

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. This changes WCR 60.1(a).

[SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee or technical committee without a hearing. This changes WCR A5.

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. If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.
- 1.3. The arbitration system as described in SI Appendix B will apply.

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

- 2.1. Event lycras will be provided by the organiser and shall be worn outside any other clothing or equipment at all times when afloat and during media interviews ashore.
- 2.2. Event lycras shall not be cut, trimmed, defaced, or altered in any way.
- 2.3. Sponsor stickers will be provided and applied as per SI Appendix A.
- 2.4. Sponsor stickers shall not be cut, trimmed, defaced, or altered in any way.
- 2.5. Penalties:
 - 2.5.1. Failure to comply with SI 2.1, 2.2, 2.3 or 2.4 will result in a 2 points penalty without a hearing for the first race sailed on the day.
 - 2.5.2. Application of these penalties shall not result in a board being scored worse than DSQ
 - 2.5.3. 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 published on the Official Notice Board at <https://worlds2024.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 21:00 on the previous day or the protest time limit of the day, whichever is later.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Official Flag Pole located in front of the regatta office..
- 5.2. When the **AP Flag** is displayed ashore '1 minute' is replaced by 'not less than **30 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. Divisions shall race together.
- 6.6. On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 18:00.
- 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 flag shall be:
White with R logo – Men
Yellow with R logo – Women and U21

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 described in a separate notice.
- 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

The marks to be used will be described in a separate notice.

11. THE START

- 11.1. Races will be started according to WCR 26 system 1.
- 11.2. The starting line will be between staffs displaying orange flags on the Race Committee boats.
- 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 or 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 with a blue flag.

14. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

14.1. The target time for the first board to sail the course and finish 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 sail the course and finish a race is 45 minutes.

14.4. If the time limits in Sl's #14.2 and #14.3 are exceeded the race shall be abandoned.

14.5. Boards failing to sail the course and finish within 20 minutes after the first finisher in their 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. Hearing Request forms are available in the regatta office and shall be submitted within the appropriate 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. 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).**

15.7. Penalties for breaches of Sailing Instructions marked **[DP], Class Rules, or WCR 50**, are at the discretion of the protest committee and may be less than disqualification.

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

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.

16.4. *There shall be separate rankings for Women, U21 Men, Overall Men and Masters Men. Titles and prizes will be awarded based upon a boards position in the relevant 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 online at:
<https://worlds2024.raceboard.org/notice-board>

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 submitted at the regatta office at the first reasonable opportunity. Forms are available at the regatta 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 black letter "RC"

Media boat - white flag with black letter "M"

20. [NP] SUPPORT BOATS

- 20.1. Coach and support boats shall stay outside the racing area (see SI8) 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. A personal flotation device shall be worn by all support boat personal at all times while afloat.
- 20.3. Support boat drivers shall use the kill cord in the recommended manner.
- 20.4. All coach boats shall carry a tow rope (minimum 15 metres long and 8 mm thick)

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..

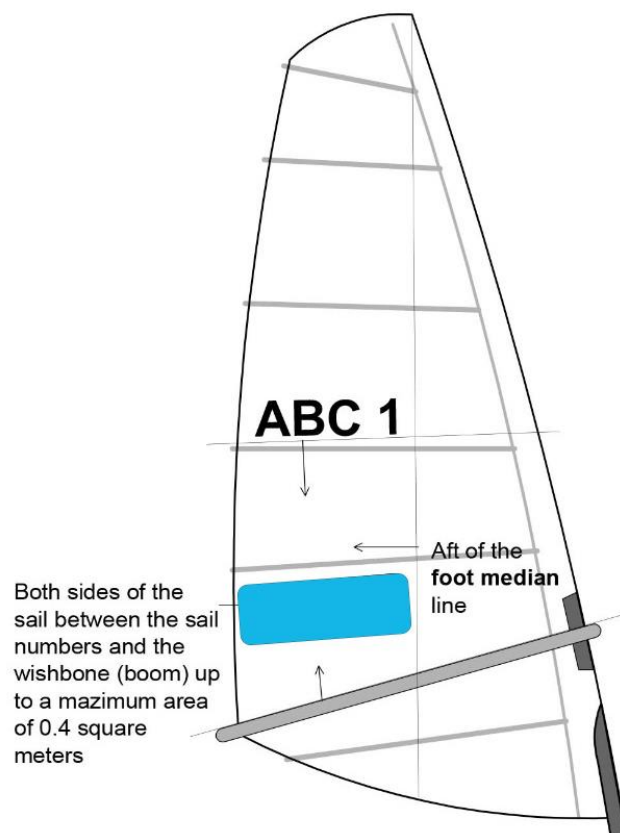
22. PRIZES

Prizes will be given according the Notice of Race.

23. [DP] [NP] SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 23.1. A Check-out & Check-in system may be prescribed, and if so details will be posted on the Official Notice Board
- 23.2. Rule 40.1 applies and is changed as follows: Competitors shall at all times whilst afloat wear a personal flotation device that shall conform to the minimum standard ISO 12402-5 (level 50).
- 23.3. Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Failure to comply may be misconduct;

Appendix A



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.

APPENDIX B – POST-RACE PENALTY, ARBITRATION

1. POST-RACE PENALTY

- 1.1. A board that may have broken a rule of WCR Part 2 or rule WCR31 while racing and has not taken a turns penalty on the water or retired, may take a Post-Race Penalty after she has finished and before the start of a protest hearing involving the incident.
- 1.2. 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 30% of the score for DNF, rounded to the nearest whole number (0.5 rounded upwards), but not more than half of the difference between the board's score before applying the penalty and the score for DNF. However, if the board caused injury or serious damage or gained a significant advantage in the race or series by her breach, her penalty shall be to retire.
- 1.3. A board that accepts a Post-Race Penalty shall not be penalized further in a protest hearing for the same incident unless the International Jury concludes that the board caused injury or serious damage, gained a significant advantage in the race or series, or broke a rule other than a rule of WCR Part 2 or rule WCR31.

2. ARBITRATION

- 2.1. Rule WCR63.1 is changed to add: “The International Jury may appoint an arbitrator to review a protest, who may allow the protest to be withdrawn.”
- 2.2. Rules WCR63.1 and WCR64.3 are changed to add: “When, during arbitration, a board that, in the opinion of the arbitrator, is at fault has taken an appropriate penalty for the incident on the water or has accepted a Post-Race Penalty, or retired, an arbitrator may, acting for the international jury, offer redress to a board not considered at fault provided that, in the opinion of the arbitrator, the requirements of WCR62.1((b) are met. If a board accepts redress, her score shall not be changed in a later hearing for the same incident unless the International Jury concludes that she was at fault in the incident.”
- 2.3. An arbitration meeting will be held before the hearing for each protest involving a rule of WCR Part 2 or rule WCR31, provided that:
 - 2.3.1. the arbitrator decides that the protest is appropriate for arbitration,
 - 2.3.2. the parties to the protest are present,
- 2.4. The arbitrator will listen to testimony from the parties. No witnesses will be permitted.
- 2.5. The arbitrator will then give one of the following opinions:
 - 2.5.1. The protest is invalid. The arbitrator may allow the protestor to withdraw the protest.
 - 2.5.2. No board broke a rule. The arbitrator may allow the protestor to withdraw the protest.
 - 2.5.3. One or more boards broke a rule of WCR Part 2 or rule WCR31. Each of those boards may take a Post-Race Penalty or retire.

If all boards considered to be at fault have taken an appropriate penalty for the incident, the arbitrator may, if appropriate, offer redress to boards not considered to be at fault.

If all boards considered to be at fault have taken a penalty and all offers of redress are accepted by all parties, the arbitrator may allow the protestor to withdraw the protest.
 - 2.5.4. A hearing by the International Jury is required. The protest cannot be withdrawn without the permission of the International Jury.
- 2.6. If the protest is not withdrawn, the International Jury will schedule a hearing. The arbitrator may be a member of the panel that hears the protest.
- 2.7. If the protest is withdrawn, no protest hearing will be held. Redress given in arbitration may be the subject of a request for redress.