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NAVIGA GENERAL COMPETITION RULES

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Definitions

General competition rules

Rules for the overall conduct of official NAVIGA events. These rules have priority over the class rules of sections and cannot be contradicted by them. They can only be amended by the General Assembly and the NAVIGA Presidium.

Class rules

Rules applicable to individual classes of the sections. Developed by the sections and must be confirmed by the Presidium. These rules will be published on each section's page on the NAVIGA website and sent to member countries (if applicable).

1. Categories, Groups, and Classes of NAVIGA Model Boating

1. Ship models are divided into model categories, which are further subdivided into groups or classes.
This division is based on model type, purpose, engine displacement, or propulsion type, according to each class's rules.
2. The official way of writing class names is established in the rules of the respective section.

2. Basic and General Regulations

2.1 Basic Regulations

2.1.1 Validity

1. NAVIGA rules are valid for 4 years.
Changes for environmental or safety reasons can be introduced at any time by the Presidium.
2. The rules apply to the following official NAVIGA events:
 - World Championships – WC
 - World Competitions – WW
 - Continental Championships – KM
 - Continental Competitions – KW

- International Competitions – IW
- 3. It is recommended that all NAVIGA-affiliated countries organize national events according to these rules.

2.1.2 Official NAVIGA Events

1. Only events included in the NAVIGA competition calendar, published by the Secretary General, are considered official.
Entries can only be made through affiliated national federations.
2. An international competition is officially recognized if, in addition to the organizer, at least two other member countries participate, and an international referee from another country is present.
3. World/continental championships and WW/KW competitions are held every two years, depending on the section.
Extension by another 2 years is possible upon request of the section to the Presidium, but a maximum of 4 years.
4. Events of different sections should not take place at the same time.
5. Sections can independently decide whether to organize continental championships (KM/KW), with Presidium approval.

2.1.3 Rule Modifications and Validity

- a) Only the Presidium or General Assembly can modify, adjust, or cancel these rules. Modifications made by the Presidium are temporary until the next General Assembly.
- b) Major changes to these regulations (essential competition rules) cannot take effect during the main competition season (March–October). A 4-month transition period from publication is required.
- c) Class rule modifications:
 - Developed by technical commissions of the sections and voted on at section meetings during championships;
 - Proposals submitted by national federations 8 weeks in advance must be reviewed by commissions;
 - Proposals are published on the NAVIGA website;
 - Approved modifications become temporary rules until the next General Assembly;
 - Safety modifications become effective immediately after Presidium approval.
- d) Essential modifications to class rules cannot take effect in the March–October season; a minimum 4-month period is required.

2.1.4 Safety Modifications

All changes regarding participants' life and health, protection of models or equipment, and environmental issues (fuel, batteries, etc.) can be introduced immediately by the Presidium. Sections must be informed within 6 weeks.

2.1.5 Registration of NAVIGA Events and Confirmation of Participation

1. Events for the next year must be registered by December 1. Only national federations can announce events. The announcement must include:
 - Type of event
 - Name
 - Classes to be held
 - Organizer
 - Deadline for entries
 - Other organizational details
2. If fewer competitors than the minimum quota are entered in a class, the organizer must inform the involved federations 4 weeks in advance.

2.1.6 Use of NAVIGA International Referees

The use of referees at WC, WW, KM, and KW is regulated in the Referees' Order. It specifies conditions, qualification levels, and allocation of referees.

2.1.7 Announcing NAVIGA Events

1. The organizer of a WC/WW/KM/KW must send official invitations to all NAVIGA member federations in a timely manner. The Presidium provides the address list and publishes information on the NAVIGA website.
2. Minimum announcement periods before the event:
 - WC, WW – 9 months
 - KM, KW – 6 months
 - IW – 4 months
3. The announcement must be in the organizer's national language and in the NAVIGA official language (English). It must include:
 - Type and name of the event
 - Organizing federation
 - Organizer (club/association)
 - Venue and dates (including arrival date)
 - Confirmation that the event is conducted according to NAVIGA rules (with minor modifications if applicable)
 - Dates of section meetings
 - Participation conditions
 - Registration deadlines (at least 60 days before WC/WW/KM/KW)
 - Dates for closing competitor/model entries
 - Titles, medals, and prizes awarded
 - Equipment provided by the organizer
 - Entry and protest fees
 - Accommodation information

- Fuel price (if applicable)
- Allowed radio frequencies in the host country
- Pyrotechnics rules (if applicable)

2.1.8 Entry Fees

- Fees for WC/WW/KM/KW are set by the sections and approved by the Presidium.
- Fees are divided between the organizer and section.
- NAVIGA, through the section leader, provides financial support for organizing World or Continental Championships (up to €3000 for 2 years) and does not retain any percentage of entry fees.
- Junior fees must be as low as possible and no more than half of senior fees.
- Spare models are not charged.
- In F6 (NS), each model must be registered and each participant pays the fee.
- In the M section, in team classes, each team pays the specified amount.

2.1.9 Protest Fee

- The protest fee is the same for all NAVIGA events.
- The amount is set by the General Assembly or Presidium.
- Fee: €50 (or local currency equivalent).

2.2 Regulations Regarding Participants

2.2.1 Age Groups

There are two categories:

- Juniors
- Seniors

A junior is any competitor who, in the year of the event, has not yet reached 19 years of age.

2.2.2 Competitor and Registration

1. Participation in WC/WW/KM/KW is only through official registration via the national federation affiliated with NAVIGA.
A competitor may only represent the country:
 - of which they hold a passport,
 - or in which they have permanent residence.
2. Federations may only register competitors if they have paid the NAVIGA membership fee.
3. By submitting the registration, the competitor accepts the competition conditions.

2.2.3 Maximum Number of Competitors

The maximum number of competitors (juniors/seniors) allowed in WC/KM/WW/KW is determined in the rules of each section (C, NS, etc.).

2.2.4 Competitor's Assistant and Representative

1. The number and role of assistants are specified in each section's rules.
2. Replacement of the competitor on the water is not permitted.
3. During technical inspections, the competitor may be represented by an assistant.

2.2.5 Participation of Guests (Guest Competitors)

1. Guest participation is not allowed at WC/WW/KM/KW.
2. In regular NAVIGA competitions, the decision rests with the event leader.
3. Countries wishing to become NAVIGA members may participate once, with a limited number of competitors, with section approval.

2.2.6 Competition Officials' Participation Ban

- The main referee, NAVIGA representative, or technical director of a WC/WW/KM/KW/IW may not participate as competitors.
- Referees cannot officiate in classes in which they compete.

2.3 Competition Management. Competitions and Championships

2.3.1 Competition Management

1. For any official NAVIGA event, the organizer must form a competition management team.
For WC/WW/KM/KW, approval by the NAVIGA Presidium is also required.
The organizer may propose its composition.
2. Competition management is responsible for:
 - Confirming personnel at starting places
 - Verifying and approving competition locations
 - Verifying and confirming competitor and model registrations
 - Granting start rights
 - Publishing provisional results
 - Converting provisional results into final results in the absence of protests
3. Competition management consists of:
 - NAVIGA representative (section leader) — only at WC/WW
 - Main Referee — chair of the commission
 - Competition Secretary
 - Technical Director (Technical Leader)

- One representative from each participating country
- 4. The Main Referee must send a written report to the NAVIGA Presidium within 1 month after the competition.

2.3.2 Jury

1. A Jury must be formed at WC, WW, KM, KW, and IW.
2. The Jury is responsible for:
 - Handling protests
 - Resolving incidents occurring during the competition
 - Confirming or issuing disqualifications
3. Jury composition:
 - Main Referee — Chair
 - NAVIGA representative
 - Minimum 2 international referees (can be start chiefs or technical commission members if not involved in the incident)
 - Competition Secretary — no voting rights

2.3.3 Duties and Responsibilities of Competition Staff

This section describes the responsibilities of:

- Main Referee
- NAVIGA representative
- Competition Secretary
- Technical Director
- Start Leaders
- Technical Scrutineering Board Leader

(1) Main Referee

- a) Supreme sporting leader of the competition.
- b) May temporarily stop the competition, impose temporary disqualifications, and order urgent modifications.
- c) Must justify actions to the competition management team.

(2) NAVIGA Representative (only at WC, KM, WW, KW)

- a) Ensures compliance with NAVIGA rules; may request convening of Jury or competition management — the main referee must comply.
- b) May veto decisions of the main referee or competition management. Once exercised, the decision is null.
- c) After veto, the commission is reconvened for a final decision.
- d) Can be overridden by vote on technical issues but not general AWR rules.
- e) Must propose rule improvements based on experience.

(3) Competition Secretary

- a) Keeps minutes of Jury and competition management meetings and posts them publicly.

- b) Updates registration lists and ensures result accuracy.
- c) Organizer must provide staff and space for result calculations.

(4) Technical Director (Technical Leader)

- a) Responsible for proper setup and functioning of starting places and competition area. Must ensure that within 1000 m, no RC devices are used outside competition.
- b) Responsible for model recovery.
- c) Organizer must provide qualified personnel under the Technical Leader.

(5) Start Place Leader

- a) Ensures proper conduct and rule compliance at the start; coordinates referees and staff. If two leaders are needed, the main referee designates one as chief.
- b) Confirms results recorded by referees.
- c) If section rules require model registration via Start Leader, they must perform it.

(6) Scrutineering Board Leader

- a) Responsible for checking models according to construction and operational rules.
- b) Results must be confirmed by Main Referee.
- c) Minimum requirements for certain functions are in the Referees' Regulations.

2.3.4 Working Conditions for Competition Management

1. Organizer must provide all material and technical conditions (tables, chairs, shelter, etc.).
2. Exact requirements defined in section rules.
3. Competition management must check conditions before start; organizer must immediately correct deficiencies.
4. Safety compliance is mandatory:
 - Organizer must ensure protection for competitors and referees.
 - Diver must be available for model recovery (at competitor's expense).
 - Recovery occurs at day's end; no training in this time.
 - If safety rules are not followed, the main referee may stop or terminate the competition.

2.4 Sporting Regulations

Specific sporting regulations for each class are found in the section regulations.

2.4.1 Permanent Registration Numbers (Sports Licenses)

Each model used in competition must comply with the rules of its class, and the competitor must present the build brief where required by section rules.

2.4.2 Competitor and Model Registration at an Event

1. Each competitor must present for registration:
 - themselves
 - main models

- spare models
- transmitters (if required by section rules)

Registration must occur within the established period.

2. Models and documents must be presented by the competitor or delegation leader. Absentee registration is only allowed via delegation leader.
3. Registration is at the start corresponding to the class.
4. Section or main referee organizes registration efficiently; multiple points are set up if many competitors. Organizer must provide sufficient staff.
5. Model must be presented in competition-ready condition. Later modifications lead to disqualification.
6. Registration lists must comply with section requirements.

2.4.3 Awarding Titles at World and Continental Championships

For juniors:

- World Champion title awarded if at least 5 competitors from 3 countries participate.
- Continental Champion title awarded if at least 6 competitors participate.

For seniors:

- World Champion title awarded if at least 10 competitors from 5 countries participate.
- Continental Champion title awarded if at least 10 competitors participate.

If minimum numbers are not met, titles or medals are not awarded.

2.4.4 Awarding Competitors at World and Continental Competitions

1. At WC and KM, top 3 in each class and age group receive:
 - Gold medal
 - Silver medal
 - Bronze medal
 - Diploma
2. In F6 and team classes, each member receives medal and diploma.
3. At World Championships, all competitors receive a participation diploma.
4. In C classes, medals follow special category rules.
5. Organizer may additionally offer diplomas or prizes.
6. Award ceremony must be public.
7. Participation in official awards is mandatory; unexcused absence leads to loss of titles, medals, diplomas, and prizes.
8. Sponsor logos may appear discreetly; NAVIGA logo and flags must not be covered.

2.4.5 Result Lists

Organizer must provide at least 3 complete sets of final results to each participating federation. More details may be in section rules.

2.4.6 Removal of a Class from Championship Program

A class may be removed if:

1. At three consecutive world championships, there are:
 - Fewer than 10 senior competitors from 5 countries
 - Or fewer than 6 juniors from 3 countries (excluding C, F6, F7 classes)

For continental championships: minimum 10 competitors (5 for juniors).

2. In F6, F7, and section C classes, minimum 4 competitors or teams from 2 countries (1 country for continental).
3. Decision announced immediately after competition to all federations. Sections may propose class removal at section meeting during WC/WW with Presidium approval.

2.4.10 Reintroduction of Classes

- A section may propose a new class to the Presidium.
- After approval, class is included in the next WC/WW.
- Class must meet minimum participant numbers in 2 consecutive editions.
- If not, it is removed again.

2.4.11 Archiving Competition Documents

WC/KM/WW/KW organizers must keep for 3 years:

- Competition announcement
- Registration lists
- Permits/authorizations
- Evaluation sheets
- Financial documents
- Meeting minutes
- Protest minutes
- Final results

2.4.12 Competitor and Referee Oath

1. At WC/KM, competitors and referees take an official oath at the opening ceremony.
2. Oath is recited in:
 - English
 - Host country language
3. Competitor oath (unalterable):
"On behalf of all competitors, I promise that we will participate in this NAVIGA World

(or Continental) Championship fairly, respecting the rules and in the spirit of fair play, honoring our sport and teams."

4. Referee oath:

"On behalf of all referees and officials, I promise to perform my duties impartially, in accordance with NAVIGA rules and in the spirit of fair play at this World (or Continental) Championship."

2.5 Alcohol and Drug Ban

- Consumption or presence under influence of alcohol/drugs in the competition area during the competition day is prohibited.
- If a competitor appears under influence the next day (including delayed effects), they are fully disqualified and removed.
- Applies to officials as well.

2.6 Physical Confrontations

- Any physical aggression between competitors, officials, assistants, or visitors results in immediate access ban.
- Complaints may be filed.
- Presidium decides on additional measures.

3. NAVIGA PROCEDURE FOR ENROLLMENT AT WC OR CC

. A strict procedure is to be followed for all enrollment at WC or CC: All enrollment for WC or CC should be done by means of an online document made and provided by the Organiser of the event. The candidate participant must download this document, fill out all the needed details and send it back to the Organiser, next print and have it signed and stamped by his or her National Federation. This document, after verification by the Federation will then be signed and stamped and must be presented at registration to the competition by the team leader of your country. Only by using this method any illegal participation of anyone who is not a member of an affiliated Naviga member Federation, or does not have the right to represent his or her country in any given class can be avoided.

4. NAVIGA RECORDS

4.1 Competency

1. NAVIGA records can only be established in officially recognized classes and categories.
2. Records are recognized only if verified by NAVIGA-approved referees or technical officials.

4.2 Record Requirements

1. To establish a record, the following must be met:
 - The model must comply with class rules.
 - The competitor must present technical documentation.
 - All equipment must be inspected and approved.
 - Measurement instruments must be certified or verified.
2. The record attempt must be conducted in official competitions or special record events approved by NAVIGA.
3. A record is valid only if:
 - The competition was conducted according to NAVIGA regulations.
 - The results are confirmed by referees.
 - The competitor has no pending protests or disqualifications.

4.3 Record Documentation

1. Organizer must submit:
 - Record attempt report
 - Proof of compliance with regulations
 - Referee statements
 - Measurement certificates
2. NAVIGA Presidium reviews the documentation before official recognition.

5. BUILD BRIEF

5.1 Purpose

1. Build Brief documents the construction, components, and technical characteristics of each model used in NAVIGA competitions.
2. It ensures transparency, fairness, and compliance with class rules.

5.2 Content

Build Brief must include:

- Competitor's name and country
- Class and category
- Model specifications (dimensions, weight, propulsion, materials)
- Radio control equipment
- Battery type and capacity
- Any modifications from standard designs

5.3 Submission

1. Build Brief must be submitted during registration at the competition.
2. Any changes after submission must be approved by the Technical Director.
3. Failure to submit or unauthorized changes may result in disqualification.

5.4 Archiving

1. Build Briefs are kept by the organizer and NAVIGA for at least 3 years.
2. They may be used for inspections, protests, and record verification.

6. NAVIGA REFEREE REGULATIONS

6.1 Competency

1. Referees are responsible for ensuring compliance with NAVIGA competition rules.
2. They are appointed by the NAVIGA Presidium or section leadership.

6.2 Referee Classification

1. Referees may be:
 - International (for WC/WW/KM/KW)
 - National (for regional or national competitions)
2. Referee certification is required and must be renewed periodically.

6.3 Duties

1. Referees must:
 - Supervise competition areas
 - Verify model compliance
 - Monitor safety regulations
 - Record results accurately
 - Report incidents or protests
2. Referees may temporarily stop competition for safety reasons.
3. Referees cannot officiate in classes where they compete.

6.4 Conduct

1. Referees must act impartially, respecting all competitors.
2. Alcohol or drug use is strictly prohibited during the event.
3. Physical or verbal aggression results in immediate removal and possible suspension.

6.5 Archiving

1. Referees must submit written reports after each competition.

2. Reports include:
 - Conduct of competition
 - Incidents and protests
 - Recommendations for rule changes or clarifications

7. CLASS-SPECIFIC REGULATIONS

7.1 General

1. Each section (C, NS, F6, F7, etc.) has its own specific rules in addition to the general NAVIGA rules.
2. Class rules take precedence over national regulations but cannot contradict NAVIGA General Competition Rules.
3. Sections are responsible for:
 - Maintaining up-to-date class regulations
 - Publishing them on the NAVIGA website
 - Informing member countries about updates

7.2 Class Categories

1. **C Section (Classic Models)**
 - Includes vintage and historical ship models
 - Specific propulsion and dimension restrictions apply
 - Models must follow detailed construction rules documented in the Build Brief
2. **F6 Section (Radio-Control Racing Models)**
 - Includes single and team categories
 - Models must comply with F6 class specifications
 - Each model must be registered individually, and each competitor pays a registration fee
 - Modifications after registration require approval
3. **F7 Section (High-Speed Models)**
 - Strict safety regulations due to high speed
 - Mandatory protective barriers and restricted areas for spectators
 - Technical inspections are conducted before each race
4. **NS Section (Sailing Models)**
 - Includes various types of sailboats
 - Must comply with dimensions, sail plans, and rigging rules
 - Registration includes main and reserve models, and radio control devices

7.3 Technical Inspections

1. All models must pass inspection before competing.

2. Inspections include:
 - Compliance with class dimensions
 - Weight, propulsion type, and safety equipment
 - Radio frequency and power restrictions
 - Build Brief verification
3. Any model failing inspection may be disqualified or required to be modified.

7.4 Competitor Obligations

1. Competitors must present models in race-ready condition.
2. Unauthorized modifications or false Build Brief information leads to disqualification.
3. Competitors must comply with safety rules at all times.

7.5 Team Competitions

1. In team classes, each member must comply with all individual class rules.
2. The team leader is responsible for:
 - Registering all team members and models
 - Ensuring compliance with rules
 - Reporting any incidents to the Competition Management

7.6 Safety Regulations

1. Mandatory safety equipment must be used in all classes as specified by the section rules.
2. Referees and the Technical Director may stop races for safety violations.
3. Recovery personnel must be available for models that leave the competition area (at the competitor's expense).

7.7 Awards

1. Titles, medals, and diplomas are awarded according to general NAVIGA rules.
2. In F6 and team classes, all team members receive medals and diplomas.
3. Public awards ceremonies are mandatory; non-attendance without justification results in loss of awards.

7.8 Archiving and Records

1. All registration forms, Build Briefs, and competition results must be archived for at least 3 years.
2. This ensures compliance for future competitions, protests, or record verification.

8. NAVIGA –Protest and Dispute Regulations

1. Competence

Protests are handled according to their nature by:

a) Competition Management

Responsible for protests concerning:

- Confirmation of staff at start areas
- Verification and approval of competition venues
- Verification and confirmation of competitor and model registrations
- Granting starting rights
- Posting of provisional results
- Validation of final results once no further protests exist

b) Jury

Responsible for protests concerning:

- Actions of other competitors during a race
 - Decisions made by referees or start area management
 - Decisions of Competition Management affecting the competition
 - Confirming or declaring disqualifications
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2. General Principles

1. A protest may be filed only if a competitor believes they have been disadvantaged by:
 - a competition official,
 - a referee,
 - the jury,
 - the organizer,
 - or the unsportsmanlike behavior of another competitor.
 2. Protests are **not** allowed against:
 - results of technical inspections,
 - collective protests submitted by a group of competitors.
 3. Protests regarding timing errors are **allowed**; these protests **are permitted** in sections **C** and **NS**.
 4. Final results and the awarding of titles, medals, and prizes shall take place only after all valid protests have been resolved.
 5. Decisions of Competition Management are final and cannot be contested afterward.
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3. Filing a Protest

1. A protest must be reported **immediately and verbally** to the Start Area Leader where the incident occurred.
 2. It must then be submitted **in writing** within the time limit specified by the rules of the respective section.
 3. Filing a protest does **not** exclude the competitor from the competition.
 - If the competitor withdraws after announcing the protest → **full disqualification**, and the protest becomes invalid.
 4. The written protest must contain:
 - the rules invoked,
 - a description of the incident (time, place, details, sketches if applicable),
 - names of witnesses (assistants, officials, etc.),
 - the name of the Start Area Leader and the time of verbal notification.
 5. The protest must be signed by:
 - the competitor,
 - the team leader of their country.
 6. The protest fee must be paid at the time of submission; without the fee, the protest is invalid.
 7. Each section must have an official protest form attached to its rules.
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4. Protest Review

1. The Jury or Competition Management, depending on competence, reviews the protest and decides whether to accept or reject it.
2. The team leader of the protesting country has **no voting rights**.
3. If the protest is directed against another competitor, a formal procedure against that competitor is automatically opened.
4. Both parties — the protester and the accused competitor — have the right:
 - to attend the review (without voting rights),
 - to be accompanied by a translator if necessary.
5. Relevant referees, officials, or witnesses may be summoned and must provide truthful statements.
6. The final decision must be:
 - communicated to the competitors involved,
 - published in one of the official NAVIGA languages.
7. Protest fee handling:
 - if the protest is **accepted**, the fee is refunded;
 - if the protest is **rejected** or **withdrawn**, the fee is retained by the organizer.

9. NAVIGA RECORDS REGULATIONS

9.1 Record Classes

1. Records may be established in:
 - Sections A/B
 - Section M (classes F1 and F3)

2. Records are recognized separately for:
 - Juniors
 - Seniors
3. Records are only valid if:
 - Achieved in official competitions
 - Performance exceeds existing record
 - Compliance with NAVIGA rules
4. Recognized events:
 - World Championships (WC)
 - Continental Championships (KM)
 - International Competitions (IW)
 - National Championships (if NAVIGA observer is present)
5. National Championships: records require:
 - Invitation and presence of NAVIGA Secretary General or Presidium member from another country
 - Organizer provides accommodation and meals
 - Travel expenses reimbursed according to rules
 - No need for event registration in NAVIGA calendar
6. NAVIGA Secretary General is responsible for:
 - Updating record lists
 - Issuing official record certificates

9.2 Model Verification

- Models must be inspected according to class competition rules before records can be validated.

9.3 Record Recognition Request

1. Only the official form “Record Recognition Request” (Annex 3) is valid.
2. Submit in 3 copies immediately after competition by Start Place Leader:
 - Original → competitor (for NAVIGA record officer)
 - Copy → competitor
 - Copy → organizer
3. Competitor or federation sends request within 10 days to NAVIGA record officer.
4. No fee for recognition request.
5. If record is broken multiple times in one day:
 - Record holder becomes competitor with best performance
 - Previous records that day may be logged as historical

9.4 Responsibilities of Section Leaders and NAVIGA Record Officer

- Supervise and verify all record requests
- In unclear cases → NAVIGA Presidium decides
- Approved records receive official certificate sent to holder
- Record officer informs member federations annually about world and continental records

10. BUILD BRIEF (CONSTRUCTION SHEET)

(Applicable only for NS and C sections)

10.1 Requirement of Build Brief

1. If an international Build Brief is required, it must be prepared:
 - For each model
 - For each team model
2. The Build Brief must follow the template annexed to each section's rules and be presented at registration.
3. It must be available throughout the competition.

10.2 Accuracy of Information

1. All information in the Build Brief must be confirmed by a federation representative holding a valid NAVIGA International Referee card.
2. If the model is modified so it no longer matches the Build Brief:
 - A new Build Brief must be issued
 - Previously awarded medals and titles for that model must be transferred to the new Build Brief

10.3 Verification of Models

1. Competition Management, jury, start referees, and technical committee may check the model at any time against the Build Brief.
2. If a competitor presents false or incomplete information → model is disqualified.

10.4 Lost Build Brief

1. If the Build Brief is lost, a duplicate may be issued.
2. The first page must clearly state "DUPLICATE."
3. All results and medals of the model are transferred to the duplicate Build Brief.

This concludes the Build Brief section.

Next, we can continue with **NAVIGA Referees Regulations (effective 01.01.2026)**, which covers:

- Duties, rights, and obligations of international referees
- Levels of qualification
- Use in competitions
- Training and certification

NAVIGA REFEREES REGULATIONS

(Effective from 01.01.2026)

International competitions, continental and world championships are the peak events of NAVIGA sports activities. They are conducted according to NAVIGA regulations, and their fairness and accuracy depend on the qualification of the referees.

Referees, through their experience and correct decisions, guarantee fair results and significantly contribute to the quality of the events. This regulation ensures consistent and uniform development of refereeing activities.

1. Scope

The regulation applies to:

- All NAVIGA member federations organizing official events
- The process of confirming international referees
- The way referees are used in NAVIGA competitions
- All NAVIGA international referees (compliance is mandatory)

2. General Duties, Rights, and Obligations of International Referees

International NAVIGA referees have the right and duty to:

- Apply and enforce NAVIGA rules, penalizing any violations
- Inspect equipment, dimensions, and technical conditions of courses and competition areas; require organizers to immediately correct any irregularities
- Confirm records according to NAVIGA Record Regulations
- Check models regarding construction specifications and confirm Build Briefs
- Penalize competitors violating NAVIGA rules, including disqualification if necessary
- Send a referee report to NAVIGA Secretariat after each competition
- Request confirmation of their referee role according to their qualification

Restrictions:

- Referees cannot officiate in a class in which they compete (to prevent conflicts of interest)

3. Conditions to be Confirmed as an International Referee

To become a NAVIGA International Referee, a person must:

- Belong to a NAVIGA member federation
- Have significant experience in model boating and model boat sports
- Be at least 25 years old
- Hold the highest-level national referee qualification or have completed a recognized course

- e) Be willing and able to act as an international referee when required
- f) Be nominated by their national federation with proper justification

4. Classification of International Referees

Three levels of qualification exist:

- **Level B** – International Referee B
- **Level A** – International Referee A
- **Level C-J** – Chief Judge

Conditions per level:

1. **Level B:**
 - Completion of a national course supervised by NAVIGA Presidium representative or section leader
2. **Level A:**
 - Completion of NAVIGA international course
 - Several years of practical experience as Level B referee
 - Or experience as referee at national championships
3. **Level C-J (Chief Judge):**
 - Appointment upon request of the national federation, approved by Presidium or section leader

Refereeing Fields:

Authorization is given for specific:

- Categories
- Groups
- Classes

Examples:

| Section | Allowed Classes |
|---------|------------------------------------|
| A/B | All classes |
| NS | F2, F4, DS, NSS |
| FSR | All FSR-V, FSR-H, Offshore classes |
| M | Eco, FSR-E, F1, F3, Mono/Hydro |
| S | All classes |
| C/BP | C (all), F2, F4B, F6, F7 |
| E | All classes |

5. Use of International Referees in Competitions

1. Participation depends on competition type and assigned role
2. In WC/WW/KM/KW:
 - Referees are appointed by NAVIGA Presidium
 - Sections and federations may propose referees

Minimum required levels:

| Role | WC/WW IW | |
|---|-----------------|-----|
| Main Referee | C-J | C-J |
| Start Leader / Technical Committee Leader | A | A |
| Technical Committee Referee | A/B | A/B |
| Timekeeper | A/B | A/B |
| Sound Measurement Referee | A/B | A/B |
| Linesman / Start Referee | A/B | A/B |
| Secretary | A/B | A/B |

- Secretary in NS section must have class-specific qualification
- International referees must communicate in NAVIGA official language; interpreters must be provided if needed
- Organizers must invite at least one international referee from another country for NAVIGA calendar events
- Organizers cover 50% of lodging and meals for each international referee; more if sponsorship allows
- If referee also leads the competition, they must submit a report to Secretariat within 1 month
- Referees must be invited at least 6 months in advance
- If a referee declines, organizers find a replacement with section leader approval
- Short-term withdrawals (e.g., illness) allow national federation to propose replacement with approval

6. Training and Examination of International Referees

1. Qualification requires training and examination
2. Experienced persons (active athletes, builders, etc.) may be exempted from training
3. Course content is defined by NAVIGA training program
4. Level A training → central course approved by Presidium
5. Level B training → national federation under NAVIGA supervision
6. Examination includes:
 - Written/theoretical test (or multiple-choice)
 - Oral test
7. Minimum 80% correct answers required to pass
8. Exam conducted by course management

7. Request for Confirmation as International Referee

1. National federation submits request to NAVIGA Secretary General and section leader
2. Two passport photos required
3. If conditions are met → international referee card issued

8. International Referee ID

1. Issued free of charge; includes:
 - Personal data
 - Qualification level
 - Authorized classes/categories
 - Referee number
2. Referee number includes:
 - Country code
 - Sequential number
 - Qualification level

Example: F-001 / C-J (Chief Judge, France)
3. Valid for 4 years
4. If not renewed → automatically invalid
5. For qualification extension → national federation applies and returns card
6. Lost card → duplicate with new photo issued
7. ID may be withdrawn if referee:
 - a) Violates NAVIGA rules
 - b) Makes biased, incorrect, or unsportsmanlike decisions
 - c) Lacks qualification
 - d) Repeatedly refuses participation without reason
 - e) Inactive > 4 years
 - f) No longer a NAVIGA member
8. Withdrawal decided by Presidium
9. Appeals → NAVIGA Refereeing Commission; final decision
10. Referee responsible for card renewal

9. List of Confirmed International Referees

1. Complete list sent to federations on request by Secretariat
2. Updates (new, modified, withdrawn referees) published in NAVIGA Info
3. List includes:
 - Country
 - Name
 - Address
 - Category
 - Level
 - Referee number
 - ID validity

10. Communication of Personal Changes

1. Referees must inform section leader of address changes
2. Federations must inform NAVIGA if a referee:
 - Dies
 - Moves permanently to another country

11. Entry into Force

- NAVIGA Referees Regulations adopted 01.01.2026
- Replaces previous version from 01.01.2022

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