

2011 Technical Rule Changes - Vote Now!

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The following rule changes have been approved by the World Council and Advisory Council. They are now submitted to Laser Class Association members for voting. Please take a few minutes make your vote.

The Council consider that all the changes are minor and do not affect the one design nature of the Laser. The changes are listed below together with the reasons for the change. All votes are checked with national records to confirm class membership.

Our class rules require that the voting process has to remain open for 6 months. The changes also have to be approved by ISAF. During this process some minor rewording can occur without changing the principle.

Proposed changes are underlined.

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Feedback

Technical Rule Changes

Mainsheet - Rule 3(c)i

Current Rule

The mainsheet shall be a single line, and be attached to the becket of the aft boom block, and then passed through the traveller block, the aft boom block, boom eye strap, forward boom block and the mainsheet block. After the mainsheet block it shall be knotted. The mainsheet shall not be controlled aft of the forward boom block except to facilitate a tack or gybe.

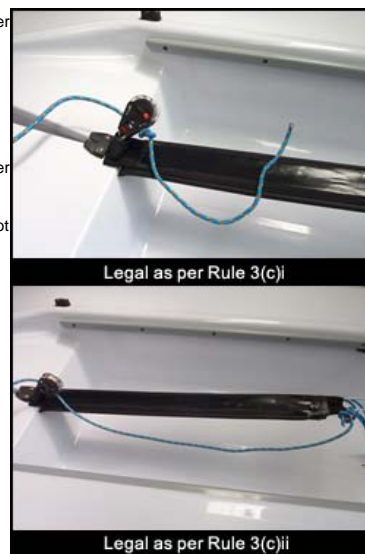
Proposed Change

The mainsheet shall be a single line, and be attached to the becket of the aft boom block, and then passed through the traveller block, the aft boom block, boom eye strap, forward boom block and the mainsheet block. After the mainsheet block it shall be knotted, or tied, so that the end of the mainsheet cannot pull through the mainsheet block. The mainsheet shall not be controlled aft of the forward boom block except to facilitate a tack or gybe.

Reason for change

To clarify the rule.

Rule 3(c)i Change: *



Mainsheet - Rule 3(c)ii

Current Rule

The tail of the mainsheet may also be knotted or tied to either the base of the mainsheet block, the hiking strap, the hiking strap support line, or the hiking strap shock cord.

Proposed Change

The tail of the mainsheet may also be knotted or tied to either the base of the mainsheet block, the hiking strap, the hiking strap support line, or the hiking strap shock cord. This option, if used, satisfies the knotting requirement in 3(c)i.

Reason for change

To clarify the rule. It is already an interpretation. This interpretation will be replaced by the rule change, if approved.

Rule 3(c)ii Change: *

Compass - Rule 22

Current Rule

One compass is permitted mounted on any part of the deck or the cockpit provided that the hull cavity is not pierced by anything other than the fasteners. Compasses shall not be fitted to inspection ports. Electronic and digital compasses are prohibited.

Proposed Change

Compass, Electronic Equipment and Timing Devices

(a) One compass is permitted mounted on any part of the deck or the cockpit, provided that the hull cavity is not pierced by anything other than the fasteners. Compasses shall not be fitted to inspection ports. Electronic and digital compasses are prohibited **(see exception in part d)**.

(b) Any use of electronic equipment not specifically allowed in the rules is prohibited unless modified in the sailing instructions.

(c) Timing devices are permitted.

(d) A timing device that includes an electronic compass is permitted as long as it is worn on the wrist.

Reason for change

This is intended to make it clear that items such as radios, GPS and cameras can not be used. The exception of the wrist worn watches that include electronic compasses was added as there are now many sailing watches that include this feature but have little use as a tactical compass when wrist worn.

Rule 22 Change: *

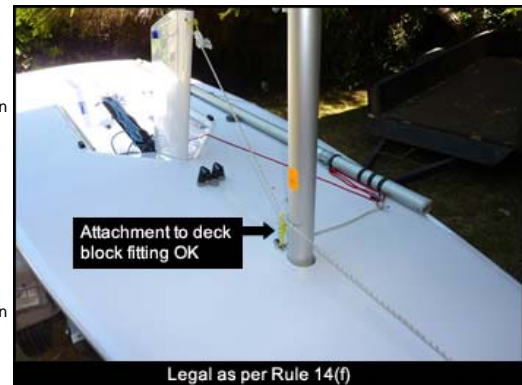
Centreboard - Rule 14(f)

Current Rule

A tie line or shock cord shall be attached to the small hole in the upper forward corner of the centreboard, and any of the bow eye, the cunningham fairlead, the "Builder Supplied" deck block fitting and the mast to prevent loss of the centreboard in event of a capsize. The tie line or shock cord may be looped around the bow, but shall not be attached to the gunwale. Attachment can be by knots or loops in the shock cord, and/or tie lines, shackles, clips, hooks or eyes.

Proposed Change

A tie line or shock cord shall be attached to the small hole in the upper forward corner of the centreboard, and any of the bow eye, the cunningham fairlead, the "Builder Supplied" deck block fitting and the mast to prevent loss of the centreboard in event of a capsize. The tie line or shock cord may be looped around the bow, but shall not be attached to the gunwale. Attachment can be by knots or loops in the shock cord, and/or tie lines, shackles, clips, hooks or eyes. **When the shock cord is attached to the bow eye it may also pass through an attachment to the "Builder Supplied" deck block fitting or the cunningham fairlead.**



Reason for change

To clarify the rule.

Rule 14(f) Change: *

Clothing Weight Part 4, Rules 28 & 29

Part 4, Rules 28 6(a) and 29 6(a) amendments currently read: "For the purposes of RRS 43.1(b) the maximum total weight of competitors clothing and equipment shall be 8Kg for Radial and 7Kg for 4.7."

Proposed Change

"For the purposes of RRS 43.1(b) the maximum total weight of competitors clothing and equipment shall be **9Kg for Radial and 8Kg for 4.7**".

Reason for change

To ensure that competitors are not protested for wearing reasonable clothing that has increased in weight slightly in recent years, with the advent of modern hiking pants, etc.

Rules 28 & 29 Changes: *

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