



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SI)

An International Windsurfing Association sanctioned event

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing-Windsurfing Competition Rules (WCR).
- 1.2. In case of a discrepancy with the Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions will take precedence.
- 1.3. No national authority prescription will apply.
- 1.4. If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will prevail.

2. FORMAT

- 2.1. Boys and Girls, Men and Women, may race together.
- 2.2. FE competitors shall race together; FW competitors shall race together.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB), located at the Race Office.

4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1. Any change to the sailing instructions shall be posted, after approval of the Class Representative, on the Official Notice Board 1 hour before the scheduled start of any race affected, except that any change to the schedule of races shall be posted before 20.00 hours on the day before it will take effect.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Official Flag Pole located in front of the Race Office.
- 5.2. "AP" flag means: Races are postponed. Flag AP flown over a Class/division Flag means racing for that Class/division is postponed. The warning signal for a Class/division will be made not less than 20 minutes after its AP flag is lowered (with one sound signal). This changes WCR Race Signals.
- 5.3. "D" flag (with two sound signals) means: "The safety system (as described in SI.18) is in force" (The D Flag will be hoisted not less than 1 hour before the next start).

6. SIGNALS MADE AFLOAT

- 6.1. "R" flag means: "A rescue operation is in progress. Coach boats shall assist".
- 6.2. "G flag" displayed on the finishing vessel means: "A further race will be started as soon as possible. G flag will be removed one minute before the next warning signal."

7. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 7.1. The total number of scheduled races is 15.
- 7.2. No more than 4 races per day shall be sailed.
- 7.3. The warning signal for a subsequent race on the same day will be made as soon as practicable, except that the minimum interval between the closing of the finishing line and the new warning signal for that fleet/division shall be 10 minutes.
- 7.4. If two races have been sailed back to back there shall be a rest period of a minimum of 30 mins ashore for the last finisher per class/division in the second race.

8. CLASS/DIVISION FLAGS

- 8.1. Division flags and Group flags shall be posted on the official notice board.

9. RACING AREA

- 9.1. Attachment A shows the location of racing areas.
- 9.2. The Course Area is defined as an area extending 75 metres beyond the course including the "starting line" and the "finishing line" and the extensions, which would normally be taken by a racer when racing.

10. COURSES

- 10.1. The course will be posted on the ONB .

11. MARKS

- 11.1. The marks shall as described on the course diagram.

12. THE START

- 12.1. Races will be started according to WCR 26.1 – System 1.
- 12.2. The starting line will be between mast displaying orange flag on the starboard end mark.
- 12.3. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.
- 12.4. A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes WCR A4 and A5.
- 12.5. The interval between the Starting signal of one class/division and the Warning signal of the next class/division will be at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 12.6. When an individual recall has been signalled, the sail numbers of the identified competitors will only be posted on a board at the stern of the Race Committee Vessel just before the finish of the race.
- 12.7. When a General recall has been signalled, the succeeding start(s) for the same and/or for different class (s) / division(s) will be given according to the flags hoisted on the Race Committee Vessel.

13. THE FINISH

- 13.1. The finishing line will be between a mast displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1. A board that has taken a penalty or retired under WCR 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgement form at the Race Office within the protest time limit of her group. Failure to follow this procedure may lead the Protest Committee to consider the penalty as not executed. This changes WCR 44.
- 14.2 Failure to comply WCR 12.3 and 22.2 may result in a points-penalty being implemented by the Race Committee without hearing. This changes WCR 63.1.

15. TIME LIMITS & TARGET TIMES

15.1. The time limits and target times are as follows:

Class	Time limit	Target time	Mark 1 time limit	Time limit after the first board
FW & FE	40 min	15 >20 mins	12 min	20 min

15.2. If no board has passed mark 1 within the Mark 1 time limit, the race shall be abandoned.

15.3. Boards failing to sail the course and finish within "Time limit after the first board", will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes WCR 35, A4 and A5.

16. PROTESTS & REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

16.1. Protest forms are available in the Race Office and shall be lodged there within Protest Time Limit.

16.2. For each class/division the Protest Time Limit is 45 minutes after the last board has finished the last race of the day for that class/division, or after no more races for the day has been signalled. Protests time limits will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

16.3. Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Parties are requested to remain in the vicinity of the Jury Room to expedite hearings. Hearings will be held in the jury Room, located near to the Race Office.

16.4. For the purpose of WCR 64.3(b), the qualified authority is the Equipment Inspector appointed by the IWA.

16.5. Competitors wishing to clarify a result shall initially do so by completing a "Scoring Enquiry Form" and by lodging it at the Race Office. Only if the response given by the Race Committee is unsatisfactory in the opinion of the competitor should he request a hearing under RRS 62. This change WCR 62.1a

16.6. Breaches of WCR 23.3, 77, Appendix G and S.I. 12.3, 14.2, 15.3, 18, 19, 22, will not be grounds for a protest by a board. This changes WCR 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the International Jury so decides. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction will be DPI.

16.7. Notices of protests by the Race Committee or International Jury will be posted to inform boards under rule 61.1(b).

16.8. On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:

16.8.1 Within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;

16.8.2 No later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes WCR 66.

- 16.9. 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 WCR 62.2.
- 16.10. Competitors wishing to retire from a race shall make a retirement declaration at the Race Office.

17. SCORING

- 17.1. Scoring will be in accordance with Windsurfing Competition Rules, as amended by these SI's, and using the "Low Points Scoring System".
- 17.2. Discards:
- 17.2.1 When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a board's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 17.2.2 When from 4 to 6 races have been completed, a board's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 17.2.3 When from 7 to 10 races have been completed, a board's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her 2 worst scores.
- 17.2.4 When from 11 to 15 races have been completed, a board's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her 3 worst scores.

18. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1. Abandoning:
- 18.1.1 A board that retires from a race shall, whenever possible, notify a Race Committee boat before leaving the course area. Notwithstanding such notification, she shall then proceed, as soon as possible, to the beach and the competitor shall immediately report to the Race Office, in person or, if the competitor has come ashore a long way from the race site, by phoning the Race Office. Failure to comply with this instruction may result in action under WCR 60.2 or 60.3.
- 18.1.2 Competitors not leaving the site for the days racing shall inform the Race Office prior to the first start.
- 18.2. Safety System:
- 18.2.1 The Safety System is in force when the "D" flag is displayed on the "Official Flag Pole".
- 18.2.2 Sign-out/in sheets will be provided, by the Race Committee, near the Race Office.
- 18.2.3 Each competitor, intending to race, shall personally sign-out, against his name/sail number, when going out to race.
- 18.2.4 As soon returning returning ashore, after the last race of the day, but not later than the time limit for protest of her Class/Division, each competitor shall personally sign in to confirm that he/she has returned ashore.
- 18.3. Failure to comply with Art# 18.2.3 or 18.2.4 will result in a 2-point penalty being implemented by the Race Committee, without a hearing according with the WCR 64.1d. This changes WCR 63.1.

- 18.4 Each competitor shall carry adequate live-saving equipment. Each competitor is individually responsible for wearing a personal floating device adequate for the conditions.

19. REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT

- 19.1 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

20. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 20.1. It is the competitor's responsibility to ensure the equipment is class legal, and a completed Equipment Registration Form is signed by event Equipment Inspector before registration closes.
- 20.2. The Official Equipment Inspector shall stamp all equipment a competitor intends to use during the regatta before registration closes.

21. OFFICIAL BOATS

- 21.1. A Race Committee (RC) boat shall fly a orange flag.
- 21.2. Media boats are not under the direct control of the Race Committee. However, they are required to keep clear. Their failure to do so is grounds for redress, whether there is physical damage or not This changes WCR 62.1 (b). Media boats are identified by a colored flag with the word "PRESS".

22. SUPPORT BOATS

- 22.1. Coach and support personnel may use support boat to assist their competitors on the water. They shall register at the regatta office prior to the first scheduled race, providing details of their boats and distinctive identification (as per NoR)
- 22.2. Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the Preparatory signal for the first Class/Division to start until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 22.3. If a support boats fails to comply with this SI, all competitors supported by that boat, shall be subject to a 5-point penalty for the next race, without a hearing. In the case of the last race of the series, the penalty will apply to the last race sailed This changes WCR 63.1.

23. ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT, COMPASSES & GPS

- 23.1. Electronic equipment and compasses are prohibited, with the exception of devices whose sole capability is timing and GPS.

24. PRIZES

- 24.1. Prizes will be awarded according to the NOR.
- 24.2. All competitors and coaches are reminded to attend the prize giving and closing ceremony. Prize winners not attending may forfeit their prize.

Attachment A - RACING AREA

