

## **THE NATIONS LEAGUE 2024**

# THE CONCEPT, THE EVENTS, THE SCORING SYSTEM.

Please note that these RULES are valid throughout the whole THE NATIONS LEAGUES 2024

## **THE CONCEPT**

THE NATIONS LEAGUE is the Swan One Design Classes circuit. It sees either INDIVIDUAL CLASS LEAGUE WINNERS and the BEST-PLACED NATION awarded with special prizes.

## **THE EVENTS**

### **The Nations League 2024**



2024 SWAN ONE DESIGN CALENDAR 2024 APRIL 17-21 **SWAN TUSCANY CHALLENGE** 

SCARLINO (ITA)

CLUB35

Practice Race: WED 17

Racing Days: THU 18 to SUN 21

&

CLUB 50

**WARM UP** 

FRI 19 - SUN 21

2024 MAY 28 JUN 01 **SWAN BONIFACIO CHALLENGE** 

BONIFACIO (FRA)

SWAN50 SWAN36

Practice Race: TUE 28
Racing Days: WED 29 to SAT 01

2024 JUNE 25-29 **SWAN SARDINIA CHALLENGE** 

ALGHERO (ITA)

SWAN50 SWAN36

Practice Race: TUE 25

Racing Days: WED 26 to SAT 29

2024 JULY 4-7 TROFEO S.M. LA REINA

VALENCIA (ESP)

CLUB 42

Racing Days: FRI 05 to SUN 07

2024 JUL 27 AUG 3 **COPA DEL REY MAPFRE** 

PALMA DE MALLORCA (ESP)

SWAN42 SWAN50

Racing Days: MON 29 to SAT 03

Not valid for The Nations League ClubSwan 50

2024 SEPT 16-21 **ROLEX SWAN CUP** 

PORTO CERVO (ITA)

**ALL CLASSES** 

Practice Race: MON 16 Racing Days: TUE 17 to SAT 21

Subject to contracts finalization with hosting venues

2024 OCT 23-27 **SWAN ONE DESIGN WORLDS** 

PALMA DE MALLORCA (ESP)

SWAN 50 SWAN 42 SWAN 36

Practice Race: WED 23 Racing Days: THU 24 to SUN 27





## THE SCORING SYSTEM

Latest update on December 15th, 2023

### **THE NATIONS LEAGUE 2024**

For 2024, the Mediterranean circuit, named THE NATIONS LEAGUE 2024, comprises 5 events for ClubSwan 36 Class and 4 events for ClubSwan 50 and ClubSwan 42 Classes, as described before.

All the classes will race in strict Swan One Design configuration on Windward/ Leeward courses. One coastal race per event might be added in the Notice of Race.

IMPORTANT: for the purposes of THE NATIONS LEAGUE 2024 scoring, any yacht attending the circuit, will get scored no matter if the helmsman is the Owner or an authorized Alternative Helmsman (according to Class Rules). In case of a charter, the scoring obtained by a charter-boat will not be added to the original yacht, but will count as a new yacht.

Following the final event of THE NATIONS LEAGUE 2024, there will be two primary scores:

- INDIVIDUAL CLASS LEAGUE WINNERS
- BEST-PLACED NATION

### **INDIVIDUAL CLASS LEAGUE WINNERS**

The best-placed yacht in each class across THE NATIONS LEAGUE 2024 will be awarded a special Challenge Trophy.

- The points score for the purposes of determining the individual class winners of the THE NATIONS LEAGUE 2024 will be calculated using each boat's final position at each event within their respective class, using the following example formula: in a fleet of 5 yachts, 1<sup>st</sup> will receive 5 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> will receive 4 points, 3<sup>rd</sup> will receive 3 points, 4<sup>th</sup> will receive 2 points, and 5<sup>th</sup> will receive 1 point.
- A boat needs only compete at one Swan One Design event to be eligible for the League.
- A boat that does not compete at one or more events within the League will receive 0
  points for each event missed.
- No discard will be applied.
- Five events are scheduled for ClubSwan 36 Class, four events for ClubSwan 50 and ClubSwan 42 Classes and the boat with the highest points score for each class will be awarded the THE NATIONS LEAGUE 2024 Challenge Trophy.

### **BEST-PLACED NATION**

The best-placed Nation across THE NATIONS LEAGUE 2024 will also be awarded a special prize.

At each League event, a Nation's position will be based upon the combined results of each Nation's two top performing boats across the attending classes, as follows:

- A Nation's points score for the purposes of determining the winner of each individual League regatta will be calculated as a consequence of each boat's final position within their class, using the following example formula: in a fleet of 5 yachts, 1<sup>st</sup> will receive 5 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> will receive 4 points, 3<sup>rd</sup> will receive 3 points, 4<sup>th</sup> will receive 2 points, and 5<sup>th</sup> will receive 1 point.
- The prize will be awarded to the Nation that has the highest combined points overall, based upon each Nation's two highest scoring boats across the classes.
- The two boats with highest points may be in the same or different classes.
- No discard will be applied.

### **TIE BREAK**

Either for INDIVIDUAL CLASS LEAGUE WINNERS or BEST-PLACED NATION, in the case of a tie RRS A8 will apply, modified as follows:

- if there is a points-score tie between two or more Nations, the race scores of the boats with highest points from each Nation shall be listed in order of best to worst, and at the first point where there is a difference, the tie shall be broken in favour of the Nation whose boat has the best score.
- If a tie remains, the two boats with highest points from the tied Nations shall be ranked in order of the scores in the last race. Any remaining ties shall be broken by using the next-to-last race and so on until all ties are broken.

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## IMPACT ON THE FINAL SCORING OF THE NATIONS TROPHY 2025

The Nations Trophy is a biennial event, taking place in odd years. After a successful first edition in October 2017, the second edition took place in October 2019, while the 2021 edition was held in September 2021 and then in June 2023. Next edition is planned to take place in 2025.

Adding further excitement to the concept, as happened for 2018/2019, 2020/2021, 2022/2023, **THE NATIONS LEAGUE 2024** will also contribute to impact upon the final result of The Nations Trophy 2025, as explained below.

The points score to determine the overall winning Nation of The Nations Trophy 2025 will be calculated using a combined system, which takes into account both The Nations Trophy 2025, itself, and the Best-Placed Nation(s) of the 2024 and 2025 editions of THE NATIONS LEAGUEs.

The combined scoring system will operate as follows:

- The scoring of The Nations Trophy 2025 itself, which follows the same points score system as per each event of THE NATIONS LEAGUE.
- The best-placed Nation in THE NATIONS LEAGUE 2024 and the best-placed Nation in THE NATIONS LEAGUE 2025 will receive one bonus-point per year to be added to its overall points score. If the same nation wins both Leagues, it will receive two bonus points.

The final scoring for The Nations Trophy 2025 will be the combined total.

### IMPORTANT NOTES FOR CLASSES

## **CLUBSWAN 36**

For ClubSwan 36 Class ONLY: the 2024 Class Rule on Crew number/ weight C.2.2 is amended as follows:

"The crew weights recorded during the 1<sup>st</sup> event of The Nations League (Swan Tuscany Challenge 17/21 April 2024) will apply to all of The Nations League events, with the exception of the Swan OD Worlds. By entering the weigh-in room, each crew member authorizes the Class Secretary to register his/her weight and to record it for the forthcoming events.

Re- weighing shall only take place if a valid protest shows that the pre- race weights were not recorded correctly. If there is a crew member change FROM THE PREVIOUS EVENT:

- the new crew member will need to weigh-in prior the start of that event;
- the team's overall weight shall remain under the maximum allowed weight, if the weight should exceed the limit, the whole or part of the crew shall re-weight;
- if two (2) or more crew members are being replaced for an event, the entire team will need to re-weigh in. A new ClubSwan 36 team joining The Nations League during the season, after the first event, shall weigh-in before the first race it attends."



### For ClubSwan 50 Class ONLY: the 2024 Class Rule Crew number/ weight C.2.2 is amended as follows:

The crew weights recorded during the 1 event of The Nations League (Swan Bonifacio Challenge 28 May-01 June 2024) will apply to all of The Nations League events, with the exception of the Swan OD Worlds. By entering the weigh-in room, each crew member authorizes the Class Secretary to register his/her weight and to record it for the forthcoming events.

Re- weighing shall only take place if a valid protest shows that the pre-race weights were not recorded correctly. If there is a crew member change FROM THE PREVIOUS EVENT:

- the new crew member will need to weigh-in prior the start of that event;
- the team's overall weight shall remain under the maximum allowed weight, if the weight should exceed the limit, the whole or part of the crew shall re-weight;
- if three (3) or more crew members are being replaced for an event, the entire team will need to re-weigh in. A new ClubSwan 50 team joining The Nations League during the season, after the first event, shall weigh-in before the first race it attends.

### For ClubSwan 50 Class ONLY: the Training Days are limited as per following criteria:

- Every boat can train 2 days prior to the first scheduled day of racing for an event.
- Training is forbidden during the 7 days before the two permitted training days before any events.
- In advance of the permitted training days teams may carry out boat preparation at sea such as rig checks & instrument calibration. There shall be a maximum of 6 persons on a boat during any boat preparation prior to the permitted training days.
- In addition to the training days listed below, teams are permitted an additional 2 training days during the year. Teams should apply to the Class Manager to be allocated these days at least 14 days prior to the requested day.
- The CS50 Class Authority may permit additional training days in special circumstances.

Standard 2024 training days schedule:

### Swan Bonifacio Challenge (Bonifacio)

No Training Permitted (at any location) – 20 to 26 May 2024 Permitted Training Day – 27 May 2024 Practice Race Day – 28 May 2024 Racing Days – 29 May to 01 June 2024

### Swan Sardinia Challenge (Alghero)

No Training Permitted (at any location) – 17 to 23 June 2024 Permitted Training Day – 24 June 2024 Practice Race Day – 25 June 2024 Racing Days – 26 to 29 June 2024

### **Rolex Swan Cup (Porto Cervo)**

No Training Permitted (at any location) – 9 to 14 September 2024 Permitted Training Day – 15 September 2024 Practice Race Day – 16 September 2024 Racing Days – 17 to 21 September 2024

#### Swan One Design Worlds (Palma de Mallorca)

No Training Permitted (at any location) – 15 to 21 October 2024 Permitted Training Day – 22 October 2024 Practice Race Day – 23 October 2024 Racing Days – 24 to 27 October 2024

As the ClubSwan 50 Warm Up (19 to 21 April 2024) and Copa del Rey Mapfre (29 July to 03 August 2024) are not within the CS50 Nations League Circuit, there is no restriction on training prior to these events.



• For ClubSwan 42 Class ONLY: the 2024 Class Rule Crew number/ weight C.2.2 is amended as follows:

The crew weights recorded during the 1 event of The Nations League (Trofeo S.M. La Reina 04-07 July 2024) will apply to all of The Nations League events, with the exception of the Swan OD Worlds. By entering the weigh-in room, each crew member authorizes the Class Secretary to register his/her weight and to record it for the forthcoming events.

Re- weighing shall only take place if a valid protest shows that the pre-race weights were not recorded correctly. If there is a crew member change FROM THE PREVIOUS EVENT:

- the new crew member will need to weigh-in prior the start of that event;
- the team's overall weight shall remain under the maximum allowed weight, if the weight should exceed the limit, the whole or part of the crew shall re-weight;
- if three (3) or more crew members are being replaced for an event, the entire team will need to re-weigh in. A new ClubSwan 42 team joining The Nations League during the season, after the first event, shall weigh-in before the first race it attends.

To enter at any of the above mentioned event, or to get more details, you can contact directly the Class Secretariat at:

CLUBSWAN 50: class@clubswan50.com