



2025 Canadian Fireball Championships

Jericho Sailing Centre Association
Vancouver, BC

Sailing Instructions

The notation '[NP]' denotes that a breach of this rule will not be grounds for a protest or request of redress by a boat. This changes [RRS 60.1\(a\)](#).

1 Rules

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 [DP] [RRS 40](#) and the preamble to Part IV are amended so that competitors shall wear personal flotation devices at all times while on the water except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits or dry suits do not qualify as personal flotation devices. This changes [RRS 40](#).

2 Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900H on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000H on the day before it will take effect.
- 2.2 Changes to a sailing instruction may be made on the water by flying signal flag L and by hailing all yachts.

3 Communications With Competitors

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the foyer of the Jericho Sailing Centre, 1300 Discovery St, Vancouver, BC.
- 3.2 The race office is located at the Jericho Sailing Centre, 1300 Discovery St., Vancouver BC, telephone 604.224.4177, email info@jsca.bc.ca.
- 3.3 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4 Code of Conduct

- 4.1 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5 Signals Made Ashore

- 5.1** Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole adjacent to ramp 2 near the Northeast corner of the Jericho Sailing Centre.
- 5.2** When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

6 Class Flags

- 6.1** The official Fireball class flag will be used – blue flag with red circle in the center.

7 Courses

- 7.1** The diagrams below show the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

8 Marks

- 8.1** Marks are inflatable tetrahedrons.

9 Obstructions

- 9.1** A line beginning at the northwest corner of the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club Jericho break-water, through a series of orange and white can buoys ending with the north end of the most westerly pier at Jericho Sailing Centre, delimits an obstruction. Boats may not pass south of this line.
- 9.2** Swimming areas demarked by special purpose buoys along the south shore of English Bay are considered an obstruction.

10 The Start

- 10.1** [RRS 26](#) is changed to:

Races shall be started by using the following signals. Times shall be taken from the visual signals; the absence of a sound signal shall be disregarded.

| <i>Minutes before starting signal</i> | <i>Visual signal</i> | <i>Sound signal</i> | <i>Means</i> |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| 3 | Class flag | One | Warning signal |
| 2 | P, I, Z, Z with I, U, or black flag | One | Preparatory signal |
| 1 | Preparatory flag removed | One | One minute |
| 0 | Class flag removed | One | Starting signal |

- 10.2** The starting line is between an orange mast on the race committee signal boat and a staff displaying a red flag.
- 10.3** If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to hail her sail number. Failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes [RRS 62.1\(a\)](#).
- 10.4** A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes [RRS A5.1](#) and [A5.2](#).

11 Change of the Next Leg of the Course

- 11.1** To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

12 The Finish

- 12.1** The finishing line is between an orange mast on the race committee signal boat and a staff displaying a blue flag.

13 Time Limits

- 13.1** The Mark 1 Time Limit, Race Time Limit (see [RRS 35](#)), and the Finishing Window are as follows:
Mark 1 Time Limit: 30 minutes
Race Time Limit: 90 minutes
Finishing Window: 30 minutes.
- 13.2** If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.
- 13.3** The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Competitors failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not having retired, may be scored in their place as determined by the Race Committee instead of DNF. This action will not be open for redress. This changes [RRS A3, A4 and A5.2](#).

14 Hearing Requests

- 14.1** The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the race committee arrives ashore.
- 14.2** Hearing request forms are available at https://jsca.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/Protest_Form_EN.pdf or from the Jericho Sailing Centre Office.
- 14.3** 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 person, beginning at the time posted.

15 Safety Regulations

- 15.1** [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

16 Trash Disposal

- 16.1** Trash may be placed aboard official or support person vessels.

17 Risk Statement

- 17.1** [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 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.

18 Disclaimer of Liability

- 18.1** Competitors participate in the 2025 Canadian Fireball Championship entirely at their own risk. See [RRS 3](#), Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the 2025 Jericho Classic Regatta.

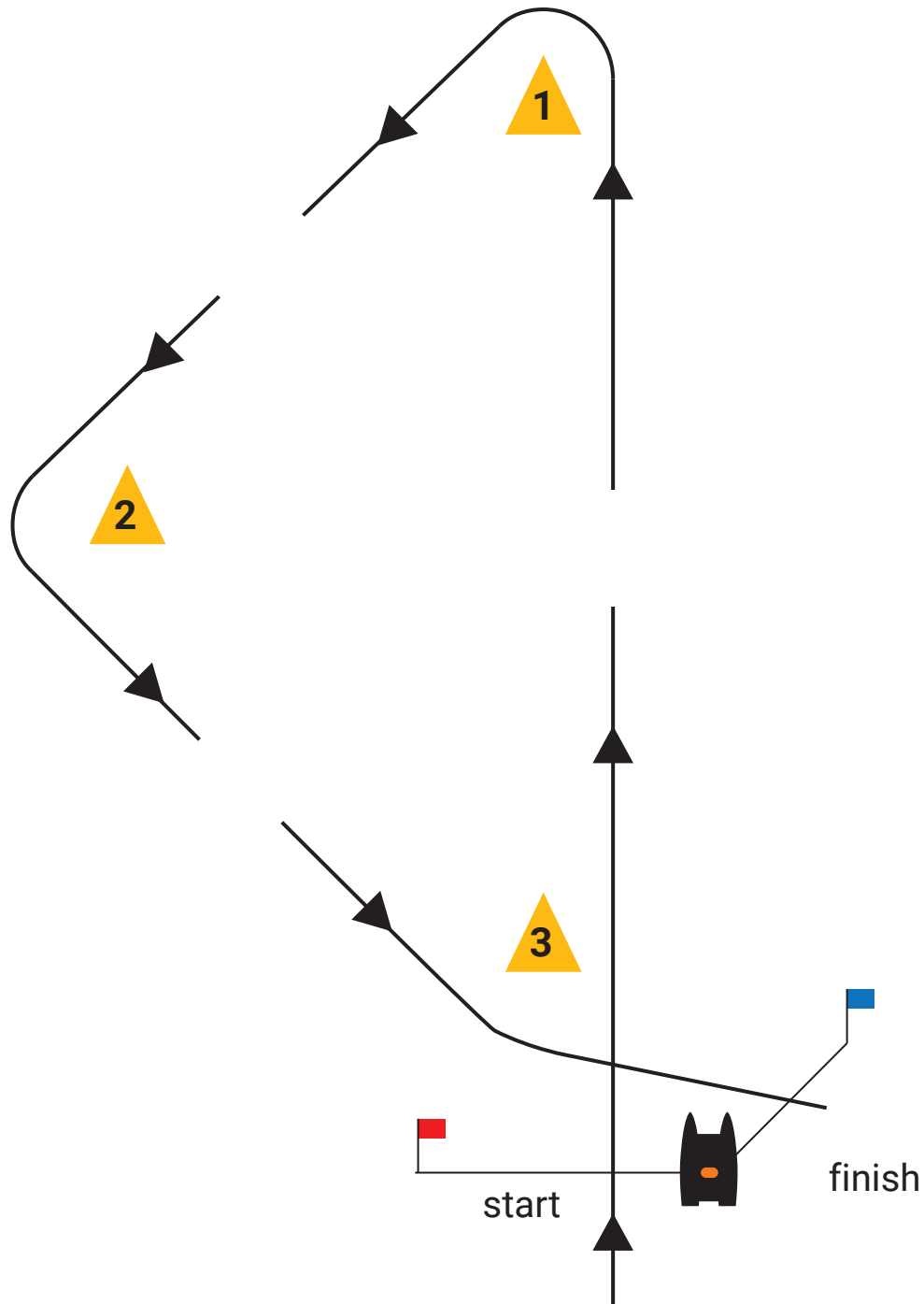
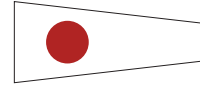
19 Rights to Use Names and Likeness

- 19.1** By participating in the 2025 Canadian Fireball Championships competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation

Course 1 – Standard Triangle

Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – Finish

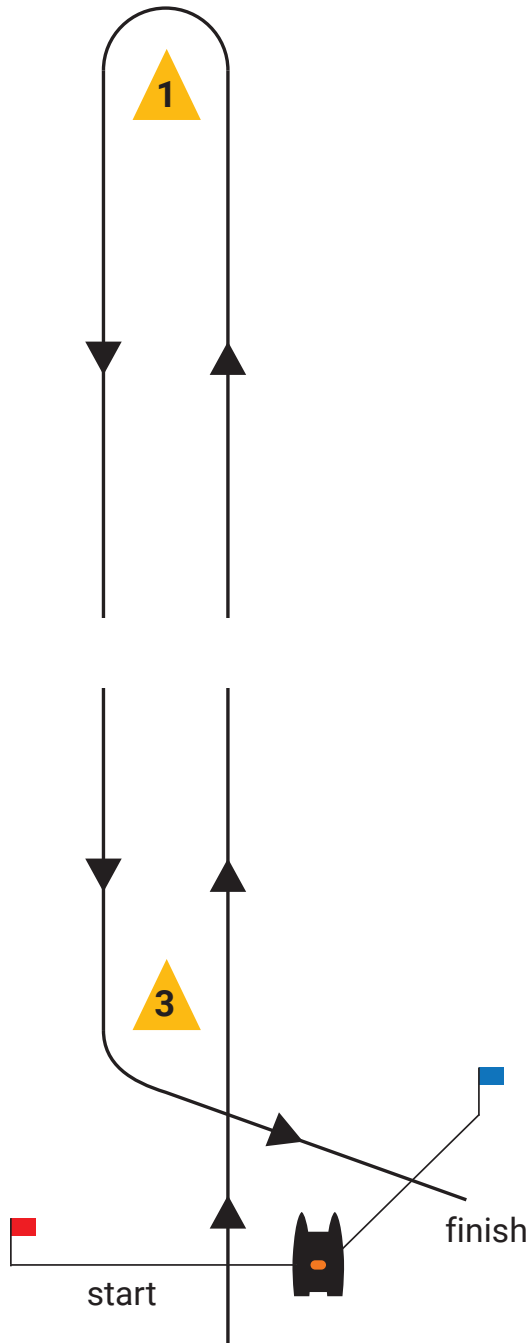
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Course 2 – Windward Leeward

Start – 1 – 3 – Finish

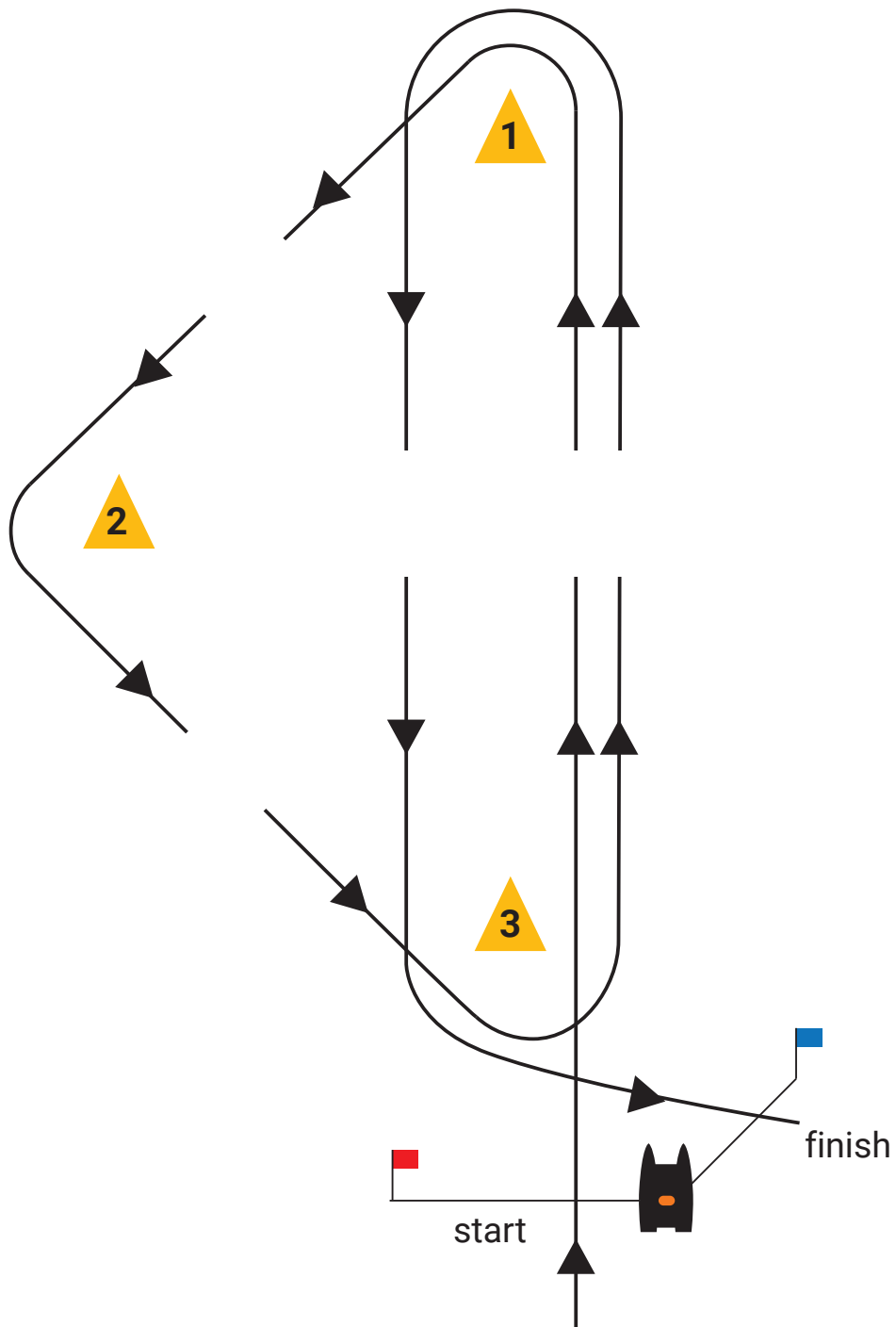
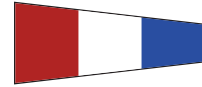
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Course 3 – Triangle-Windward-Leeward (Bermudan Triangle)

Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – Finish

Marks 1, 2 and 3 are yellow or orange tetrahedrons.



Course 4 – Windward Leeward twice round

Start – 1 – 3 – 1 – 3 – Finish

Marks 1 and 3 are yellow or orange tetrahedrons.

