

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 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 Appendix T applies. Rules T1 and T2 are deleted and replaced by the T1 and T2, as stated in Appendix A to these SIs.

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

- 2.1 Class and Sponsor stickers will be provided and applied as per SI Appendix C.
- 2.2 Event lycras will be provided and worn over all other clothing
- 2.3 Class stickers shall not be cut, trimmed, defaced, or altered in any way.
- 2.4 Penalties:
 - 2.4.1 Failure to comply with SI 2.2, 2.3 will result in a 2 points penalty without a hearing for the first race sailed on the day.
 - 2.4.2 Application of these penalties shall not result in a board being scored worse than DSQ
 - 2.4.3 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

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

4. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 4.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board
<https://gp2023.formulawindsurfing.org/notice-board>

5. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 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

- 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 20 minutes'. **This changes WCR Race Signals.**

7. FORMAT OF RACING

- 7.1 The regatta consists of a Single Series.

8. EVENT SCHEDULE

8.1 The Championship schedule is as follows:

Thursday 11 May	8.00 – 9.30	Registration
	10:00	Skippers meeting
	12:00	First possible warning signal
Friday 12 May	TBC	First possible warning signal
Saturday 13 May		
Sunday 14 May	TBC	First possible warning signal
	17.00	Last possible warning signal
	18.00	Prize giving ceremony

8.2 There will be a daily skippers meeting

8.3 There will be a maximum of 6 races on any day, in a maximum championship series of 24 races;

8.4 Three (3) races may be sailed 'back-to-back';

8.5 The warning signal for the last race shall not be after 17.00hrs. on 14th May.

9. CLASS FLAG

9.1 The Division flags and ribbons shall be:

Junior - White with FWC logo

Youth/Senior/Masters/Grand Masters – Blue with FWC logo

10. RACING AREA

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

11.1 The course or courses to be used is published in Appendix B. The diagram shows 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

	Format	Colour
Starting:	Cylindrical	Orange
Course mark 1, 1a,:	Pyramidal with PSW logo	Orange
Course mark 2s, 2p:	Pyramidal	Yellow
Course mark 3:	Pyramidal	Yellow
Finish:	Cylindrical	Yellow

13. THE START

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 a boat displaying an orange flag and a yellow mark.

13.3 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 30.3 or 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);**

14. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

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

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

16.1 The time limits and target times are as follows:

Time limit	Target time	Finish Window
24 minutes	12 minutes	15 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 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

17.1 Protest forms are available at the regatta office. Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered there or submitted online 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);**

18. SCORING

- 18.1 Scoring will be according to the WCR Appendix A, as amended in 18.3 for discards;
- 18.2 A minimum of 3 races shall be completed to validate a championship;
- 18.3 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

- 18.4 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

- 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;

20. EQUIPMENT REGISTRATION and REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT

- 20.1 An Online Equipment Inspection Form shall be completed by each competitor and submitted before the end of registration at 9:30 on 11th May.
- 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

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

21 SUPPORT BOATS

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

22.1 Trash may be placed aboard support and Committee boats.

23 PRIZES

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.

APPENDIX A

T1 POST-RACE PENALTIES

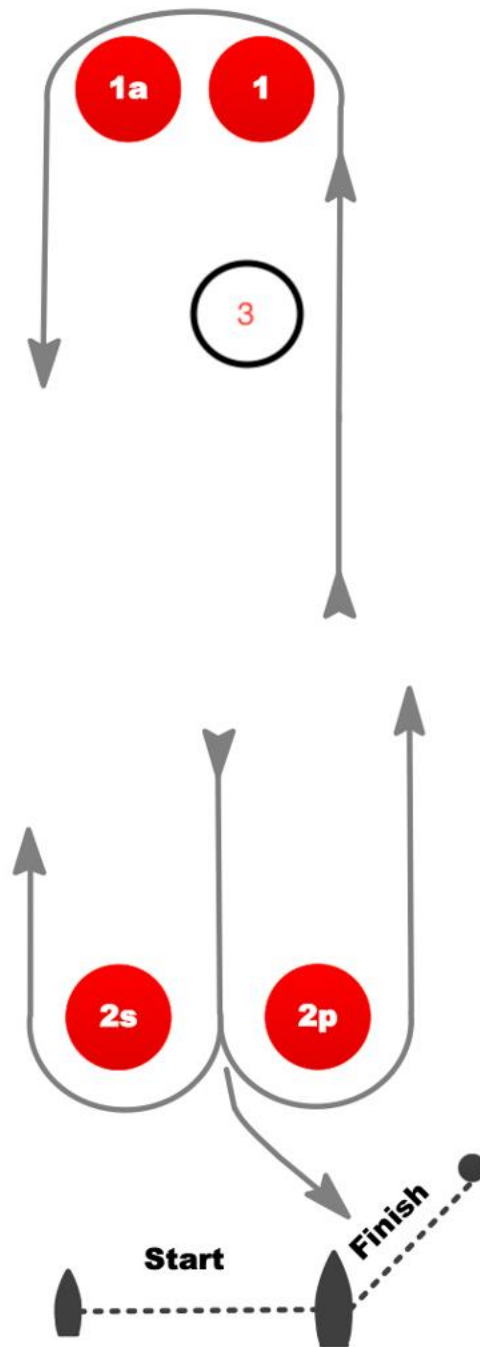
- a) A board that may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 in an incident may take a Post-Race Penalty at any time after the race until the beginning of a protest hearing involving the incident.
- b) The race score for a board that takes a Post-Race Penalty shall be the score she would have received without that penalty, made worse by the 30% of the score for Did Not Finish, rounded to the nearest whole number (0.5 rounded upward). The scores of other boards shall not be changed; therefore, two boards may receive the same score. However, the penalty shall not cause the board's score to be worse than the score for Did Not Finish.
- c) A board takes a Post-Race Penalty by delivering to the arbitrator or a member of the protest committee a written statement that she accepts the penalty and that identifies the race number and where and when the incident occurred.

This rule does not apply if the board caused injury or serious damage or, despite taking a penalty, gained a significant advantage in the race or series by her breach.

T2 ARBITRATION MEETING

An arbitration meeting will be held prior to a protest hearing for each incident resulting in a protest by a board involving one or more rules of Part 2, but only if each party is represented by a person who was on board at the time of the incident. No witnesses will be permitted. However, if the arbitrator decides that rule T1 does not apply or that arbitration is not appropriate, the meeting will not be held, and if a meeting is in progress, it will be closed.

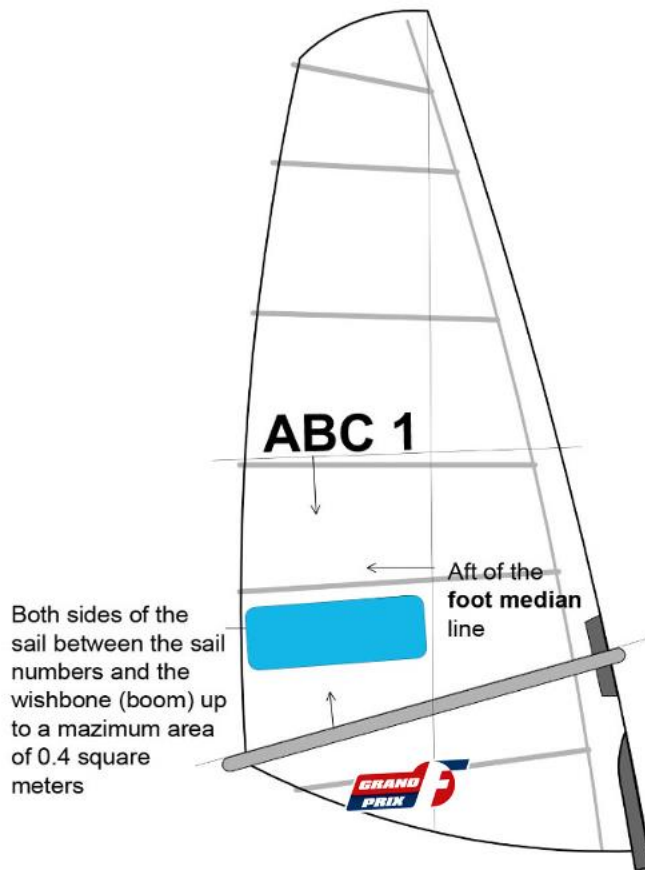
APPENDIX B



SENIOR/MASTERS/GRAND MASTERS/ YOUTH: Start – 1- 1a - 2s/2p – 1 - 1a - 2p – Finish

JUNIOR Start – 3 - 2s/2p – 3 - 2p – Finish

APPENDIX C



Key:

 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.