

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1. RULES

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- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (2021-2024) - Windsurfing Fleet Racing Edition shall apply (WCR).
- 1.2 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence;
- 1.3 In all rules governing this regatta:
- 1.4 [SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee without a hearing (this changes WCR A5);
- 1.5 [NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a board. This changes WCR 60.1(a);
- 1.6 [DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is applied according to the WCR Introduction – Notation;
- 1.7 The arbitration system as described in WCR Appendix T.

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

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- 2.1 Each competitor shall wear event bibs provided by the organiser. Event bibs shall be worn outside any other clothing or equipment at all times when afloat and during media interviews ashore;
- 2.2 Event bibs shall not be cut, trimmed, defaced, or altered in any way;
- 2.3 Penalties:
  - 2.3.1 Failure to comply with SI 2.1 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. [DP] [NP] CAMERAS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

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- 3.1 Competitors may be required to carry on their boards/rigs cameras as specified by the organiser;

### 4. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

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- 4.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board  
<https://ym2023.internationalwindsurfing.com/notice-board>

### 5. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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- 5.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board at least 60 minutes before the scheduled start of the first race affected, except that any changes affecting the first possible start of the next day's racing shall be posted by 20:00 the day before it will take effect.

### 6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

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- 6.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the official flagpole located in front of the race office;
- 6.2 When a signal is displayed over a Division flag it applies to that Division only. **This changes WCR Race Signals;**
- 6.3 When the **AP Flag** is displayed, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 40 minutes'. **This changes WCR Race Signals.**

### 7. FORMAT OF RACING

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- 7.1 The regatta consists of a Single Series.
- 7.2 Boys/Men and Girls/Women shall race within their respected age category.
- 7.3 Youth and Masters shall race separately.

## 8. EVENT SCHEDULE

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- 8.1 There will be a daily skippers meeting 60 minutes before the first possible warning signal;
- 8.2 There will be a maximum of 6 races on any day, in a maximum championship series of 24 races;
- 8.3 Three (3) races may be sailed 'back-to-back';
- 8.4 To alert boards that a race or sequence of races will shortly begin, an orange flag will be displayed (with one sound) at least 2 minutes before a warning signal;
- 8.5 The warning signal for the last race shall not be after 17.00hrs. on 14<sup>th</sup> March.

## 9. CLASS FLAG

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- 9.1 The Division flags and ribbons shall be:

Division	Ribbon	Flag
Masters	Green	Green with FWC logo
Youth	White	White with FWC logo

- 9.2 [DP] [NP] Competitors shall carry a ribbon, as per SI 9.1, provided by the local organizer tied in a visible place.

## 10. RACING AREA

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- 10.1 The racing area is defined as an area extending 50m beyond the course, including the starting line, the finishing line and their extensions, in which a board would normally sail while racing;
- 10.2 [DP] Boards not racing shall avoid the racing area. This changes WCR 23.1;
- 10.3 Location of racing area will be posted daily on the Official Notice Board.

## 11. COURSES

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- 11.1 The course or courses to be used will be published on the ONB before the daily skippers meeting. The diagrams will show the order in which the marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left;
- 11.2 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 vessel shall display the course to be sailed on a white board.

## 12. MARKS

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- 12.1 The starting *marks*, finishing *marks* and *marks* of the course will be as described on the course diagrams posted on the ONB.

## 13. THE START

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- 13.1 Races will be started using WCR 26 – system 1 with the following amendment:

Minutes before starting signal	Visual signal	Sound signal	Means
3	Class flag	One	Warning signal
2	U or black flag	One	Preparatory signal
1	Preparatory flag removed	One long	One minute
0	Class flag removed	One	Start signal

- 13.2 The starting line will be between two boats displaying an orange flag as starting marks.
- 13.3 When a green flag is displayed before or together with the warning signal boards shall start on starboard.;
- 13.4 A board starting later than 3 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. **This changes WCR A4 and A5;**

- 13.5 When a board breaks rule 30.4, the race committee will display the sail number(s) on a white board on the back of the race committee signal vessel before the first board has finished that race. Failure to display the sail numbers(s) will not be grounds for redress. **This changes WCR 62.1(a);**
- 13.6 [DP] When a starting sequence is in progress, competitors whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area. The starting area is defined as a rectangle 75 meters from the starting line and marks in all directions;

**14. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

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- 14.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will:
  - 14.1.1** Lay a new mark;
  - 14.1.2** Move the finish line;
  - 14.1.3** Move the leeward gates or mark;
- 14.2 When the new mark is laid, the original mark will be removed as soon as practicable;
- 14.3 When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

**15. THE FINISH**

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- 15.1 The finishing line will be between staff displaying a blue flag on a race committee vessel and a mark.

**16. TIME LIMITS, TARGET TIMES & REST PERIOD**

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- 16.1 The time limits and target times are as follows:

Time limit	Target time	Finish Window
24 minutes	12 minutes	8 minutes

- 16.2 Competitors failing to finish within the time stated in the Finish Window, after the first competitor in that division sails the course and finishes, will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). **This changes WCR 35, A4 and A5;**
- 16.3 Rest Periods-Back-to-Back races. 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 class will be 8 minutes;
- 16.4 Rest Periods-Ashore. After a series of back-to-back races there shall be a rest period of a minimum of 45 minutes ashore for the last finisher in the last race of that division.

**17. PROTESTS & REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

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- 17.1 Protest forms are available at the regatta office. Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit;
- 17.2 The protest time limit is **60 minutes** after the last board has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals 'no more racing today';
- 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 hearing room, located near the race office;
- 17.4 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);**
- 17.5 On the last scheduled day of a competitor's Series, a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day, or no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. **This changes WCR 66;**

17.6 On the last scheduled day of a competitor's Series, request for redress from an International Jury decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. **This changes WCR 62.2.**

## 18. SCORING

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- 18.1 Scoring will be according to the WCR Appendix A, as amended in 18.4 for discards;
- 18.2 Men/boys and Women/girls shall be scored within their age categories and will not be rescored.
- 18.3 A minimum of 3 races shall be completed by a division to validate a championship for that division;
- 18.4 A competitor's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score(s) as follows:

<i>Opening Series Races</i>	<i>Discards</i>
1-3	0
4-6	1
7-10	2
11-15	3
16-20	4
21-24	5

18.5 To request correction of an alleged error in the posted results, a board shall complete a scoring enquiry form available at the regatta office.

## 19. SAFETY REGULATIONS

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- 19.1 [DP] [NP] A board that retires from a race shall, if reasonably possible, notify the race committee before leaving the course area and shall report to the race office upon arriving ashore;
- 19.2 [DP] [NP] Competitors not going afloat for all or part of the day's racing shall inform the race office, prior to the first start affected;
- 19.3 **Safety System.** If prescribed shall be published on the official notice board;
- 19.4 [DP] [NP] Competitors shall at all times whilst afloat wear an impact vest or a personal flotation device that shall conform to the minimum standard ISO 12402-5 (level 50) and a certified protective impact helmet;
- 19.5 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Failure to comply may be misconduct;
- 19.6 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.

## 20. EQUIPMENT REGISTRATION and REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT

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- 20.1 An Online Equipment Inspection Form shall be completed by each competitor and submitted before the end of registration.
- 20.2 [DP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the technical committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the race office at the first reasonable opportunity on the form provided.

## 21. OFFICIAL BOATS

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- 21.1 [NP] Race committee boats display a white flag with black RC

## 21 **SUPPORT BOATS**

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- 21.1 All support boats may display their national flag;
- 21.2 Support boats must be outside each course area at all times that boards are racing in that area, except to assist a crew in distress or at the specific request of the race committee.

## 22 **[DP] TRASH DISPOSAL**

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- 22.1 Trash may be placed aboard support and Committee boats.

## 23 **PRIZES**

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- 23.1 Prizes will be awarded according to the NOR;
- 23.2 All competitors and coaches are required to attend the closing ceremony. Prize winners not attending may forfeit their prize.