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# Athlete Media Regulations



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## **1. [NP] General**

- 1.1. The Athlete Media Regulations (AMR) outlines the media environment that will be in operation during the Paris 2024 Olympic Sailing Competition and sets out how athletes will engage with media and associated obligations.
- 1.2. The Athlete Media Regulations shall apply from 20 July to 10 August 2024.
- 1.3. By participating in the Olympic Games, athletes automatically grant to the Organizing Authority, their sponsors and World Sailing the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television, audio and other reproductions of the athlete during the period of the competition without compensation.
- 1.4. The Notice of Race (NoR), Sailing Instructions (SI), Equipment Regulations (ER) and other supporting documents on penalties clarify the media obligations where penalties will be applied. These are referenced by [SP] (standard penalty) or [DP] (discretionary penalty) in this document.
- 1.5. Supporting documents that may provide more information to athletes include the competition schedule and Equipment Regulations for tracking system and on-board camera information.
- 1.6. The Marseille Marina venue will host up to 12,500 ticketed spectators each day. It is expected that many more non-ticketed spectators will watch the sailing competition from other vantage points around the Sailing Field of Play. The Organizing Authority race area allocation strategy aims to provide a good spectator experience whilst providing excellent racing.

## **2. [NP] Media Representation**

- 2.1. Approximately 250 media representatives are expected to attend the Paris 2024 Olympic Sailing Competition. All authorised media personnel will be identified by appropriate accreditation, which determines their access to defined areas in the Venue and on the Sailing Field of Play.
- 2.2. Olympic Broadcasting Services (OBS) is appointed by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) as the host broadcaster for the Olympic Games. OBS will produce and transmit unbiased live television coverage. OBS has priority media access to defined areas in the Venue and on the Field of Play, including the boat parks, the race officials booth, the pitlane, the mixed zones and media conferences.
- 2.3. The IOC has established the Olympic Information Service (OIS) with staff reporters who will generate generic news content including athlete comments that will be made available to all reporters.
- 2.4. World Sailing will be in attendance to generate reports and pictures for use by all press and media.
- 2.5. Accredited press vessels will be clearly identified on the water by a green flag with 'PRS' in black. The movement of media vessels will be controlled on all race areas to ensure minimal disturbance to racing, with additional restrictions for the Marseille and Corniche race areas.
- 2.6. All press and other vessels are restricted to designated areas defined in the Paris 2024 Official Vessel Regulations.

## **3. [NP] OBS Footage and Omega Timing and Scoring Data**

- 3.1. OBS and Omega will not provide television footage, timing and scoring to athletes, support persons or NOCs. Requests for access will be refused. The Organizing Authority may request that OBS and Omega provide television footage or timing and scoring data where it may help determine the outcome of a hearing or redress case. World Sailing has appointed dedicated International Technical Officials who have access to all footage and data and will inform the International Jury of any potentially relevant information.

## **4. [NP] Athlete Media Requirements**

- 4.1. Before competition/before racing:
  - 4.1.1. Athletes shall have their photograph taken before the start of their event by representatives of the IOC and Paris 2024 for use in media outputs such as tv graphics, screens within the venue and online profiles. Athletes shall present to the Race Office in Building 1 wearing their NOC uniform for the photograph on 23 July, 24 July or 31 July. Windsurfing and Skiff athletes shall attend 23 July or 24 July session.
  - 4.1.2. Athletes may be required to attend press conferences / interviews on training and racing days.
  - 4.1.3. [SP] A tracking socket will be fitted to boats before the start of competition as defined in the Equipment Regulations. Athletes shall collect and securely fit the tracker before racing each day as defined in the Sailing Instructions.
  - 4.1.4. [SP] Athletes shall permit an on-board camera or dummy camera to be mounted on the boat when requested to do so as defined in the Equipment Regulations.

- 4.1.5. [SP] Athletes shall wear Paris 2024 bibs on the outside of all other clothing and personal items, including harness and PFDs at all times while afloat, except while briefly changing clothing, receiving medical treatment, or whilst not racing (but athletes are requested to wear their bibs on the way out to the course area and on the way back to aid media identification).
- 4.1.6. [DP] Bibs are available from the Sport Information Desk and it is recommended that Team Leaders collect all the bibs for all their athletes when they first arrive at the venue. The bib shall be worn such the pocket for the microphone is on the athlete's front and their NOC code is clearly visible. Event leaders (1st, 2nd and 3rd) shall wear Paris 2024 coloured bibs. First shall wear yellow, second shall wear blue and third shall wear pink and all other boats shall wear white unless instructed otherwise by the OA.
- 4.1.7. [DP] Athletes in their first scheduled race for that day shall 'check in' when they transit to the Marseille or Corniche race areas by sailing to starboard of the pink tetrahedron mark situated in front of the spectator area and the nearby shoreline. Athletes in subsequent races are encouraged to 'check in' if there is time to do so.
- 4.1.8. [DP] The first, second and third boats in the last of race of the day shall 'check out' by sailing past the spectator area to port of the pink tetrahedron mark and the shoreline as soon as reasonably possible after finishing their last race of the day.
- 4.2. Sailing out, pre-start and training:
  - 4.2.1. Athletes may be photographed whilst sailing on the field of play. An athlete may signal to be left alone by holding an arm out with a palm-facing open hand showing towards the media vessel(s) concerned.
  - 4.2.2. The media are excluded from the race area before racing from the time when the orange flag is displayed on the Race Committee vessel as defined in the Official Vessel Regulations.
- 4.3. During racing:
  - 4.3.1. All media and other vessels are restricted to designated areas defined in the Paris 2024 Official Vessel Regulations.
- 4.4. End of race:
  - 4.4.1. Rights holding broadcasters may request on water interviews from athletes.
- 4.5. Return to shore:
  - 4.5.1. [DP] Athletes shall walk through the mixed zone in their boat park on return to shore but are not obliged to speak to the media. Athletes will go through the broadcast section of the mixed zone before reaching the press section. Reporters from the OIS will work in the mixed zone to gather athlete comments for flash quotes.
  - 4.5.2. National Olympic Committee (NOC) press attaches shall be permitted to meet their athletes on the pathway of the mixed zone, but this is limited to the press section only. Press attaches must be wearing their armband (distributed by the IOC) and must abide by the agreed rules of conduct.
  - 4.5.3. Paris 2024 volunteers will be on hand to support athletes at the mixed zone if required.
  - 4.5.4. [DP] All athletes shall attend a press conference on request from the Organizing Authority. Selected athletes shall be invited to the media conference via their team leader, team press officer or press attaches.
  - 4.5.5. [DP] Athletes may be asked to be available for interviews outside the formal mixed zone and media conferences, on either training or competition days. This may include contributing to the spectator experience by engaging with the Paris 2024 sport presentation or spectator experience teams.

## **5. [NP] Additional Medal Race and Medal Series Requirements**

- 5.1. A designated mixed zone will be adjacent to Pit Lane. OBS will have access to Pit Lane.
- 5.2. Athletes shall attend the Finalists Presentation held in the ceremonies area, dressed in their racing attire including bib however the PFD is optional. The Finalists Presentation for each Event will be held 1 hour and 30 minutes before the first scheduled race of their Event and athletes are requested to arrive no later than 10 minutes before the start of the presentation to receive their instructions.
- 5.3. Athletes in the first scheduled medal race or medal series race for that day shall 'check in' when they arrive at the Marseille race area by sailing to starboard of the pink tetrahedron mark situated in front of the spectator area and the nearby shoreline. Athletes in subsequent medal races or medal series races are encouraged to 'check in' if there is time to do so.

- 5.4. The three medal-winning boats shall 'check out' by sailing past the spectator area to port of the pink tetrahedron mark and the shoreline as soon as reasonably possible after finishing their race before leaving the race area.

## **6. Victory Ceremonies**

- 6.1. [DP] All medal winners shall attend a press conference immediately after the Victory Ceremony.

## **7. [NP] Additional Information**

- 7.1. Medal winners shall be requested to attend the Marseille Marina spectator venue on a subsequent day. Athletes may be asked to give live interviews or contribute to race analysis.
- 7.2. World Sailing may also request that athletes attend additional interviews.