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1. Responsibility for Venue and Organisation

- a) The ITCA shall be responsible for considering and selecting suitable venues for international championships.
- b) The ITCA shall send a copy of these rules to prospective clubs who must assure the ITCA that they can comply with these rules.

2. Appointment of Jury

- a) An international Jury shall be appointed as provided under the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- b) The chairman of the jury should not be from the hosting country and shall be approved by the ITCA.
- c) The jury shall include a minimum of one person experienced in catamaran sailing.

3. Eligibility and Entries

- a) All helmsmen and crew shall be members of the ITCA through their national class association/fleet.
- b) The ITCA has to make a proposal of a "notice of race" and to agree upon it with the hosting club
- c) The sailing instructions must conform with the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing and shall be approved by the ITCA.

4. Measurement

- a) All boats must be in accordance with their respective Class Rules.
- b) The measurement shall be under control of the jury. The ITCA shall appoint a chief event measurer subject to the event.
- c) A boat shall be allowed to race only if a valid measurement certificate is presented.
- d) No competitor may protest on a question of measurement later than the normal protest time applying to race 1 except on the grounds that there has been subsequent alteration of the boat or its equipment.

5. Replacement of Crew or Equipment

- a) Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the ISAF chief measurer.
- b) Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the ISAF chief measurer. Requests for substitution shall be made at the first reasonable opportunity.

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c) All Boats must be kept at the regatta site commencing at the time of registration and continuing until the end of the event. Removal of any boat from the regatta site during the event shall require prior written permission from the Jury.

6. Equipment and Measurement Checks

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by the jury to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

7. Races

a) All races shall be conducted under the current ISAF racing rules of sailing, the sailing instructions for the event laid down by the host club and under the TOPCAT class rules

b) The duration of the races will be about 45 to 60 minutes.

c) The amount of races will be limited to 10.

d) On 5 days 2 races shall be sailed each day. Depending on the weather and wind conditions and with the exception of the first day of races, a third race can be sailed on any given day as long as the total series is not getting more than one race ahead of schedule.

e) At 6 scored races the championship becomes valid.

f) Wind velocity shall be measured at the starting boat and the windward mark, before and during the race.

g) A race shall not be started if the wind velocity exceeds 24 knots consistently or gusts exceeding 24 knots in any frequency. A race shall also be abandoned if the wind velocity has increased over 24 knots.

h) A race shall only be started if the wind velocity is not less than 5 knots. A race shall also be abandoned if the wind velocity has decreased constantly below 5 knots.

Constantly means, 20% of the sailed time, but minimum 10 minutes.

i) One drop is allowed after the 5th valid race is completed and the 2nd drop after the 8th valid completed race.

8. Courses

a) All signals shall be in accordance with the ISAF racing rules of sailing.

b) The Time limit for the first mark is 30 minutes

c) The Time limit for the entire race is 120 minutes

d) Time limit for boats passing the finishing-line after the first boat is 30 minutes

e) The minimal length of the starting line shall be the sum of the overall lengths plus 20% of all boats starting together.

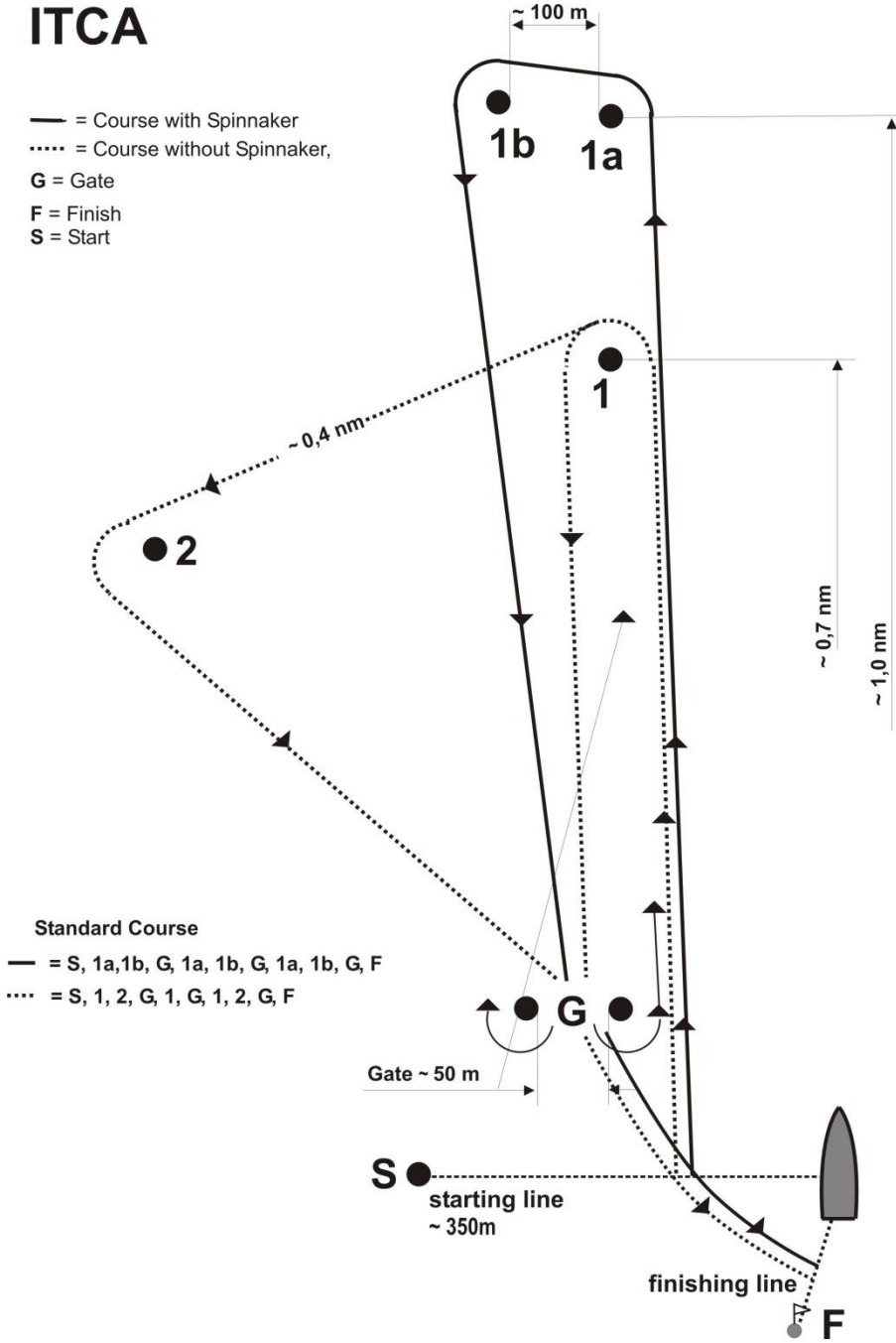
9. Alterations and additions

Alterations and additions to these rules shall only be made by agreement between the ITCA president and the jury

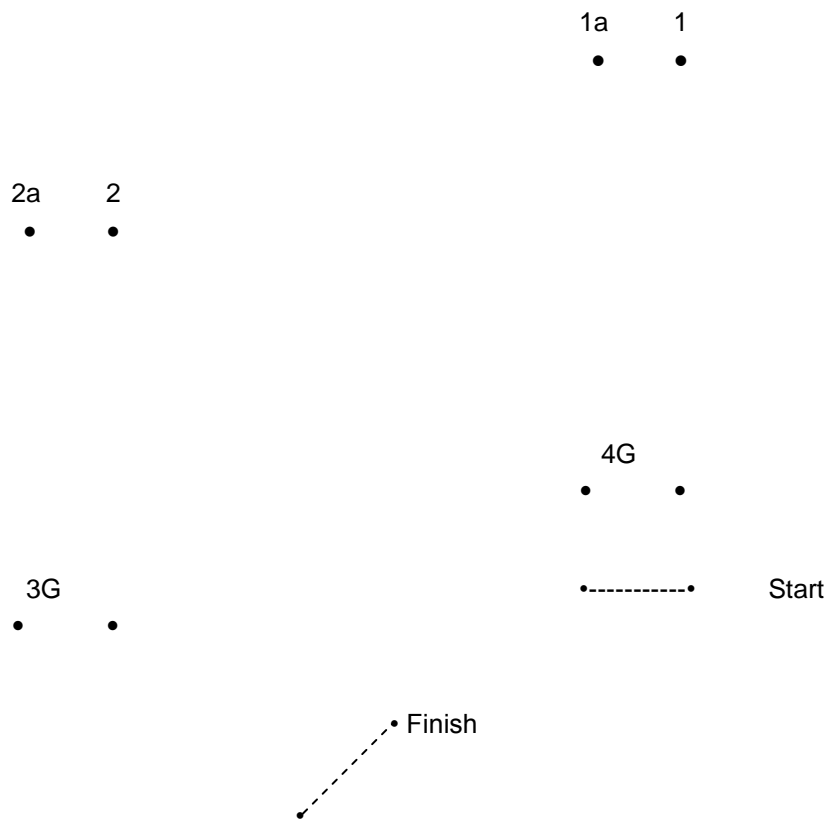
10. Course scheme recommendation

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- = Course with Spinnaker
- = Course without Spinnaker,
- G = Gate
- F = Finish
- S = Start



10. Course scheme recommendation, Inner-Outer-Loop



Signal
 Numeral Flag "1"
 Numeral Flag "2"

Mark Rounding Order
 Start – 1 – 1a – 4G – 1 – 1a – 2a – 3G – Finish
 Start – 1 – 1a – 2a – 3G – 2 – 2a – 3G – Finish