London 2012 Olympic Sailing competition

Competition Area Regulations
1. **General requirements**

1.1. These Competition Area Regulations (CAR) shall apply from 16 July until 12 August 2012.

1.2. They apply to all accredited personnel, including athletes, coaches, team leaders, race officials, media representatives and Olympic Family and International Sailing Federation (ISAF) spectators.

1.3. The London 2012 Olympic Sailing competition Sailing Instructions (SIs) and supporting documents on penalties clarify the CAR obligations where penalties will be applied. These are referenced by [SP] (standard penalty) or [DP] (discretionary penalty) in this document.

1.4. All Olympic traffic shall remain within the Competition Areas whilst on the water during the period from 16 July to 12 August 2012 inclusive. No part of any boat shall cross the boundary of the Competition Areas. [SP][DP]

2. **Competition Areas definition**

2.1. The diagram in Attachment 1 illustrates the Competition Areas.

2.2. The Course Areas are within the Competition Areas and are also shown in Attachment 1.

2.3. There are two crossing points or Gates:

   - **Weymouth Bay Gate:** The four corners of the Gate between the Nothe course and the Weymouth Bay courses are defined by four-metre high, orange buoys;
   - **Portland Marina Gate:** The four corners of the Gate between the Venue marina and the Harbour course are defined by 2.5m high white tetrahedron buoys.

2.4. The boundary of the Competition Areas is defined by:

   - white 1m high cylindrical buoys, spaced between 50m and 100m, on the Nothe and Harbour courses;
   - the buoys marking the swimming area at the south-west end of the Nothe course;
   - orange fish farm buoys on the inside of the breakwaters on the northern boundary of the Harbour course;
   - white 1m high cylindrical buoys, spaced at around 100m, on the western shore-side boundary of Weymouth Bay;
   - white 1m high cylindrical buoys, spaced at around 100m, across Ringstead Bay;
   - white 2.5m high tetrahedron buoys spaced around 500m apart around the remainder of the Weymouth Bay Competition Area boundary; and
   - where not otherwise marked, the coast line.
3. **Competition Areas – restrictions during competition**  
   **(28 July to 12 August 2012)**

3.1. Only registered athlete boats, coach boats, Race Official boats and accredited personnel (collectively known as Olympic traffic) are allowed in the Competition Areas from 28 July to 12 August 2012.

3.2. Olympic traffic may cross from the marina to the Harbour Course Area and from the Nothe Course Area to the Weymouth Bay Course Areas only at the defined Portland Marina and Weymouth Bay Gate crossing points. [SP]

   3.2.1. Olympic traffic may only enter the Gate when it has been closed to non-Olympic traffic. This will be done by a marshal at the crossing point flying a red flag.

   3.2.2. If the Gate is open to non-Olympic traffic, indicated by the marshal flying a green flag, Olympic traffic must not enter the Gate area.

   3.2.3. When the Gate is closed to Olympic traffic, the boundary of that Competition Area is then defined by the two nearest marks of the Gate. There is no access route into another Competition Area whilst the Gate is closed to Olympic traffic.

   3.2.4. Exceptionally, and only when directed and accompanied by a marshal, Olympic boats may transit the Gate when a green flag is flying.

3.3. If any part of a boat crosses the Competition Area boundary, it will be deemed to have left the exclusion zone and both the boat and anyone on board may be subject to security quarantine and search before being permitted back into the Venue. [DP][SP]

4. **Competition Areas – restrictions during pre-competition training**  
   **(16 July to 27 July 2012)**

4.1. Olympic traffic may cross from the marina to the Harbour Course Area and from the Nothe Course Area to the Weymouth Bay Course Areas only at the defined Portland Marina and Weymouth Bay Gate crossing points. [SP]

   4.1.1. Olympic traffic may enter the Gates at any time during this period, and the Gates will be considered to be within the Competition Areas at all times. A flag system will not be in operation.

   4.1.2. If the Gate marks are not installed. Olympic traffic should still transit between different Competition Areas at the Gate zones.

4.2. The Competition Areas will not be closed to non-Olympic traffic in this period.

   4.2.1. All accredited athletes going afloat shall display numbers on both sides of the hull. These will be supplied by the Organising Authority and will be available from the Sport Information Desk.
4.2.2. All accredited coach boats shall display their National Olympic Committee (NOC) code and allocated numbers as set out in the Coach Boat Regulations (CBR).

4.2.3. Non-accredited coach boats or sailing boats may not enter the Weymouth and Portland Sailing Venue but may be launched elsewhere. They may enter the Competition Areas and engage with Olympic traffic.

4.2.4. Any non-Olympic traffic that enters the Competition Areas may be subject to a search by security personnel.

5. Security awareness

5.1. All boats have a security responsibility. In the event of observing anything suspicious, particularly an incursion into the Competition Area by a non-accredited vessel or person on competition days, immediately notify Race Control either directly or through a nearby Race Official boat.

5.2. The report should cover where possible:
  • a brief description of the potential threat;
  • the location where it has been observed;
  • if the object is moving, the direction and speed of travel; and
  • any other material information.