

# 2026 Raceboard European Championship

## Sailing instructions [SI]

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REGUENGOS DE MONSARAZ

DESPORTO



RACEBOARD

ESTACÕES NAÚTICAS

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	<b>PREAMBLE</b>
	<p><b>[DP]</b> denotes a rule for which the penalty is applied according to the RRS Introduction - Notation.</p> <p><b>[NP]</b> denotes that a breach of this rule will not be grounds for a protest by a board. This changes WCR 60.1(a).</p> <p><b>[SP]</b> 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.</p>
<b>1.</b>	<b>RULES</b>
1.1	The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the <a href="#">Racing Rules of Sailing - Windsurfing Fleet Racing Edition (WCR)</a> . In the event of conflict, the Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028 (RRS), with RRS Appendix B take precedence.
1.2	The arbitration system as described in SI Appendix B will apply.
<b>2.</b>	<b>CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SI)</b>
	Any change to the SI will be posted before 09.00 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 21.00 on the day before it will take effect.
<b>3.</b>	<b>COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS</b>
3.1	Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Online Notice Board (ONB) located at: Whatsapp group
3.2	The race office is located at Centro Nautico Monsaraz
3.3	[DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a board shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boards.
<b>4.</b>	<b>CODE OF CONDUCT</b>
	[DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.
<b>5.</b>	<b>SIGNALS MADE ASHORE</b>
5.1	Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Official Flag Pole located in front of the regatta office, and Whatsapp group
5.2	When the AP Flag is displayed ashore '1 minute' is replaced by 'not less than 30 minutes'. This changes WCR Race Signals.
<b>6.</b>	<b>SCHEDULE OF RACES</b>
6.1	The daily race schedule and the scheduled time of the Warning signal for the first race will be published daily on the ONB by 21:00 on the day before the schedule takes effect.

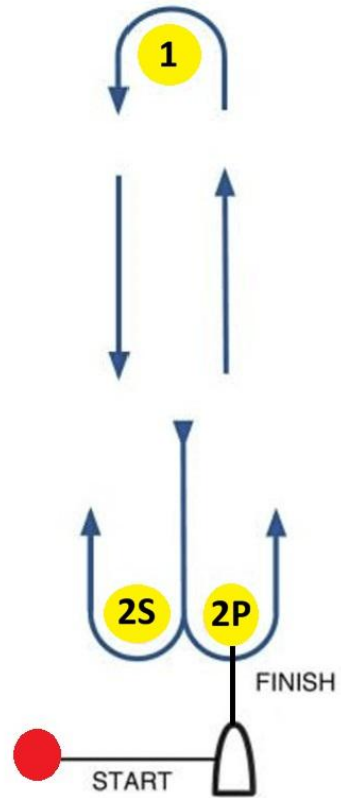
6.2	To alert boards that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed with one sound signal for at least five minutes before a warning signal is displayed.
6.3	Three (3) races may be sailed "back to back".
6.4	There shall be a maximum 4 races per day; with a maximum in 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 16:00.
6.7	It is the intention of the Race Committee (RC) 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 ONB.
<b>7.</b>	<b>CLASS FLAGS</b>
	The class flag shall be white flag with appropriate class insignia.
<b>8.</b>	<b>RACING AREA</b>
8.1	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.
8.2	[DP] Boards not racing shall avoid the racing area. This changes WCR 23.1
<b>9.</b>	<b>COURSES</b>
9.1	The courses to be used are described in appendix A of SI.
9.2	If more than one course option is prescribed for the day's racing, no later than one minute before the warning signal the RC Signal Vessel shall display the course to be sailed on a white board. This changes WCR 27.1.
<b>10.</b>	<b>MARKS</b>
	The course marks to be used will be CONICAL YELLOW The Start Mark will be CONICAL RED New Mark (Course Change) will be CONICAL YELLOW WITH BLACK STRIPE
<b>11.</b>	<b>THE START</b>
11.1	Races will be started according to WCR 26 system 1.
11.2	The starting line will be between a staff displaying orange flag on the RC vessel and a CONICAL RED 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	Start procedure:

	<b>Minutes before start</b>	<b>Visual signs</b>	<b>Sound Sign</b>	<b>Description</b>
	5	Class flag	One	Warning Signal
	4	I, U ou Black	One	Preparatory Signal
	1	Preparation Sign take off	Long One	Last Minute
	0	Class flag, take off	One	Start Signal
<b>12.</b>	<b>CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE</b>			
12.1	The Race Committee may change a leg of the course by up to 10 degrees in bearing and/or 150m in length without a signal. This changes RRS33 and Race Signals.			
12.2	To change the next leg of the course, the RC 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.			
<b>13.</b>	<b>THE FINISH</b>			
	The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the RC vessel and the 2P mark from the gate.			
<b>14.</b>	<b>TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES</b>			
14.1	The target time for the first board to sail the course 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 is 45 minutes.			
14.4	If the time limits in SI's #14.2 or #14.3 are exceeded the race shall be abandoned.			
14.5	Boards failing to sail the course 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.			
<b>15.</b>	<b>HEARING REQUESTS</b>			
15.1	Protest time limit for all races of the day is 60 minutes after the RC vessel arrives on shore or the RC signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The time will be posted on the ONB.			
15.2	Protests and requests for redress can be submitted only electronically email			
15.3	Notices will be posted at Whatsapp group 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 at the Hearing Office.			
15.4	To request correction of an alleged error in posted race or series results, a boat shall complete a scoring enquiry form available at this link: Email.			
15.5	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.
<b>16.</b>	<b>SCORING</b>
16.1	Scoring will be according to WCR appendix A.
16.2	Three (3) races are required to validate the event.
16.3	Titles and prizes will be awarded based upon a boards position in the overall ranking.
<b>17.</b>	<b>[DP] [NP] SAFETY REGULATIONS</b>
17.1	A board that retires from a race shall notify the RC at the first reasonable opportunity.
17.2	A Check-out & Check-in system, not applied
17.3	Competitors under the age of 18 shall at all times whilst afloat wear a personal flotation device that shall conform to the minimum standard ISO 12402-5 (level 50).
<b>18.</b>	<b>[DP] [NP] REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT</b>
	Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the Technical Committee (TC). Requests for substitution shall be submitted at the regatta office at the first reasonable opportunity.
<b>19.</b>	<b>EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS</b>
19.1	[DP][NP] A board or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class Rules and SI. On the water, a board can be instructed by the RC or TC to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.
19.2	[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.
19.3	[NP] An <a href="#">Online Equipment Inspection Form</a> shall be completed by each competitor and submitted before 21:00 Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> May
<b>20.</b>	<b>[DP] SUPPORT TEAMS</b>
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 RC signals a postponement or abandonment except to assist a crew in distress or at request of the RC.
20.2	A personal flotation device shall be worn by all support boat personnel at all times while afloat.
20.3	Support boat drivers shall use the kill cord in the recommended manner.
<b>21.</b>	<b>TRASH DISPOSAL</b>
	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 RC vessels.
<b>22.</b>	<b>BERTHING</b>
	[DP] Boards shall be kept in their assigned places while onshore.
<b>23.</b>	<b>PRIZES</b>
	Prizes will be given according to the NoR.
<b>24.</b>	<b>RISK STATEMENT</b>
	RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.
	<b>End of SI</b>

**APPENDIX A – COURSE**



**Start - 1 - 2S/2P - 1 - 2P - Finish**

**Long Distance Course TBA**

## **APPENDIX B – POST-RACE PENALTY, ARBITRATION**

### **1. POST-RACE PENALTY**

- 1.1. A board that may have broken one or more rules of WCR Part 2 or rule WCR31 in an incident while racing may take a Post-Race Penalty at any time after the race until the beginning 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 tenth of a point (0.05 rounded upwards), but not more than half of the difference between the board's score before applying the penalty and the score for DNF. The scores of other boards shall not be changed; therefore, two boards may receive the same score.

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 takes 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 despite taking a penalty, or broke a rule other than a rule of WCR Part 2 or rule WCR31.

### **2. ARBITRATION**

- 2.1. Rule WCR63.2(a) 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 WCR61.4(a) and WCR61.4(c) 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 WCR61.4(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 or that the redress offered was improper."
- 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, and
  - 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 will be penalized for breaking a rule. The arbitrator may allow the protestor to withdraw the protest.

2.5.3. One or more boards will be penalized for breaking a rule of WCR Part 2 or rule WCR31, identifying the boards and the penalties. 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 all protests involving the incident are withdrawn, no protest hearing will be held. Redress given in arbitration may be the subject of a request for redress, this changes WCR61.2(b).