

**MAPFRE MIDDLESEA 22<sup>nd</sup> EUROMED INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP****17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> December, 2021. MELLIEHA BAY – MALTA****S A I L I N G I N S T R U C T I O N S****Abbreviations**

<b>SP</b>	Rules for which a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee without a hearing or a discretionary penalty applied by the International Jury with a hearing
<b>DP</b>	Rules for which the penalties are at the discretion of the International Jury.
<b>NP</b>	Rules that are not ground for protest by a boat. This changes Racing Rule of Sailing 60.1 (a)

**1 RULES**

- 1.1** The regatta will be governed by the ‘rules’ as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).  
The Notice of Race.  
These Sailing instructions and any amendments thereto.  
The Sailing Instructions will take precedence in the event of any conflict.
- 1.2** No national authority prescriptions will apply.
- 1.3** [DP] [NP] Adequate personal floatation devices shall be worn at all times whilst afloat. ***This changes RRS 40.*** Wet suits & dry suits are not personal floatation devices.
- 1.4** Rule 61.1 ‘Informing the Protestee’ is changed as follows: Add to rule 61.1 (a) ‘The protesting boat shall inform the Race Committee, of the boat/s being protested, at the finishing line immediately after finishing. If the boat retired before finishing, she shall inform the Race Committee via the Course boat closest to her at the same time as advising that she has Retired’.
- 1.5** If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

**2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

- 2.1** Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice board located online at: <https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/3087/event?name=21st-euromed-international-championship>
- 2.2** Coaches are invited to join the event WhatsApp group:  
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/KTzjN7Sg2hv17XXSReIO9A>  
The OA, the RC and the Jury will use it to communicate unofficially during the event; please note that this group will not replace the official notice board, and it should be considered like an augmented PA system.
- 2.3** The Race Office is located within San Remo Ventuno Beach establishment.

**3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted not later than 09:30 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the Schedule of Races will be posted by not later than 21:30 of the day before it is to take effect.

#### 4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole at the launching site, at Mellicha Bay.

4.2 Flag **D** with one sound means 'The warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after flag D is displayed. To indicate that only individual Classes may launch, **Flag D** will be displayed over a White flag with **blue Opti logo for Optimist** senior and cadet classes, over a Green flag for Optimist Beginner Class and Flag D displayed over a **Yellow Starburst (Laser) Flag for both ILCA 4 & 6** classes. Boats shall not launch until this signal is made.' [NP][DP]

#### 5 ADDITIONAL IDENTIFICATION - OPTIMIST BEGINNERS DIVISION

Each competitor in the Optimist **Beginners Division** is required, for the duration of the event, to display a **Green** ribbon permanently fixed and free to fly from the top of the sprit. This ribbon is supplied by the Race Office. [NP] [DP]

#### 6 NOT USED

#### 7 FORMAT OF RACING

##### Optimist Beginners and Laser Divisions

7.1 The regatta will consist of a single series of races.

##### Optimist Senior and Cadet Divisions

7.2 The regatta will consist of a Qualifying series followed by a Final series.

##### 7.3 Qualifying Series:

7.3.1 [NP][DP] Boats will be assigned to yellow and blue fleets on a daily basis and shall display a coloured ribbon corresponding to the colour of her fleet flying from the top of the sprit. The ribbons will be provided by the Race Office.

7.3.2 For the initial fleet assignments only, boats will be sorted by country and sail number, in the sequence Yellow, Blue, Blue, Yellow, and so on.

7.3.3 Boats will be assigned to fleets of, as nearly as possible, equal size, not exceeding 65 boats per fleet.

7.3.4 The Qualifying series will take place on the first 3 days of racing, unless at least 3 races have been completed by all fleets by the end of the third racing day, the Qualifying series will continue until the end of the regatta and the Final series will be cancelled.

##### 7.4 Final Series:

7.4.1 Boats will be assigned to the Gold and Silver fleets on the basis of their ranks in Qualifying series. Gold and Silver will have as near as possible the same number of competitors. If not possible, gold will have the largest fleet. Boats with the best qualifying series ranks will race all final series races in the gold fleet and silver will follow gold in ranking.

7.4.2 Any recalculation of the qualifying series ranking after the boats have been assigned to Final series fleets will not affect the assignments except that a redress decision may promote a boat to a higher fleet.

7.5 **Fleet Assignments:** boats will be reassigned to fleets after each day of racing, except if on the first day no race is completed by all fleets. If all fleets have completed the same number of races, boats will be reassigned on the basis of their ranks in the series. If all fleets have not completed the same number of races, the series scores for reassignment will be calculated for those races, numbered in order of completion, completed by all fleets.

##### Fleets



Rank in series	Fleet Assignment
First	Yellow
Second	Blue
Third	Blue
Fourth	Yellow
...and so on	

7.6 Assignments in Qualifying and Final series will be based on the ranking available at 21:00 that day regardless of protests or requests for redress not yet decided.

## 8 SCHEDULE OF RACES

8.1 Racing Program, as per notice of race: -

Date	First Warning	Scheduled Races
Saturday, December 18 <sup>th</sup>	11:30	3
Sunday, December 19 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	3
Monday, December 20 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	3
Tuesday December 21 <sup>st</sup>	10:00	3

8.2 Twelve races are planned, with three races scheduled on each day. Two additional races per day may be sailed so as to make up for races not sailed or anticipate for adverse weather. See also SI 8.5, below.

8.3 The scheduled time of the **coaches meeting** each day is 90 minutes before the intended first warning signal for the day.

8.4 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.

8.5 To inform sailors that any additional race will be sailed the committee boat at the finish will **display code flag 'L' under the Blue flag**.

8.6 On the last day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 15:30 hours

## 9 CLASS FLAGS

### 9.1 OPTIMIST CLASSES

**Beginners Division** – Green Colour Flag.

**Senior and Cadet Divisions** – Colour Flags Yellow[Gold] and Blue[Silver].

### 9.2 ILCA CLASSES

**ILCA 4 – YELLOW ILCA Flag.**

**ILCA 6 – GREEN ILCA Flag.**

**ILCA 7 – WHITE ILCA Flag.**

## 10 RACING AREAS

The race area shall be on the waters in and outside Mellieha Bay, Malta. ILCA classes and Optimist classes shall sail in two separate areas.

## 11 THE COURSES

**11.1** The diagrams in Attachments A & B show the courses, the order in which marks are to be rounded, and the side on which each mark is to be left, for Optimist and ILCA Classes respectively.

**11.2 ILCA Classes** when a RC vessel displays flags **Charlie and Sierra** with repetitive sounds at or near marks 1 or 2, the course is changed and the boats will sail directly to the finishing line after rounding the mark where the signal was made.

## 12 MARKS

### 12.1 Optimist course:

- Marks 1, 2, 3S/3P, will be Blue inflatable buoys, that may bear the sponsors logo on sleeves.
- Mark 3A will be a Red inflatable buoy (Optimist Beginners only) may bear sponsors logo on a sleeve.
- The **starting marks** will be two race committee vessels
- The **finishing marks** will be a race committee vessel at the starboard end and a buoy with a blue flag on the port end.

### 12.2 ILCA course:

- All ILCA Marks will be Orange inflatable buoys, and may bear the sponsors logo on sleeves.
- The **starting marks** will be a race committee signal vessel at the starboard end and a round buoy with an orange flag at the port end.
- The **finishing marks** will be the same as the starting marks.

## 13 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

The following areas are designated as obstructions: the small reef situated centrally within Mellieha Bay and designated by an isolated danger navigational mark [Fixed Pole].

## 14 THE START

- 14.1** Races will be started by using rule 26, with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 14.2 Optimist:** the starting line will be between staffs displaying orange flags on the race committee vessels.
- 14.3 ILCA:** the starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 14.4** Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races. [NP] [SP]
- 14.5** A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. *This changes RRS A4 and A5.*

## 15. NOT USED

## 16 THE FINISH

- 16.1 Optimist:** the finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the finishing vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end finishing mark
- 16.2 ILCA** the finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end finishing mark
- 16.3** Boats that have finished racing shall sail to the waiting area well clear of the race course, without interfering with boats still racing [NP] [SP].

## 17 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 17.1** Appendix P will apply as changed hereafter.
- 17.2** RRS P2.3 will not apply and RRS P2.2 is changed so that it will apply to any penalty after the first one.
- 17.3 Optimist:** the penalty for breaches of Class Rules will be Standard Penalties [SP] which changes rule RRS 63.1 and may also be less than disqualification.
- 17.4** The penalty for breaches of Sailing Instructions marked [DP] or [SP] may be less than disqualification if the Jury so decides.

## 18 TARGET TIMES

- 18.1** Target time for all classes is 45 minutes per race.
- 18.2** Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. *This changes RRS 62.1(a).*
- 18.3** Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes, will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. *This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.*

## 19 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS.

- 19.1 To inform the Race Committee of the boat/s being protested, the boat intending to protest shall approach the race committee boat at the starboard end of the finishing line immediately after finishing and shall hail her sail number and the protested boat's sail number/s, while sailing along her starboard side.**
- 19.2** Protest forms are available at the Race Office or online on the Notice Board. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the Race Office in writing on paper within the appropriate protest time limit.
- 19.3** The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the Race Committee signal no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 19.5** The Hearing Schedule will be updated within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the Jury Room at the db-Seabank Hotel. Hearings can be scheduled starting from 20 minutes before the protest time limit, if parties are available. For the Optimist class, no protest hearing will start after 21:00.
- 19.6** Notices of protests by the Race Committee or Jury will be posted on the Notice Board to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 19.7** On the last day of the Qualifying Series as well as on the last day of the regatta a request for redress based on a Jury decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.
- 19.8** On the last scheduled day of the qualifying series a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:
- 19.8.1** within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
- 19.8.2** no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 66.
- 19.9** Decisions of the international jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.
- 19.10** If Appendix N1.4 (b) applies, the time limit for request for a full panel hearing by a full International Jury is 15 minutes after the parties have been informed of the decision.

## 20 SCORING

- 20.1** Only when boats sail in separate fleets, RRS A4.2 is changed so that the scores are based on the number of boats assigned to the largest fleet.
- 20.2** If, at the end of the last day of qualifying series races, some boats have more race scores than others, scores for the most recent races will be excluded so that all boats have the same number of race scores.
- 20.2** In each Class three races are required to be completed to constitute the regatta.
- 20.3** When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores
- 20.4** When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 20.5** To request correction of an alleged error in the posted races or series results, a boat shall complete a scoring enquiry form available at the Race Office or online on the Notice Board.

## 21 SAFETY REGULATIONS [NP]

- 21.1** No boats are to be launched without the approval of the Beach master, see SI 4. "SIGNALS MADE ASHORE". [NP] [DP]
- 21.2** A boat retiring from a race shall notify a race committee or safety boat before leaving the course and shall complete the relevant form available at the Race Office within protest time limit. [NP] [DP]
- 21.3** Each day of competition the coaches or Team Leaders shall notify the Race Office, **before D flag** is displayed of the boats not intending to race that day.
- 21.4** Competitors who require assistance shall blow a whistle or wave the paddle or one arm. The Race Committee reserves the right to assist competitors who in their opinion require assistance, regardless of the wishes of the competitor. This will not be grounds for redress. *This changes RRS 62.1(a)*
- 21.5** When the Race Committee displays **V flag** with repetitive sounds, all official and support boats shall monitor the Race Committee VHF channel 71 for **search and rescue** instructions

## 22 TALLY SYSTEM [NP][SP]

**The requirements of this SI are specified for the safety of competitors.**

- 22.1** Each sailor shall be issued with a tally after registration is completed. A list of Sailors and their Tally numbers will be issued and placed on the ONB. This number will be used throughout the event. A numbered Tally Board shall be sited near the launch site.
- 22.2** Each sailor is required, before launching, to collect their appropriate wrist band, wear it conspicuously while sailing and return it to the tally board immediately on returning to shore.
- 22.3** The scoring penalty for sailors who fail to tally out or in correctly shall be of **5 points per race** sailed that day.

## 23 REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT [DP]

- 23.1** Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved in writing by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 23.2** Substitution of damaged equipment may be permitted provided that the relevant form has been completed at the Race Office and both the damaged and the substituting equipment has been inspected.
- 23.3** If the substitution was made on the water between races, both the damaged and the substituting equipment shall be presented to the Race Committee after the end of the day's racing. The substitution is subject to the approval of the Race Committee given retrospectively.



**24 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS [NP][DP][SP]**

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 race committee to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

**25 OFFICIAL BOATS**

Only Official boats are allowed on the course, these shall display a flag bearing the letters 'RC' - Race Committee or 'S' for dedicated safety, 'P' for Press and 'J' for the Jury Boats.

**26 SUPPORT BOATS & SUPPORT PERSONS [NP][DP]**

- 26.1 Support persons (Team leaders, coaches, parents, guardians and other support personnel), intending to use support boats, shall obtain accreditation from the Race Office, all support boats must be uniquely identified and **carry a functioning VHF radio, Ch 71 will be used.**
- 26.2 All support boats are obliged to render assistance in safety cover if called upon to do so by the race committee. See SI 21.5.
- 26.3 Support Boats shall not interfere, guide or communicate in any form or manner with boats racing. Support boats are to keep well clear, 100mts away on upwind legs and 50mts away on downwind legs, from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 26.4 All boats associated with the infringing support boat may be penalized at the discretion of the Jury, for the race on which the support personnel failed to comply with this instruction.  
[DP] *This changes RRS 63.1.*
- 26.5 Competitors shall not approach any boat other than an official boat or registered support boat from their first warning signal of the day until they finish their last race for the day or the Race Committee signal no more racing today, whichever is later

**27 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

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. Notwithstanding this, where necessary for assisted sailing, a pre-authorized public vhf channel may be used by both sailor and 'buddy' who shall display flag 'B'.

**28 PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded in accordance with the Notice of Race

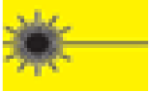
**29 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk and responsibility. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

**For Information purposes:-**



Optimist Senior and Cadet Classes – Ashore – *Signal applies to this class.*



ILCA Classes – Ashore - *Signal applies to these classes.*



Code Flag 'D' - Ashore – *Launch. Not Less than 30 minutes to Warning signal*

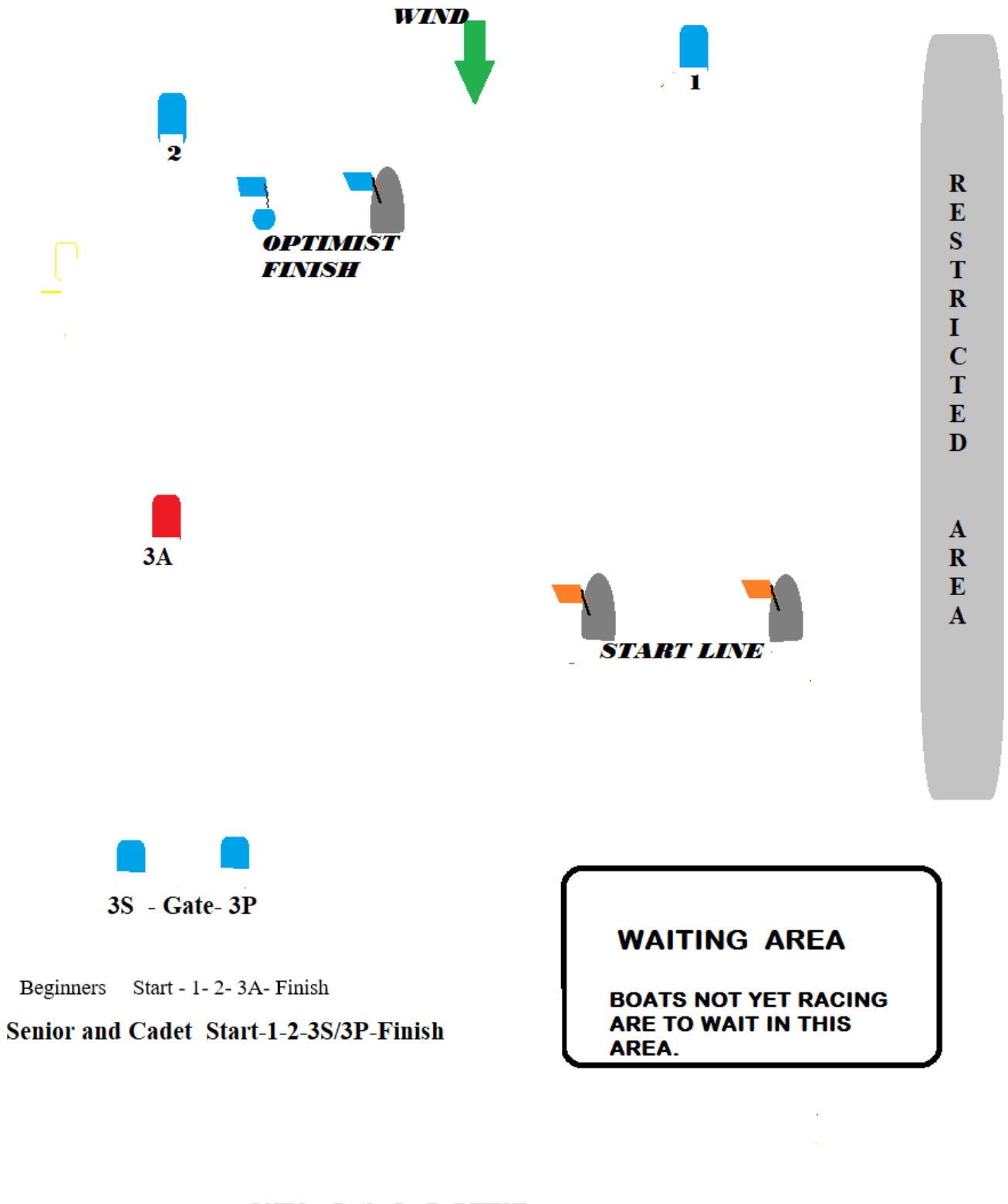


Code Flag 'V' - Committee boat - Coach boats are requested to assist with safety.



### Appendix A

Optimist Classes - All course marks are to be left to Port



Beginners Start - 1- 2- 3A- Finish  
Senior and Cadet Start-1-2-3S/3P-Finish

**WAITING AREA**  
**BOATS NOT YET RACING**  
**ARE TO WAIT IN THIS**  
**AREA.**

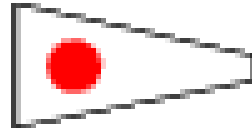
## Appendix B

ILCA classes - All course Marks are to be left to Port

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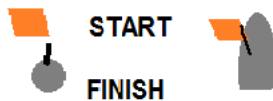
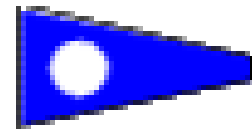
Course Flags shall be displayed on the committee boat  
No later than the First Warning Signal.

COURSE 1= Start- 1- 2- 3- Finish

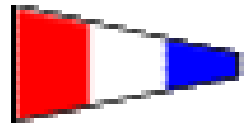


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COURSE 2= Start-1- 2- 3-1-3- Finish



COURSE 3=Start- 1-2-3-1-3-1-2-3- Finish



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