



# NOTICE OF RACE

**FORMULA WINDSURFING FOIL**

**EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS 2024**

**25th – 29th March 2024**

**Portimao, Portugal**

<https://foileuropeans2024.formulawindsurfing.org>

**Organized by:**

Clube Naval de Portimao

**An International Windsurfing Association sanctioned event *including***

**FORMULA WINDSURFING FOIL EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS (FFEC)**

**FORMULA WINDSURFING FOIL YOUTH EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS (FFYEC)**

**FORMULA WINDSURFING FOIL MASTERS EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS  
(FFMEC)**



## 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 The International Formula Windsurfing Class (IFWC) Class Rules apply.
- 1.3 The Formula Windsurfing Championship is for competitors racing on Formula boards in FOIL division.
- 1.4 National Authority prescriptions to Rules 60.1, 67, 86.3, 88.2 and 91b will apply.
- 1.5 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.
- 1.6 **If less than 15 competitors from outside of Portugal are registered to the Championship by 15<sup>th</sup> February 2024 the organizer shall decide to cancel the Championship. Any paid entry fees will be refunded, no other reimbursement will be possible.**

## 2 ADVERTISING

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- 2.1 Sailors may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.
- 2.2 Event branding shall be worn at all times when afloat, and as requested by the organisers during media interviews and during the prize giving.

## 3 DIVISIONS

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- 3.1 **Gender Divisions:** Men and Women.
- 3.2 **For FFEC Age Title Divisions:**
  - 3.2.1 A Master shall be a competitor over the age of 40 – born 1983 or earlier. (FFMEC)
  - 3.2.2 A Youth shall be a competitor under the age of 19 – born 2006 or later. (FFYEC)
- 3.3 **For FFEC Age Sub-Divisions:**
  - 3.3.1 A Junior shall be under the age of 17 - born 2008 or later.
  - 3.3.2 A Youth shall be a competitor under the age of 19 – born 2006 or later.
  - 3.3.3 A Master shall be a competitor over the age of 40 – born 1983 or earlier.
  - 3.3.4 A Grand Master shall be a competitor over the age of 50 - born 1973 or earlier.
  - 3.3.5 A Veteran shall be a competitor over the age of 60 - born 1963 or earlier.
- 3.4 There may be a division for competitors racing on **FOIL RACE ONE Division**.
- 3.6 A minimum of 5 competitors is required to constitute a division or sub-division.

## 4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

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- 4.1 Competitors shall be members of a National Class Association which is a paid up member of the international class association, or of the IWA. Membership formalities can be completed on site.
- 4.2 Eligible competitors may [enter online](#) - payment by credit/debit card or bank transfer required.
- 4.3 Online entry will close on **18<sup>th</sup> March 2024**.
- 4.4 An entry is not valid until the entry fee is paid.
- 4.6 The following shall be presented upon registration:
  - Evidence of valid third party insurance
  - Proof of age
  - **Parental Permission Form** - *for those under the age of 18*

## 5 FEES

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- 5.1 The required entry fee is 250 euro.
- 5.2 A 50 euro discount will be deducted for entries paid by **1<sup>st</sup> March 2024**.
- 5.3 Entry fees paid at registration shall be paid in cash (euro).
- 5.4 Entry fees paid by bank transfer to:  
Account Name: The International Windsurfing Association  
IBAN: BE16 9671 7092 4874  
SWIFTBIC: TRWIBEB1XXX  
Please include "**FFEC**" in your payment advice and e-mail confirmation of payment to: [iwaoffice@internationalwindsurfing.com](mailto:iwaoffice@internationalwindsurfing.com)

## 6 RACE FORMAT

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- 6.1 Men and women may race separately.
- 6.2 Competitors shall race a maximum 6 races per day, in a maximum 25 race series.
- 6.3 Three races are required to validate the event.

## 7 SCHEDULE

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Monday, March 25th	10:00 – 15:00 <b>Registration</b>  18:00 <b>Opening Ceremony</b>
Tuesday, March 26th	<b>Racing</b>
Wednesday, March 27th	<b>Racing</b>
Thursday, March 28th	<b>Racing</b>
Friday, March 29th	<b>Racing</b>  14:30 <b>Last possible warning signal</b>  17:00 <b>Closing Ceremony</b>

- 7.2 There may be a daily skippers meeting on racing days one hour before the first possible warning signal.

## 8 EQUIPMENT & EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

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- 8.1 An online **Equipment Inspection Form** shall be completed by the close of registration.
- 8.2 For all Classes and Divisions Equipment inspections may be made at any time during the event.

- 8.3 Unless otherwise directed by the organising authority, boards and equipment shall be launched and retrieved from the designated area at the event site.
- 8.4 Only boards approved by World Sailing and published on the Formula Production Board List may be used in this championship.
- 8.5 A board on the current Production Board List may be modified by the fitting of a box designed to take a Foil. The board cannot be modified in any other way. For further information contact – [fw@internationalwindsurfing.com](mailto:fw@internationalwindsurfing.com)

## **9 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

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The sailing instructions (SI's) will be available upon registration. Any changes to the SI's shall be approved by the Class Representative at the event.

## **10 COURSES**

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Courses will be described in the sailing instructions.

## **11 INTERNATIONAL JURY**

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An International Jury may be appointed.

## **12 SCORING**

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Scoring will be according to the WCR Appendix A, except for discards which shall be described in the SI's.

## **13 COACHES & SUPPORT BOATS**

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Coaches and support boats shall be registered with the organiser. Support boat drivers shall have a valid boat licence and third party liability insurance.

## **14 SAFETY**

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- 14.1 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).
- 14.2 A helmet to the minimum standard EN1385 or equivalent shall be worn at all times when afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.
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## **15 PRIZES**

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- 15.1 Prizes may be awarded to the first 3 competitors of a properly constituted division.
- 15.2 The first competitor in each gender in the **FFEC** ranking will be declared - "**2024 Formula Windsurfing Foil European Champion**".
- 15.3 The first competitor in each gender in the **FFYEC** ranking will be declared - "**2024 Formula Windsurfing Foil Youth European Champion**".
- 15.4 The first competitor in each gender in the **FFMEC** ranking will be declared - "**2024 Formula Windsurfing Foil Masters European Champion**".

## **16 OFFICIAL CEREMONIES**

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Competitors are requested to attend the event's social functions; however, the organising authority may refuse entry to those whose standard of attire is not commensurate with the occasion. **Prize winners may forfeit prizes for non attendance at the prize giving ceremony.**

## **17 RISK STATEMENT**

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- 17.1 Rule 3 of the WCR: "The responsibility for a board'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:
- 17.1.1 They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves and their board to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
  - 17.1.2 They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their board and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
  - 17.1.3 They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
  - 17.1.4 Their board and equipment is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
  - 17.1.5 The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the race organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
  - 17.1.6 The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
  - 17.1.7 The fact that the Race Committee conducts inspections, or not, of a board and equipment does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race.

## **18 INSURANCE**

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Each participating competitor/support boat driver shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of 1,500,000 euro per event or the equivalent

## **19 RIGHT TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS**

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Competitors automatically grant to the organizing 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.

## **20 FURTHER INFORMATION**

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Inscription will be in the race office at the venue:

[geral@clubenavaldeportimao.com](mailto:geral@clubenavaldeportimao.com)

## Appendix 1

Following the decision of the Class Executive Committee at all international Formula Windsurfing Foil events there shall be an additional FR1 DIVISION (5 competitors constitute a valid division), which limits the dimensions and number of equipment registered:

1x board

1x hydrofoil (1 front wing, 1 back wing, 1 fuselage, 1 mast)

1x 9sqm sail for men

1x 8sqm sail for women/ youth

1x 7sqm for juniors

Competitors entering the RESTRICTED PRIZE DIVISION are also eligible for the overall FWC title or trophy depending on the event.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION SHEET

The following information is not part of the rules for the Event.

### A TRAVEL & TRANSFER

The nearest airport is Faro International Airport, and it is 60 km from the venue where the event will take place - at Praia da Rocha, Portimão.

There is a motorway between Faro Airport and Portimão.

Faro Airport, receives a large part of the low-cost flights EasyJet, Ryanair, Aer Lingus, Transavia, TUIFly, JET2, Condor, Air Berlin and other; also several international airlines Fly, most airlines fly from major European cities direct to Faro.

For transfers please contact the hosting club at [geral@clubenavaldeportimao.com](mailto:geral@clubenavaldeportimao.com)

### B VENUE – RACING AREA

