the total (100%) required by April 5, 2024. The daily fee for early arrival will be **USD \$70 per person per day and includes breakfast**. All accommodation shall be shared as per IODA Condition 15.1
- C.2 The regatta facilities will be open from **August 24, 2024**.

D. EARLY ARRIVAL TEAM SUPPORT VESSELS

- D.1 It is possible to rent a team support vessel to be used before the Official Arrival Day, from **August 24** at **USD \$180 per vessel per day** excluding fuel. The vessel shall be shared between two teams. Reservation of such boats shall be made by filling in the relevant fields in the Team Support Vessel Reservation Form on the online entry system and **by transferring a sum equivalent to the total amount (100%)** which shall be received on or before **April 5, 2024**, to guarantee availability. Allocation of early arrival support vessels will be made in order of arrival.
- D.2 In addition to the Team Support Vessel charter fee a **damage deposit of USD \$800 per boat** will be required upon receipt of each vessel, payable IN CASH ONLY, to be refunded if no damage has occurred.
- D.3 Late reservation and payments of pre-Regatta support boats will incur a surcharge of 20%.

E. EARLY ARRIVAL CHARTER BOATS

- E.1 Charter boats will also be available before the Official Arrival Day from **August 24, 2024**, at **USD \$40 per boat per day**. Reservations of pre-Championship charter boats shall be made by filling in the relevant fields of the online entry system and **by transferring a sum equivalent to the total amount (100%)** on or before **April 5, 2024**. Charter boat fees shall not be refunded.
- E.2 In addition to the charter boat fee, a damage deposit of **USD \$200** per boat will be required, payable IN CASH ONLY, upon receipt of each boat. The damage deposit will be refunded if no damage has occurred.
- E.3 Late reservations and payments of pre-Championship charter boats will incur a surcharge of 20%. Charter boat fees shall not be refunded.

F. TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM THE AIRPORT

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- F.1 There are two ways to get to Encarnación. **1. Asunción, Paraguay (Silvio Pettirossi Intl. Airport)** – transport by bus to Encarnación is approximately 6 hours. Estimated cost per person per trip is USD \$50 one way. A special bus for delegations can be arranged. **2. Posadas Airport (PSS), Argentina** – travel is approximately 1 hour by bus (20 km) to Encarnación depending upon time of arrival to coordinate border crossing. The estimated cost per person per trip is USD \$15 one way. A special bus can be arranged in advance.

Please make your reservation by the deadline of **May 3, 2024**, by contacting **the Organiser** at email: sudoptimar2024@fepave.org.py.

G. GENERAL HEALTH INFORMATION

- G.1 It is advisable to check <http://www.healthmap.org/en>, consult your travel agent, or the Consulate General of your country for the current health advisory regarding travel to Paraguay. **Yellow Fever Vaccine** is mandatory for travellers from Brazil, Peru, Venezuela, and Bolivia. Please also check <https://dgvs.mspps.gov.py/salud-del-viajero/requisitos-para-ingresar-a-paraguay>
- G.2 Any personal protection, such as face masks or neck buffs, may be worn at each person's discretion.
- G.3 It is the responsibility of all delegations, especially those travelling from international locations, to carefully review all Covid-19 risk mitigation laws in place in Paraguay prior to arrival. It is strongly recommended by the Organising Committee to have a current COVID 19 vaccination card.

H. SUPPORTERS

Supporters shall make their own reservations.

I. SOCIAL EVENTS

To enhance the friendship between the competitors and to make their stay in Paraguay more enjoyable, appropriate social events will be organised. Casual attire will suffice.

J. MISCELLANEOUS

- J.1 Each team is kindly requested to bring its own National Flag (100cm X 150 cm).
J.2 The official currency in Paraguay is the Guarani. USD \$ are also accepted.

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- J.3 *Delegations are encouraged to bring clothing suitable to changeable conditions including for wind and rain. The estimated daily temperature will be 15 – 25 Celsius. A splash top is recommended. For evening attire, a jacket or sweater may be required.*

K. SAILING CONDITIONS

Daytime air temperature	15 – 28 Celsius
Water Temperature	18 Celsius
Prevailing Wind Direction	Southeast
Wind Speed	6 – 20 Knots
Hours of Good Wind	5 Hours
Tide	None
Current	Yes

L. VISA REQUIREMENTS

Visas may be required, and delegations should contact their travel agency or Consulate in their country to inquire about VISA requirements. Information is also available at: <https://www.migraciones.gov.py/index.php/tramites/informacion-sobre-visas>

A letter of invitation can be provided upon request by contacting the Organising Committee by the **Second Entry Deadline of May 3, 2024** and **allow minimum 14 days for processing**. Should any delegation need special assistance, please send a detailed email to the Organiser at sudoptipar2024@fepave.org.py.

It is strongly recommended that minor children travelling without parents have a notarized authorization to travel with the Team Leader/Coach as their adult chaperone, obtainable in your country of origin.

M. SPECTATOR VESSEL

A spectator vessel may be arranged for parents, supporters and guests. More details will be available closer to the Official Arrival Day for the event.

N. CHANDLERY AND REPAIRS

Chandlery and repairs will be available at the shore venue.

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0. SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS

ITEM	COST – USD \$		
REQUIRED PAYMENTS			NOR
Entry Fee - Competitors	USD \$ 900	1 st Entry: - 50% April 5, 2024 2 nd Entry: - 50% May 3, 2024	5 & 6
Entry Fee - Adults	USD \$ 900	1 st Entry: - 50% April 5, 2024 2 nd Entry: - 50% May 3, 2024	5 & 6
Support Boat Fee	USD \$ 1300 per vessel/USD \$ 650 per coach	1 st Entry: - 50% April 5, 2024 2 nd Entry: - 50% May 3, 2024 Fuel not included.	15.5, 15.6
Damage Deposit - Support Boat	USD \$ 800 per vessel/USD \$ 400 per coach	To be paid upon receipt of boat. Refundable. CASH ONLY	15.7, D.2
Charter Boat Fee	USD \$ 500 per boat	1 st Entry: - 50% April 5, 2024 2 nd Entry: - 50% May 3, 2024	16.7, 16.8
Damage Deposit - Charter Boat	USD \$ 200	To be paid upon receipt of boat. Refundable. CASH ONLY	16.11, E.2
Sail Measurement	USD \$ 50	Sails without certificate, payable to IODA.	9.10
Insurance	USD \$ 12	Competitors and coaches	19
Surcharge	20%	Late payments. Depends on item.	Various: see NOTE in 5.3
OPTIONAL PAYMENTS			Extra info sheet
Accommodation Early Arrivals	USD \$ 70 per person/per day	Includes Breakfast. 100% due April 5, 2024.	C.1
Support Boat Early Arrivals	USD \$ 180 per vessel day	Fuel not included. 100% due April 5, 2024	D.1
Charter Boat Early Arrivals	USD \$ 40 per boat per day	100% due April 5, 2024	E.1
Transportation Airport	Depends upon which airport is used.	To be arranged by Second Entry Date	F
Surcharge	20%	Late payment	Various but see 5.3