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**UK RS FEVA CLASS ASSOCIATION
GRAND PRIX NOTICE OF SERIES 2024/25**

Organising Authority – UK RS Feva Class Association in conjunction with host sailing / yacht clubs of the various events nominated to be part of the UK RS Feva Grand Prix Series 2024/2025

1 PROGRAMME

1.1 The UK RS Feva Class Association will organise events throughout the year in conjunction with a selection of sailing clubs. Events governed by this notice will be UK RS Feva Class Association organised Grand Prix Series.

Event	Venue	Date
Rooster GP1	Ballyholme Yacht Club	17 th - 18 th August 2024
Rooster GP2 Autumn Championships	Hayling Island Sailing Club	19 th - 20 th October 2024
Rooster GP3 Winter Championships	Weymouth & Portland National Sailing Academy	16 th - 17 th November 2024
Rooster GP4 Spring Championships	Draycote Water Sailing Club	22 nd - 23 rd March 2024
Rooster GP5 Inlands Championships	Burton Sailing Club	26 th - 27 th April 2024
Rooster GP6	Parkstone YC	28 th - 29 th June 2024

Further details of the events and their locations will be published on the UK RS Feva Class Association website, www.rsfeva.org.uk

1.2 The UK RS Feva Class Association may organise additional events or cancel scheduled events if it thinks fit. Members of the Class Association will be informed of such changes through the UK RS Feva Class Association website, news letter or mailings.

2 RULES

- 2.1 All events are governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 2.2 [DP] Competitors shall participate in accordance with the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) Racing Charter.
- 2.3 In addition an **event specific sailing instruction appendix** will be published with additions and amendments specific to that event only.
- 2.4 [DP] All participants (competitors, support persons and officials) are expected to follow current government COVID-19 guidelines and legislation. Breaches of these and any event Covid protocols (issued as an attachment to the NoR or SI) may be misconduct and subject to RRS 69. These will not be subject to protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1.
- 2.5 Each personal flotation device shall have a Solas approved whistle attached by a lanyard.

3 ADVERTISING

- 3.1 Event advertising may be required to be displayed as permitted by World Sailing Regulation 20 and shall be displayed as detailed in instructions provided at the event.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The events are open to all boats of the RS Feva class.
- 4.2 All competitors shall be a current member of the UK RS Feva Class Association UK, membership runs from January – December
- 4.3 Eligible boats may enter by:
- (a) completing the on-line entry form at www.rsfeva.org.uk,
 - (b) making the required entry fee payment.

All competitors shall hold third party liability insurance valid in the United Kingdom reflecting a minimum of £3 million.

- 4.4 Entry:
- a) Early bird entry fee is £85, standard entry fee is £100 and will be applied the last 2 weeks before entry closes. Any changes will be advised at the point of entry for each Event.
 - b) Online entry closes at mid-night on the Tuesday prior to each event.
 - c) Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the organising authority and if accepted may be subject to an increase in entry fee of £10.00.

- 4.5 Boat trolleys shall be clearly labelled with the sail number.

- 4.6 Refund conditions:
If an entry is cancelled by the competitor their entry fee will be refunded as follows:
- a) Cancellation up to 2 weeks (14 days) prior to the event a refund of the entry fee less £5 admin charge.
 - b) Cancellation within the last 2 weeks prior to the event: No refund.

5 SCHEDULE

- 5.1 Details of the schedule for each event will be available on the UK RS Feva Class Association website in the **event specific appendix** 2 weeks before each event.

6 COMMUNICATIONS

- 6.1 The Series Official Notice Board (Series ONB) is located on the ‘Grand Prix Series Page’ at www.rsfeva.org.uk.

6.2 The UK RS Feva Class Association Grand Prix Series Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Series ONB.

6.3 Individual events may have an event notice board. The location will be notified in the event sailing instructions.

6.4 Communications with competitors may use 'WhatsApp', but this does not replace the official notice boards.

7 COURSES

7.1 Courses to be sailed, will be published in the Grand Prix Series Sailing Instructions.

8 SCORING

8.1 For each event in the series, in RRS Appendix A change, 'boat' to 'competitor' throughout.

8.2 For the 2024/25 Grand Prix series, the best 4 events count towards the overall series score based on the finishing position in each event. When an event is not attended the score for that event shall be total number of series entries +1.

9 RADIO COMMUNICATION

9.1 [DP] 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 telephones.

10 SUPPORT

10.1 The Class Association aims to provide a coach boat at each GP which will offer limited support to all sailors during the event. The coach and boat used will be announced in the morning briefing.

10.2 The **SSI** will specify if additional support boats are allowed.

11 PRIZES

11.1 As a minimum & dependent on number of entries for each event 1st – 3rd Overall in specific grand prix events and 1st – 3rd Overall in the Grand Prix Series. Overall series 1st - 3rd will be awarded to helm and crew 18 or under on the 31st August 2025.

12 RISK STATEMENT

12.1 Rule 3 of the RRS 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:

- a) 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;
- b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their property whether afloat or ashore;
- c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own action or omissions;
- d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- e) 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;

- f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

13 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per event or the equivalent.

14 IMAGE RIGHTS, COPYRIGHT and USE OF DRONES

14.1 By participating in the UK RS Feva Class Association organised Grand Prix Events, all competitors and support persons automatically grant to the Organising Authority, the National and International Class Associations permission to make, use and show, from time to time, any images or audio, moving or still, recorded or televised and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the event without compensation, in perpetuity.

14.2 Drones, (UAVs/UASs), authorised by the Organising Authority may be used in close proximity to boats and competitors to obtain images at the venue or over the race area. Any material so obtained may be used by the Organising Authority for the benefit of the Organising Authority and its partners.

Please refer to the International RS Feva policy for aerial photography from unmanned aerial vehicles (drones) - <https://www.rsfeva.org/docs/RSFevadronepolicy.pdf>

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