



# **29er European Championships**

**Helsinki, Finland**

**4th to 12th August 2018**

**The Organising Authority is the Finnish Sail Racing Organisation r.y  
in conjunction with the International 29er Class Association**

## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

### **1. RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 RRS Appendix P, *Special Procedures for Rule 42*, will apply as amended by SI 15.2
- 1.3 The 29er Class Race Management guidelines (see International Class website under Events and Race Management) will apply.
- 1.4 No National prescriptions will apply
- 1.5 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

### **2. ADDITIONAL IDENTIFICATION**

While racing each boat shall display a coloured placard corresponding to the fleet to which she has been assigned and inserted in the sail pocket near the clew of the mainsail. Placards will be available from the race office.

### **3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board, located outside the Race Office. Notices to competitors will also be posted on the Event website at [www.29ereuropeans.org](http://www.29ereuropeans.org)

### **4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted not less than 30 minutes before flag D is displayed (SI 5.2), except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 hours on the day before it will take effect. Up to FOUR races a day may be sailed without the need for a change in Sailing Instructions

### **5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag poles located at the harbour entrance.

When a signal is displayed over a fleet flag it applies to that fleet only.

- 5.2 Flag D with one sound means: “The warning signal will be made not less than 60 minutes after flag D is displayed”. Boats shall not launch until this signal is made.

## **6. FORMAT OF RACING**

- 6.1 The regatta will consist of a qualifying series and a final series. The provisional racing schedule is described in Attachment C

### **6.2 Qualifying Series:**

- (a) For the qualifying series boats will be assigned to fleets Yellow, Blue and Red of, as nearly as possible, equal size and ability. Initial fleet assignments will be made by a seeding committee appointed by the Class, and posted by 09:00 on the first day of racing.
- (b) In the qualifying series boats will be reassigned to fleets after each day of racing, except if on the first day only one race is completed. 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. Reassignments will be made as follows;

<b>Rank in series</b>	<b>Fleet assignment</b>
First	Yellow
Second	Blue
Third	Red
Fourth	Red
Fifth	Blue
Sixth	Yellow
and so on	

- (c) If all fleets have not completed the same number of races by the end of a day, the fleets with fewer races will continue racing the following day until all fleets have completed the same number of races. All boats will thereafter race in the new fleets.

### **6.3 Final Series:**

- (a) Boats will be assigned to final series fleets Gold, Silver and Bronze on the basis of their ranks in the qualifying series. The 45 boats ranked highest in the qualifying series will be assigned to the Gold fleet. The next 45 boats in the qualifying series will be assigned to the Silver fleet and the remaining boats will be assigned to the Bronze fleet.
- (b) Any recalculation of qualifying series rankings after 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.
- (c) For the final series the top three competitors of each day in the gold fleet shall wear leader jerseys as directed by the organisers. These items will be supplied by the organisers.

## **7. SCHEDULE**

- 7.1 The Championship schedule will be as follows,

<b>Day:</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>Event:</b>
1	Saturday 4th August	Registration/Measurement & Inspection

2	Sunday 5th August	Registration/Measurement & Inspection
3	Monday 6th August	Registration/Measurement & Inspection Practice races, warning signal at 13.55 Opening Ceremony at 18.30
4	Tuesday 7th August	Qualifying series races
5	Wednesday 8th August	Qualifying series races
6	Thursday 9th August	Qualifying series races
7	Friday 10th August	Final series races
8	Saturday 11th August	Final series races
9	Sunday 12th August	Final series races Prize Giving & Closing Ceremony

7.2 On Sunday 12th August there will be no warning signal after 1500

7.3 THREE races per day are scheduled but up to FOUR races a day may be sailed.

7.3 A coaches' briefing is scheduled for 08.30 each race day.

7.4 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 10.55.

## **8. CLASS FLAGS**

Class flags will be the class insignia on a coloured flag are as follows:

<b>Qualifying Fleets</b>	<b>Final fleets</b>	<b>Flag colour</b>
Yellow	Gold	Yellow
Blue	Silver	Blue
Red	Bronze	Red

## **9. RACING AREA**

Attachment A shows the location of racing areas.

## **10. THE COURSE**

10.1 The diagram in Attachment B shows the course, including the course signals, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

10.2 No later than the warning signal the course signals and the approximate compass bearing of the first leg will be displayed on a board on the start line committee boat.

10.3 A gate may be replaced by a single mark to be left to port

10.4 Races will not be shortened. This changes RRS 32.

## **11. MARKS**

11.1 Course A

Marks 1, 2S and 2P .....Orange

Change mark .....Red

Course B

Marks 1, 2S and 2P .....Red

Change mark.....Orange

11.2 Starting marks and finishing marks will be race committee vessels.

## **12. THE START**

12.1 The starting line will be between staffs displaying orange flags on the race committee vessels.

- 12.2 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 12.3 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 12.4 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with ONE sound signal not less than TWO minutes before the warning signal is displayed.

### **13. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

### **14. THE FINISH**

The finishing line will be between staffs displaying orange flags on the race committee vessels.

### **15. PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 15.1 RRS Appendix P, *Special Procedures for Rule 42*, will apply as amended by SI 15.2.
- 15.2 RRS 44.1 is changed as follows. The penalty under RRS P2.1 shall be a One-Turn Penalty. RRS P2.2 is changed so that it will apply to any penalty after the first one. RRS P2.3 will not apply.

### **16. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES**

- 16.1 Time limits and target times are as follows:

<b>Time limit</b>	<b>Mark 1 Time limit</b>	<b>Target time</b>
45 minutes	15 minutes	30 minutes

- 16.2 If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 time limit or if no boat has finished within the Time limit the race will be abandoned. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 16.3 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.

### **17. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 17.1 Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 17.2 The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day, or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 17.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located on the first floor of the Race Office.
- 17.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or jury will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 17.5 A list of boats that, under SI 15.2, have been penalized for breaking rule 42 will be posted.
- 17.6 Breaches of SIs 2, 5.2, 12.2, 20, 22, 23, 25, 26, 27, 28 and 29 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less

than disqualification if the jury so decides.

17.7 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a jury decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

17.8 Decisions of the jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

## **18. ARBITRATION**

18.1 Add new RRS A4.3: “A boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 or RRS 31 while racing may take a penalty after she has finished or retired and prior to the start of a protest hearing involving the incident. Her penalty shall be a Scoring Penalty of 30% calculated as described in RRS 44.3(c), but not more than the score for DSQ. However, if she caused injury or serious damage or gained a significant advantage in the race or series by her breach, her penalty shall be to retire.”

18.2 RRS 63.1 is changed to add: “An appointed arbitrator may allow the protest to be withdrawn”

18.3 An arbitration meeting will be held prior to a protest hearing for each incident resulting in a protest involving a rule of Part 2 or RRS 31, unless the arbitrator deems the incident inappropriate for arbitration. One representative of each party, who was on board at the time of the incident, will meet with the arbitrator. If all the parties to a protest are not represented, the arbitration meeting shall not be held. No witnesses will be permitted.

18.4 After hearing the testimony, the arbitrator will offer one of the following opinions:

(a) The protest committee would find the protest to be invalid. The arbitrator will allow the protestor to withdraw the protest.

(b) The protest committee would find that no boat broke a rule. The arbitrator will allow the protestor to withdraw the protest.

(c) The protest committee would find that one or more boats represented in the arbitration meeting broke a rule of Part 2 or RRS 31. The arbitrator would offer each of those boats the option to accept a Scoring Penalty, or to retire. The arbitrator will then give the protestor an opinion about whether the protest committee would be likely to assign any additional penalties. The arbitrator will allow the protestor to withdraw the protest.

(d) A protest hearing is appropriate

(e) The protest committee will schedule a protest hearing for any protests that are not withdrawn. Any boat that accepted a penalty in accordance with WI18.1 will not be penalized further as a result of the protest hearing unless the protest committee concludes that the boat caused injury or serious damage, gained a significant advantage in the race or series, or broke a rule other than a rule of Part 2 or RRS 31.1

## **19. SCORING**

19.1 THREE qualifying races are required to be completed by all fleets to constitute a regatta

19.2 FIVE races are required to be completed by each fleet to constitute a qualifying series. If FIVE races are not completed as scheduled, the qualifying series will be extended.

19.3 If at the end of the qualifying series 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.

19.4 For the qualifying series, rule A4.2 is changed so that the scores are based on the number of boats assigned to the largest fleet.

- 19.5 Except for race scores excluded under instruction 19.3, a boat's regatta score will be the total of her qualifying series position, plus her final-series score.
- 19.6 Each final series fleet will be scored separately. Different final series fleets need not have completed the same number of final races. The boats in the Gold fleet will be ranked highest, etc.
- 19.7 Series Scores (apply separately to qualifying and final series):
- 19.8 When fewer than FIVE races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 19.9 When from 5 to 8 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 19.10 When 9 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
- 19.11 To request correction of an alleged error in posted race or series results, a boat shall complete a scoring enquiry form available at the race office.

## **20. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 20.1 Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices adequate for the conditions. Flag Y will not be displayed. This changes RRS 40.
- 20.2 **Check-out and check-in:**  
The requirements of this instruction are specified for the safety of competitors.  
Prior to leaving shore, each boat must scan their Accreditation badge at the provided kiosks located at the north and south ramps. Sailors must scan back in when returning to shore. It is the responsibility of the sailor to visibly confirm their sail number or name when checking in/out with the kiosk. Accreditation badges will be issued at registration (1 per sailor).  
Replacement of lost badges will be 5 Euros.
- 20.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 20.4 Under all circumstances coaches and other support boats are expected to assist any boat in distress.
- 20.5 When Flag V is displayed by the race committee signal vessel, coach and other support boats will collaborate with the race committee in rescue tasks.

## **21. REPLACEMENT OF CREW**

- 21.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.
- 21.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

## **22. EQUIPMENT & MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

- 22.1 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 a race committee equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.
- 22.2 Only one set of sails and one forestay may be used during the regatta. They shall be presented and stamped/tagged during the measurement procedure.

## **23. ADVERTISING**

Boats shall display the advertising supplied by the Organising Authority on both sides of the forward 25% of the hull and on the boom.

## **24. OFFICIAL BOATS**

Official boats will be identified as follows:

Race committee boats - Course A.....White flags with letter “A”

Race committee boats - Course B.....White flags with letter “B”

Jury boats.....White flags with JURY

Technical Committee / measurement boats.....White flags with letter “M”

## **25. SUPPORT BOATS**

- 25.1 Support boats shall be registered with the Organising Authority and will be required to comply with local legislation and the 29er Class Support Boat Regulations (see International Class website under Events and Race Management)
- 25.2 Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 25.3 Support boats shall be marked with their national letters on outboard covers or a flag. Minimum height for letters is 200mm.
- 25.4 If called upon support boats will be required to act as rescue boats.

## **26. TRASH DISPOSAL**

Trash may be placed aboard support and race committee boats.

## **27. BERTHING**

Boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the boat park.

## **28. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction includes mobile telephones.

## **29. ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT**

- 29.1 The Organising Authority may supply GPS units for use in races in the Qualifying Series and Fleet Racing Series. Carrying a tracking device will not be grounds for a protest against another competitor.
- 29.2 No competitor or support team shall use a drone over the racing area. However a drone may be flown by a licensed company authorised by the Organising Authority to record video and still imagery exclusively for advertising and promotion.

## **30. PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded to the first three boats in the following categories,

- a. Overall
- b. European champions male
- c. European champions female
- d. Top junior (must be born in 2002 or later, under 17)

Prizes will be awarded to the first three boats in the silver, bronze and emerald (if appropriate) fleets.

Other prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority

### **31. RIGHTS TO USE NAMES AND LIKENESSES**

Where consent has been given for imagery, competitors grant to the Organising Authority without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television of or relating to the event.

### **32. RISK STATEMENT**

RRS 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.”

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their property whether afloat or ashore;
- c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances
- g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the event and to attend any safety briefing held for this event.

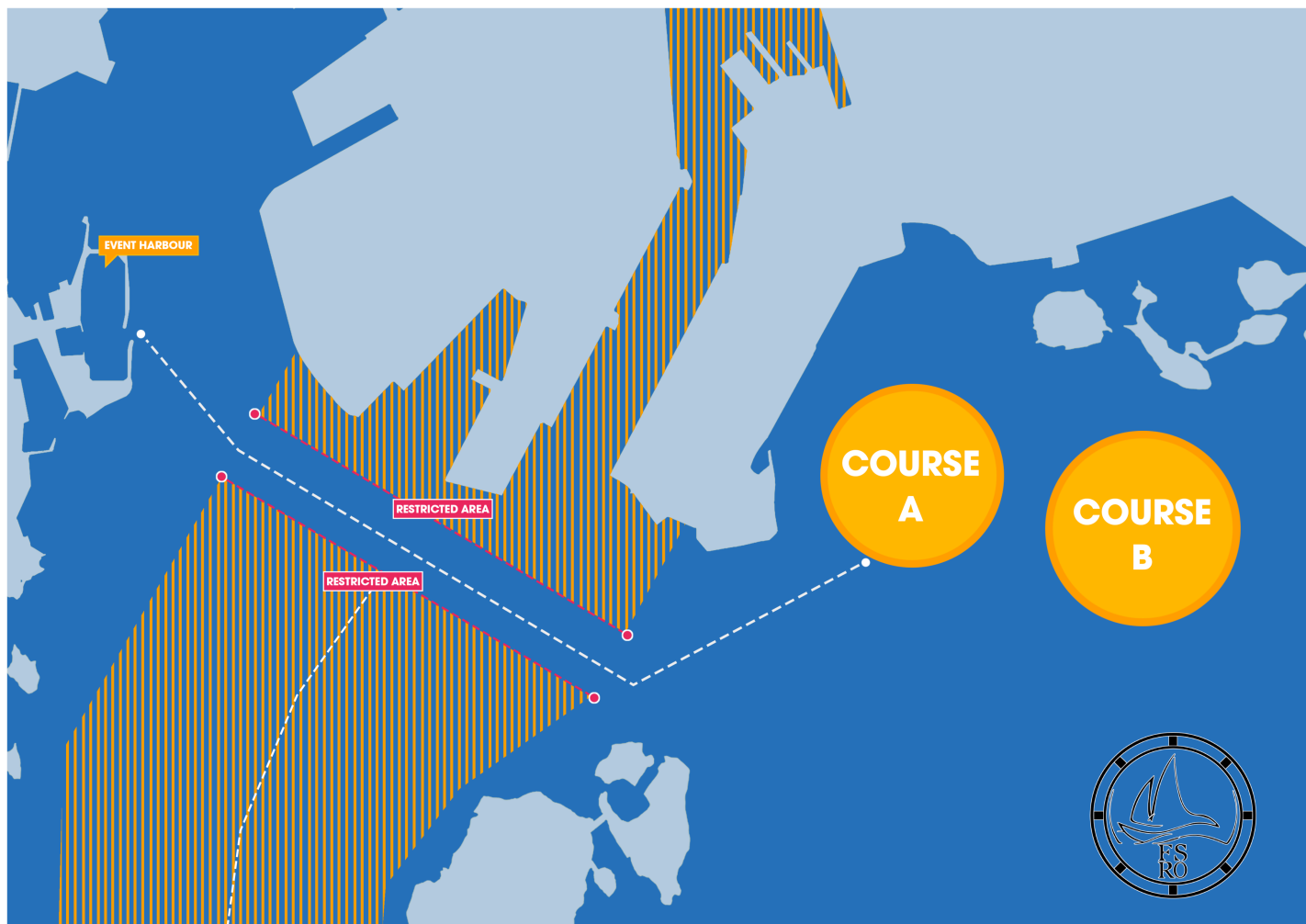
### **33. INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-part insurance with a minimum cover of Euros 1.5 million per event or the equivalent.



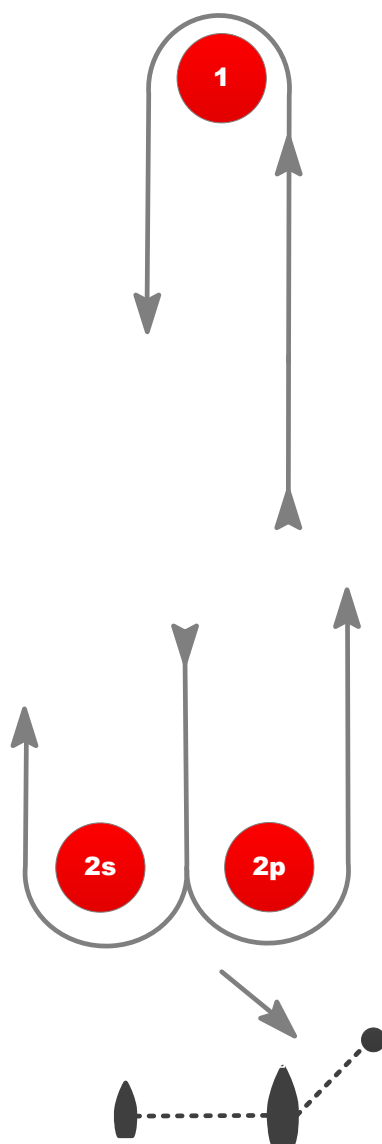
## Attachment A

### RACING AREA



## Attachment B

### THE COURSE



## Attachment C Racing Schedule

European Championships 26 August to 1 September 2018		
Warning signal		
Practice Day	Course A	Course B
13:55	29er Yellow	29er Red
ASAP	29er Blue	
Day 1 – Qualifying	Course A	Course B
10.55	29er Yellow Q1	29er Red Q1
ASAP	29er Blue Q1	29er Red Q2
ASAP	29er Yellow Q2	29er Red Q3
ASAP	29er Blue Q2	
ASAP	29er Yellow Q3	
ASAP	29er Blue Q3	
Day 2- Qualifying	Course A	Course B
10.55	29er Blue Q4	29er Yellow Q4
ASAP	29er Red Q4	29er Yellow Q5
ASAP	29er Blue Q5	29er Yellow Q6
ASAP	29er Red Q5	
ASAP	29er Blue Q6	
ASAP	29er Red Q6	
Day 3 – Qualifying	Course A	Course B
10.55	29er Red Q7	29er Blue Q7
ASAP	29er Yellow Q7	29er Blue Q8
ASAP	29er Red Q8	29er Blue Q9
ASAP	29er Yellow Q8	
ASAP	29er Red Q9	

ASAP	29er Yellow Q9	
<b>Day 4 – Fleet Racing</b>	<b>Course A</b>	<b>Course B</b>
10.55	29er Silver F1	29er Gold F1
ASAP	29er Bronze F1	29er Gold F2
ASAP	29er Silver F2	29er Gold F3
ASAP	29er Bronze F2	
ASAP	29er Silver F3	
ASAP	29er Bronze F3	
<b>Day 5 – Fleet Racing</b>	<b>Course A</b>	<b>Course B</b>
10.55	29er Silver F4	29er Gold F4
ASAP	29er Bronze F4	29er Gold F5
ASAP	29er Silver F5	29er Gold F6
ASAP	29er Bronze F5	
ASAP	29er Silver F6	
ASAP	29er Bronze F6	
<b>Day 6 – Fleet Racing</b>	<b>Course A</b>	<b>Course B</b>
10.55	29er Silver F7	29er Gold F7
ASAP	29er Bronze F7	29er Gold F8
ASAP	29er Silver F8	29er Gold F9
ASAP	29er Bronze F8	
ASAP	29er Silver F9	
ASAP	29er Bronze F9	