



**2021**  
**RACEBOARD WORLD**  
**CHAMPIONSHIPS**

*Aug 17-21. Riga, Latvia.*

# SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

**[DP]** denotes a rule for which the penalty is applied according to the RRS Introduction - Notation.

**[NP]** denotes that a breach of this rule will not be grounds for a protest by a board.

## **1. RULES**

- 1.1. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing - Windsurfing Fleet Racing Edition (WCR).
- 1.2. National prescriptions will not apply.
- 1.3. If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions (SI) and any other document governing the event, the Sailing Instructions will take precedence. This changes WCR 63.7.
- 1.4. If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.

## **2. [SP] [NP] ADDITIONAL IDENTIFICATION AND ADVERTISING**

- 2.1. Each competitor shall place stickers issued by the Organizing Authority, as shown on the diagram in SI Appendix A. Competitors shall not cut or adapt the stickers in any way;
- 2.2. Event stickers shall not be cut, trimmed or altered in any way;
- 2.3. Penalties:
  - 2.3.1. Failure to comply with SI 2.1 and 2.2 will result in a 2 points penalty without a hearing for the first race sailed on the day;
  - 2.3.2. Application of these penalties shall not result in a board being scored worse than DSQ;
  - 2.3.3. If no race is completed on the day of the infringement the penalty will be applied to the most recent completed race in the series or, if there were no races previously completed to the next completed race in the series.

## **3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to the competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board next to the next to the Regatta Office. Additionally notices will be published at <https://worlds2021.raceboard.org/notice-board>.

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

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board not less than 60 minutes before the scheduled warning signal of any race on the day that it takes effect, except that any change affecting the schedule of the next day's racing will be posted not later than the protest time limit of the day.

## **5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Official Flag Pole located near the Race Office.
- 5.2. When the **AP Flag** is displayed '1 minute' is replaced by 'not less than 20 minutes'. **This changes WCR Race Signals.**

## **6. RACE SCHEDULE and FORMAT**

- 6.1. The daily race schedule and the scheduled time of the Warning signal for the first race for each gender division will be published daily on the Official Notice Board by 21:00 on the day before the schedule takes effect.
- 6.2. To alert boards that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed with one sound signal for at least five minutes before a warning signal is displayed.
- 6.3. Three (3) races may be sailed "back to back".
- 6.4. There shall be a maximum 4 races per day; with a maximum in the event of 15 races.
- 6.5. Age Divisions and Sub-Divisions shall race within their Gender Division.
- 6.6. On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 16:30.
- 6.7. **Long Distance Race.** It is the intention of the Race Committee to include a long distance race in the championship race series, which will rank as a championship race and may be discardable. Details to be posted on the Official Notice Board.

## **7. FLAGS**

The Class Division flags shall be:  
Men: Blue with Class logo  
Women: White with Class logo

## **8. RACING AREA**

The racing area is an area extending 50 metres beyond the course including the starting line, the finishing line and their extensions, in which a board normally sails while racing.

- 8.1. **[DP]** Boards not racing shall avoid the racing area. **This changes WCR 23.1**

## **9. COURSES**

- 9.1. The course to be used will be published is described in Appendix B.
- 9.2. If more than one course option is prescribed for the days racing, no later than one minute before the warning signal the Race Committee Signal Boat shall display the course to be sailed on a white board.

## **10. MARKS**

Course marks – red inflatable tetrahedral  
Change mark – yellow inflatable conical  
Start and finish marks – red cylindrical

## **11. THE START**

- 11.1. Races will be started according to WCR 26.
- 11.2. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat at the starboard end of the line and a laid mark.
- 11.3. A board starting later than 4 minutes after her warning signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. **This changes WCR A4 and A5.**
- 11.4. If flag I has been displayed, and any part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment is in the triangle formed by the ends of the starting line and the first *mark* during the last minute before her starting signal, she shall thereafter sail from the course side across an extension to the pre-start side before *starting*. **This changes WCR 30.1.**
- 11.5. When an Individual Recall has been signalled or a board breaks rule 30.3 and 30.4, the Race Committee will display her sail number on the Race Committee Signal Boat before the first competitor has finished the race. Failure to display the sail numbers(s) will not be grounds for redress. **This changes WCR 62.1(a).**

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

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) 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.

## **13. THE FINISH**

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee boat and nearby laid mark.

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

- 14.1. The target time for the first finisher is 25 to 30 minutes.
- 14.2. The time limit for the first board in each race to reach the first mark is 15 minutes.
- 14.3. The time limit for the first board to finish a race is 45 minutes.
- 14.4. If the time limits in Sl's #13.2 and #13.3 are exceeded the race shall be abandoned.
- 14.5. Boards failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first finisher in their respective division shall be scored DNF except those who are scored DSQ, BFD, UFD, OCS, RET, RDG or DNE. **This changes WCR 35, A4 and A5.**

## **15. PROTEST AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 15.1. Protest forms are available in the Race Office. Protest and request for redress shall be delivered at the Race Office within the Protest time limit.
- 15.2. Special attention shall be given to WCR 61.1 (a) "...She shall inform the Race Committee of her intention to protest as soon as practicable after she *finishes* or retires"
- 15.3. **[DP][NP]** Boards retiring from racing, after finishing shall complete a Retirement Declaration Form at the Race Office before the protest time limit.
- 15.4. The Protest Time Limit is 60 minutes after the last board has finished the last race of the day or the display of AP+ A or N+A, whichever is later.
- 15.5. Notices will be posted no later than 20 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as a witness. Hearings will be held in the protest room.
- 15.6. Notices of protest by the Race Committee, Protest Committee and Technical Committee will be posted on the Official Notice Board to inform boards under rule 61.1(b).
- 15.7. Breaches of WCR 77 and rules in the Sailing Instructions marked **[NP]** will not be grounds for a protest by a board. **This changes WCR 60.1(a).**
- 15.8. Penalties for breaches of Sailing Instructions marked **[DP]**, **Class Rules**, **WCR 50**, are at the discretion of the protest committee and may be less than disqualification if they so decide.

## **16. SCORING**

- 16.1. Scoring will be according to WCR appendix A.
- 16.2. The first place of a long-distance race shall be scored as 0,7 points.  
**This changes WCR A4.**
- 16.3. Three races are required to validate the event for each division.
- 16.4. Division titles and prizes will be awarded based upon a boards position in the overall ranking.
- 16.5. To request correction of an alleged error in the posted races or series results, a board shall complete a Scoring Enquiry Form available at the Race Office. The Scoring Enquiry Form shall be delivered not later than one hour after the results are published.

## **17. [DP] [NP] REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT**

Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the Technical Committee. Request for substitution shall be made in writing at the first reasonable opportunity. Forms for replacement are available at the Race Office.

## **18. EQUIPMENT CHANGES AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

- 18.1. **[DP][NP]** A board or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class Rules and Sailing Instructions. On the water, a board can be instructed by the Race Committee or Technical Committee to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.
- 18.2. **[DP]** When changing to a rig with a different size sail, the competitor must obtain the new rig and return the old rig at the same time to the equipment storage area. The equipment storage area shall be ashore in the vicinity of the launching area unless otherwise stated in the sailing instructions.

## **19. [NP] OFFICIAL BOATS**

Official boats will be marked as follows:

Race Committee boats -white flag with flag "RC" in black

Media boat -white flag with "Media" in black

## **20. [NP] SUPPORT BOATS**

- 20.1. Coach and support boats shall stay outside areas where boards are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first fleet to start until all boards have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement or abandonment except to assist a crew in distress or at request of the Race Committee.
- 20.2. Support boats shall comply with any reasonable request from a race official.
- 20.3. A personal flotation device shall be worn by all support boat personal at all time while afloat.
- 20.4. Support boat drivers shall use the kill cord in the recommended manner.
- 20.5. All coach boats shall carry a tow rope (minimum 15 metres long and 8 mm thick)
- 20.6. An alleged breach of any of the regulations in SI #20 may be referred to the Race Committee and Protest Committee. The Race Committee may instruct the organizing authority to withdraw accreditation and access rights to the regatta venue and the course areas from the offending party without the option of replacement during the regatta.

## **21. [DP] [NP] TRASH DISPOSAL**

As sailors, we seek to protect and restore our waters. Boards shall not intentionally put trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard support and race committee boats. **This changes WCR 47.**

## **22. PRIZES**

Prizes will be given according the Notice of Race.

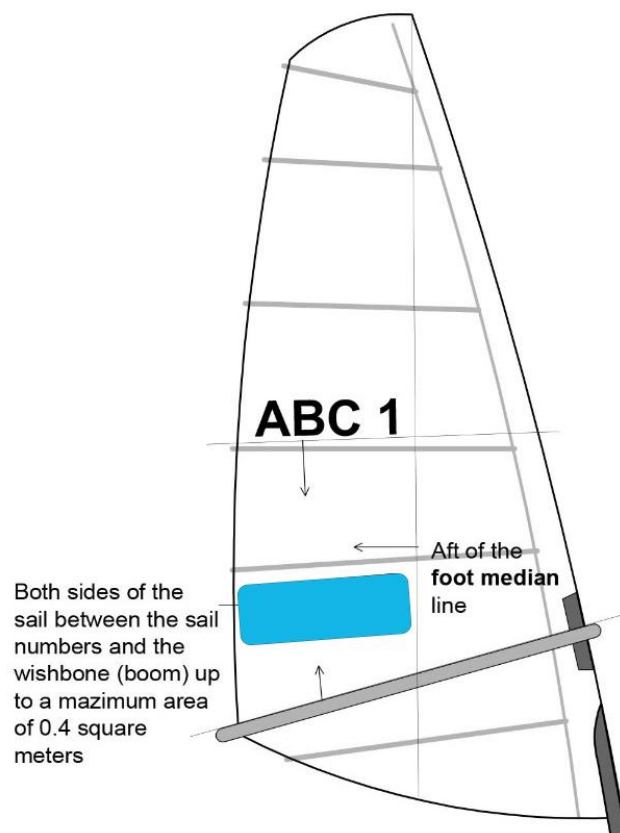
## **23. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS**

By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.

## **24. [DP] [NP] SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 24.1. A Check-out & Check-in system may be prescribed, and if so details will be posted on the Official Notice Board
- 24.2. Competitors shall at all times whilst afloat wear a personal flotation device that shall conform to the minimum standard ISO 12402-5 (level 50).
- 24.3. Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Failure to comply may be misconduct;
- 24.4. Reasonable actions by event officials to implement COVID-19 guidance, protocols or legislation, even if they later prove to have been unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions.

# Appendix A



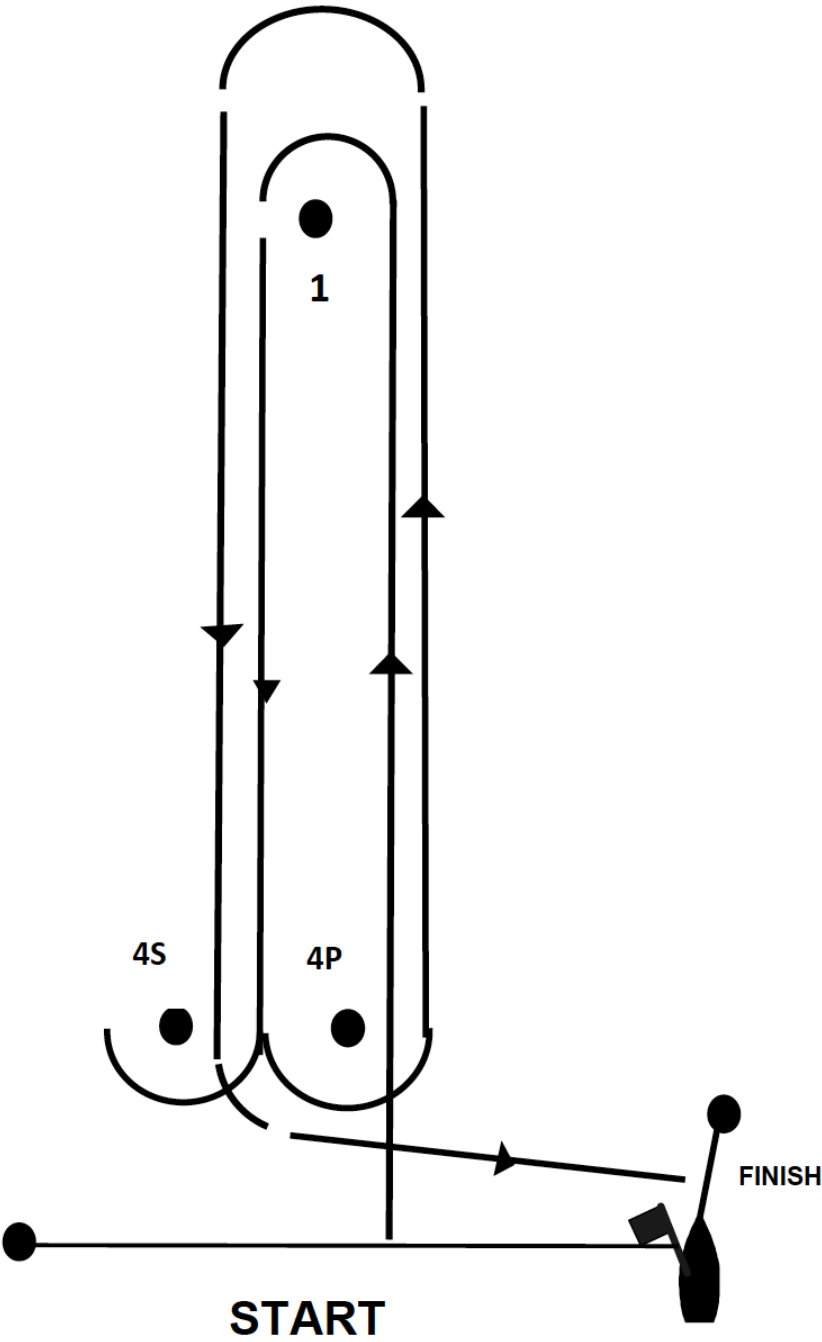
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 Event sponsorship advertising

Note: There shall be no reserved hull space on sailboards for event sponsorship.

This figure is for guidance purposes only, in all cases the text of the regulation shall prevail.

# Appendix B



START - 1 - 4S/4P - 1 - 4P - FINISH