

Monday, 8 June, 2026



Loch Earn Sailing Club

BROWN CUP

Scottish Schools Sailing Championships

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Loch Earn Sailing Club is delighted to welcome Optos as the event sponsor for the 2026 Brown Cup Scottish School Sailing Event.

1.0 Rules

The event will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2025–2028, the prescriptions of the RYA, the rules of the relevant classes, the Notice of Race, and these Sailing Instructions.

2.0 Membership

All entrants and their parents/guardians/coaches shall become family members of Loch Earn Sailing Club for the event from Sunday 7th June 2026 at 12:00 to Monday 8th June at 24:00.

3.0 Responsibility

The safety of a boat and her entire management including insurance shall be the sole responsibility of the owner / person in charge who must ensure that the boat and crew are adequate to face the conditions that may arise during the race. Neither these sailing instructions nor any inspection of the boat limits or reduces the absolute responsibility of the owner / person in charge for the crew, the boat, and her management.

The race organisers shall not be responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury suffered by any owner/person in charge or crew arising from participation in the race or races. Moreover, every owner / person in charge warrants the suitability of the boat for the race or races.

Personal buoyancy shall be worn at all times while afloat. Competitors must obey the instructions of rescue boat crew in the event of adverse conditions, e.g., a competitor may be instructed to leave their boat and be ferried ashore.

4.0 Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors shall be posted on the official notice board located in the clubhouse foyer. This will be signalled by flying flag “L” from the flagpole at the starter’s hut.

5.0 Signals Made Ashore

Pennant ‘AP’ with two sound signals (one when lowered) indicates “the race is postponed”. When boats are ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than 15 minutes after the AP is lowered.

6.0 Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any changes to the sailing instructions shall be posted one hour before the start of the race they affect.

7.0 Event Schedule

EVENT ACTIVITY	TIME
Registration (outside the clubhouse)	09:00-09:50
Competitor Briefing	10:00
First Signal – 3 x 45-minute races sailed back-to-back	10:54
Target end of racing	14:00
Competitors Snack	14:00-16:00
Prizegiving	16:00

8.0 Registration

All competitors shall register by completing the Entry Form on the LESC website prior to the event. Prior to sailing, all competitors must complete the registration process in the clubhouse.

All under 18 helms/crews must have a parent / guardian or responsible adult confirm that they have read and will comply with the LESC Safeguarding policy, accept the sailing risks and will comply with the provision of this Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions.

9.0 Briefing

A competitor briefing will be held at approximately 10:00 on Monday 8th June 2026 outside the clubhouse, race-box, or inside if weather is poor. All competitors are required to attend the briefing.

10.0 Tally System

A tally system for tracking competitors on-the-water will be in operation. All competitors shall collect a numbered band before launching and return this to the tally board once ashore.

11.0 Racing Area

The racing area is shown on the course card issued at registration, as well as posted on the club website, event website, and outside the clubhouse.

12.0 The Course

Courses will be set by the Officer of the Day (OOD) using the fixed club racing marks as shown on the course card issued to competitors.

The course will be displayed on the board beside the starter's hut prior to the warning signal. On the course board, marks to be passed to port will be shown on a RED background and those to be passed to starboard shall be shown on a GREEN background.

Should the Race Officer consider it necessary to change the course after the warning signal, the race will be postponed, and flag AP displayed.

13.0 Marks










The courses will use the fixed club marks indicated on the course chart. Positions of the marks are approximate. All marks display the appropriate number/letter. It is the responsibility of each competitor to ensure they are aware of the actual location of marks used.

14.0 The Start

The starting line will be between the orange pole on the shore in front of the race hut and mark X.

Races will be started using a rolling three-minute system with flags as shown below (as viewed from the course side). This alters rule 26.

In the event of a general recall, the recalled class shall move to the rear of the starting order and the three-minute sequence shall continue

Flag sequence				Action	Timing	Result
			 H	Handicap Class flag up	-6 mins before handicap start.	Handicap Class: 6 mins to start.
	 T	 P	 H	Preparatory flag & Topper Class Flag up	-3 mins before handicap start.	Handicap Class: 3 mins to start, Topper Class: 6 mins to start.
 O	 T	 P		Handicap Class flag down, Optimist Class flag up.	0 mins.	Handicap Class: start, Topper Class: 3 mins to start, Optimist Class: 6 mins to start.
 O		 P		Topper Class flag down.	+ 3 mins.	Topper Class: start, Optimist Class: 3 mins to start.
				Optimist Class & Preparatory flags down	+ 6 mins.	Optimist Class: start.



Individual recall (1 sound signal)

X



Shortened course (2 sound signals)

S



General recall (2 sound signals)

Sub 1



Postponed (2 horn blasts)



Abandoned race (3 sound signals)

N

15.0 Mark Boats

Mark boats will not be used.

16.0 The Finish

The finishing line will be between the orange pole on the shore in front of the starter's hut and mark X. Competitors must continue sailing away from the line after finishing and not cross back through it. This changes rule 28.1.

17.0 Shortened Course

When a course is shortened Flag S will be displayed, accompanied by the relevant class flag and two (2) sound signals. The leading boat will finish at the end of the round still to be completed

18.0 Time Limit

The time limit will be two (2) hours, which may be extended at the discretion of the Race Officer. This changes rule 35. "Average laps" may be used at the Race Officer's discretion.

19.0 Protests

Protest forms are available at the race office and must be delivered there within 30 minutes after the last boat in your class has finished the last race of the day.

20.0 Scoring

The Low Point Scoring System of rule A4 shall apply, except that each boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores. Three races are scheduled, of which one shall be completed to constitute a series. No discards will be used.

21.0 Ties

Ties will be broken in favour of the boat with most first places, then most second places and so on. If the tie remains, the best result in the last race will decide the winner.

22.0 Prizes

Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the organisers.

The Brown Cup will be awarded to the top school team of three boats. Additionally, class cups will be awarded for top finishers in each class (Topper, Optimist, and Handicap) as well as the best finishing primary school aged pupil.

The prize giving will be scheduled as soon as practical after racing has finished on Monday afternoon.

END.