



**UK RS FEVA CLASS ASSOCIATION
VOLVO GRAND PRIX SERIES NOTICE OF RACE 2017 / 2018**

Organising Authority – UK RS Feva Class Association in conjunction with host sailing / yacht clubs.

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the NoR means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification

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 Volvo Grand Prix Series.

Volvo Grand Prix 1 – (Squad Selector) 16th & 17th September – Northampton Sailing Club

Volvo Grand Prix 2 – (Squad Selector) 30th September & 1st October – Parkstone Yacht Club

Volvo Grand Prix 3 – 28th & 29th April 2017 – Queen Mary Sailing Club

Volvo Grand Prix 4 – 16th & 17th June – Chew Valley Sailing Club

& Inland Championships

Volvo Grand Prix 5 – 7th & 8th July – Grafham Water Sailing Club

& Summer Championships

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, Fast News or mailings.

2. RULES

2.1 All events will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing in place at the time of the specific event in the series

2.2 Competitors shall sail in accordance with the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) Racing Charter [DP]

2.3 Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices at all times while afloat, except briefly whilst adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Flag Y will not be displayed; this changes RRS 40[DP]

2.4 The UK RS Feva Class Association Grand Prix Series Sailing Instructions set out on the UK RS Feva Class Association website, www.rsfeva.org.uk will govern each event.

2.5 In addition an **event specific appendix** will be published with additions and amendments specific to that event only.

3. ADVERTISING

3.1 Advertising is permitted in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20 as amended here.

3.2 There will be no restriction on the number or coverage of advertiser's logos or slogans except for the front 20% of the forward part of each side of the hull, the foremost 20% of the jib and the mainsail below the bottom batten, with the exception of country letters and flags, which are reserved for RS Feva Class Association UK event sponsors. *[DP]*

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 The events are open to all boats of the RS Feva class

4.2 All competitors must be a current member of the UK RS Feva Class Association UK

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
- (c) at registration supplying a completed Medical Information declaration (for all competitors) and a completed Parent's / Guardian consent form signed by the responsible parent or guardian. Forms are available for download at www.rsfeva.org.uk

All competitors must hold third party liability insurance valid in the United Kingdom reflecting a minimum of £2million

4.4 Entry Fee:

- Will be advised at the point of entry for each event
- On line entry closes at mid-night on the Tuesday prior to each event
- Late entries may only be accepted at the discretion of the organising authority and if accepted will be subject to an increase in entry fee of £10.00, only cash payments will be accepted for late entries.

4.5 Refund conditions:

If an entry is cancelled by the competitor their entry fee will be refunded as follows:

- Cancellation up to 2 weeks (14 days) prior to the event a refund of the entry fee less
- £5 admin charge.
- Cancellation within last 2 weeks prior to the event: No refund.

5. SCHEDULE

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. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

6.1 The UK RS Feva Class Association Grand Prix Series Sailing Instructions set out under 'Documents' on the UK RS Feva Association website, www.rsfeva.org.uk will govern each event. In addition an **event specific appendix** will be published with additions and amendments specific to that event only.

7. COURSES

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

8. Event Specific SCORING

8.1 Appendix A of the Racing Rules of sailing will be amended so that discarded races may be taken into account when breaking a tied series result - see Sailing Instructions for full details.

8.2 Points will accrue to registered teams and not the entered boat.

9. CIRCUIT SCORING

For the 2017 / 2018 Volvo RS Feva Grand Prix series 4 out of the 5 events count towards the overall series score, which will be based on finishing position in each event, where an event is not attended then the score for that event shall be total number of series entries +1

10. RADIO COMMUNICATION

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. *[DP]*

11. PRIZES

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.

12. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Rule 4 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 organizer 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. RIGHT & COPYRIGHT

In participating in the UK RS Feva Class Association organised Grand Prix Events, all competitors automatically grant to the Organising Authority, the National and International

Class Associations permission to make, use and show, from time to time, any motion pictures and live, taped or film television and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the event without compensation, in perpetuity.

14. FURTHER DETAILS UK RS Feva Class Association Secretary Lucy Jameson
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