

2017 AFRICAN WINDSURFING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Ras Sudr - Egypt

27th November to 2nd December

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

[DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the International Jury and may be less than disqualification.

[NP] denotes that a breach of this rule will not be grounds for a protest by a board. **This changes WCR 60.1.**

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

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing – **Windsurfing Competition Rules(WCR)**.
- 1.2. No national authority prescription will apply.
- 1.3. If there is a conflict between these Sailing Instructions and any other document governing the event, the Sailing Instructions will take precedence. **This changes WCR 63.7.**
- 1.4. If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to the competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located in front of the Windsurfing Centre.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted not less than 60 minutes before the scheduled warning signal of the race in which it takes effect, except that any change to the schedule of the next day's racing will be posted not later than 90 minutes after the end of the last race of the day.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Official Flag Pole located at the right front of the Windsurfing Centre.
- 4.2. When a signal is displayed over a Class/flag it applies to that Class only.
- 4.3. *[DP]* *[NP]* When the Class flag is displayed ashore competitors can go afloat. The warning signal will be in not less than 30 minutes. **If the Class flag is NOT displayed competitors SHALL NOT go afloat**

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1. The daily race schedule and the scheduled time of the Warning signal for the first race will be posted on the Official Notice board.
- 5.2. There shall be a maximum 3 races per day, and a maximum of 12 races in the championship, for each class/division. **This changes NoR 6.4.**
- 5.3. 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.
- 5.4. Races may be sailed "back to back".
- 5.5. On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 15:00 hrs, except in as a consequence of a General Recall.

6. RACING FORMAT

- 6.1. The competitors shall race in 3 fleets with separate starts: RS:X and Techno 293
- 6.2. A *marathon* (long distance) race may be scheduled, and shall count as one race in the championship series. Details shall be published on the Official Notice Board

7. CLASS FLAGS

7.1.

Fleet/Class	Division	Flag
RSX 9.5	Men	White with RSX logo
Techno 293+	Boy	Red with T293 logo
Techno 293+	Girl	White with T293 logo

8. RACING AREAS

- 8.1. There shall be 1 racing areas, see Appendix C.
- 8.2. The racing area is an area extending 50 metre beyond the course including the starting line, the finishing line and their extensions, in which a board normally sails while racing.
- 8.3. **[DP]** Boards not racing shall avoid the racing area.

9. COURSES

- 9.1. The diagrams in SI's Appendix A shows the courses, the order in which the marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 9.2. The course to be sailed will be displayed on a white board, with course code in black letters, on the starboard side of the starting (signal boat) boat no later than 1 minute before the warning signal.
- 9.3. If a *marathon* race is scheduled the details of the course, including a description of the marks, shall be published on the Official Notice Board.

10. MARKS

10.1. The marks will be:

Course Marks	See Appendix A
Starting marks	1 Race Committee boat and small mark with orange flag
Finishing marks	1 Race Committee boat and small mark with blue flag

11. **[DP] [NP] FORBIDDEN AREAS & OBSTRUCTIONS**

- 11.1 A diagram showing the approximate location of hazardous areas will be posted on the official notice board

12. THE START

- 12.1. Course races will be started according to WCR 26 – System 1.
- 12.2. The starting line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the committee vessel at the starboard end and the staff displaying an orange flag on the starting mark.
- 12.3. A board starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. **This changes WCR A4 and A5.**
- 12.4. If flag I has been displayed, and any part of a board'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.**
- 12.5. When an Individual Recall has been signalled or a board breaks rule 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).**

13. THE FINISH

The finish line will be between the staff displaying a blue flag on the committee vessel at the port end and the staff displaying a blue flag on the finishing mark.

14. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 14.1. The target time for the first finisher in a course race is 25 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 finish a race is 45 minutes.
- 14.4. If the time limits in SI's #14.2 and #14.3 are exceeded the race shall be abandoned.
- 14.5. Boards failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first finisher in their respective division or group 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. Protest forms are available at the race office located inside the reception area of the Windsurfing Centre. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered at the race office within the Protest 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. **[DP]** **[NP]** Boards taking a voluntary penalty shall complete the Penalty Acknowledgment Form at the race office before the end of the protest time limit.
- 15.5. For each Fleet the protest Time Limit is 60 minutes after the last board of her fleet has finished the last race of the day or the Race Committee signals "AP over A" whichever is later.
- 15.6. Hearing schedules by group, to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as a witness, will be posted on the Official Notice Board as soon as protests are received at the race office. Hearing schedules are provisional until clearly marked as FINAL after approximately 10 minutes counted from the end of each group's Protest Time Limit. Arbitration hearings and protest hearings will start as soon as practical after being posted. A Protest Committee member will attempt to call the parties to a hearing by loudspeaker, however failure to do so, or sailor's failure to hear the announcement are not grounds for redress. **This changes WCR 62.1 (a).** Arbitrations and Protests may be heard in any order at the Protest Committee's discretion. Hearings will be held in the protest room or in the area designated for arbitration hearings.
- 15.7. Notices of protest by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted on the Official Notice Board to inform boards under rule 61.1(b).
- 15.8. 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).** Penalties for breaches marked **[DP]** are at the discretion of the protest committee and may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.
- 15.9. On the last day of the regatta, and on the last day of the qualifying series, a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. **This changes WCR 62.2.**
- 15.10. Decisions of the International Jury will be final as provided in WCR 70.5.

16. ARBITRATION SYSTEM

Appendix B to these sailing instructions, and as posted on the official notice board, applies.

17. SCORING

- 17.1. Scoring will be according to WCR appendix A.
- 17.2. Three races are required to validate the event for each class.
- 17.3. To request correction of an alleged error in the posted races or series results, a board shall complete a Scoring Review Form available at the Race Office. The Scoring Review Form shall be delivered not later than 19:00 of the day involved except if the results list is published after 18:30 in that case the form shall be delivered not later than 09:00 of the day after.

18. [DP] [NP] SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1. The Safety System applies at all times during the regatta.
 - 18.1.1 When going out to race each competitor intending to race shall personally 'sign out' at the official notice board.
 - 18.1.2 On returning ashore each competitor shall personally 'sign in' at the official notice board to confirm that he/she has returned to shore, either within 30 minutes of the end of the time limit of that race, or, in the case of back to back races, of the

last race of that fleet for the day or, within 30 minutes after being instructed to go ashore by the Race Committee.

18.2. Competitors retiring before finishing shall inform the Race committee (RC boats or Rescue boats) as soon as possible. If this is not possible the competitor shall inform the race office.

18.3. **[SP]** Penalties:

18.3.1. Failure to check-out will result in a 2 points penalty without a hearing for the first race sailed.

18.3.2. Failure to check-in will result in a 2 points penalty without a hearing for the last race sailed.

18.3.3. Application of these penalties shall not result in a board being scored worse than DSQ.

18.3.4. Only one 2 point penalty for infringements of SI 18.3.1 and SI 18.3.2 will be applied to any one race.

18.3.5. If no race is completed on the day of the infringement the penalty will be applied to the last completed race in the series or, if there were no races previously completed to the next completed race in the series.

19. [DP] REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT

19.1. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the Technical Committee. Request for substitution shall be made in writing at the first reasonable opportunity. Forms for replacement are available at the race office.

20. [DP] EQUIPMENT CHANGES AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

20.1. 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 Technical Committee to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

20.2. When changing to a rig with a different size sail, the crew 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 on the official notice board.

21. [DP] [NP] SAIL IDENTIFICATION

21.1. Spare

22. OFFICIAL BOATS

22.1. Official boats will be marked as follows:

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| Race Committee boats | - Red flag with "RC" in white |
| Jury boat | - White flag with "JURY" in black letters |
| Main Security Boat | - Green flag |

23. [DP] [NP] SUPPORT BOATS

23.1. Team coach and support boats **may** display the national flag of their country or the national 3 letter code in black (min height 120 mm) on a white background.

23.2. **All** coach and support boat personnel **shall** be registered with the organiser; and **shall** have completed the form and submitted the registration fee.

23.3. **All** coach and support boats **shall** be registered with the organiser. The organiser will supply *a sticker with a number for each boat to display*, which **shall** be clearly visible at all times when afloat.

23.4. Coach and support boats shall stay outside the racing area 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.

23.5. Coach and Support boats shall comply with any reasonable request from a race official.

23.6. When **Flag R** is displayed on the Race Committee Signal Boat with repetitive sound signals all coaches and other support boats shall monitor **VHF channel 77** or go to the Race Committee Signal Boat to assist in Search and Rescue operations.

23.7. A personal flotation device shall be worn by all coach and support boat personnel at all time while afloat.

23.8. **Coach and Support boat drivers shall use the kill cord in the recommended manner.**

- 23.9. All coach and support boats shall carry a tow rope (minimum 15 metres long and 8 mm thick)
- 23.10. An alleged breach of any of the regulations in SI #23 may be referred to the Protest Committee who may call a hearing under WCR 60.3(d).

24. [DP] [NP] TRASH DISPOSAL

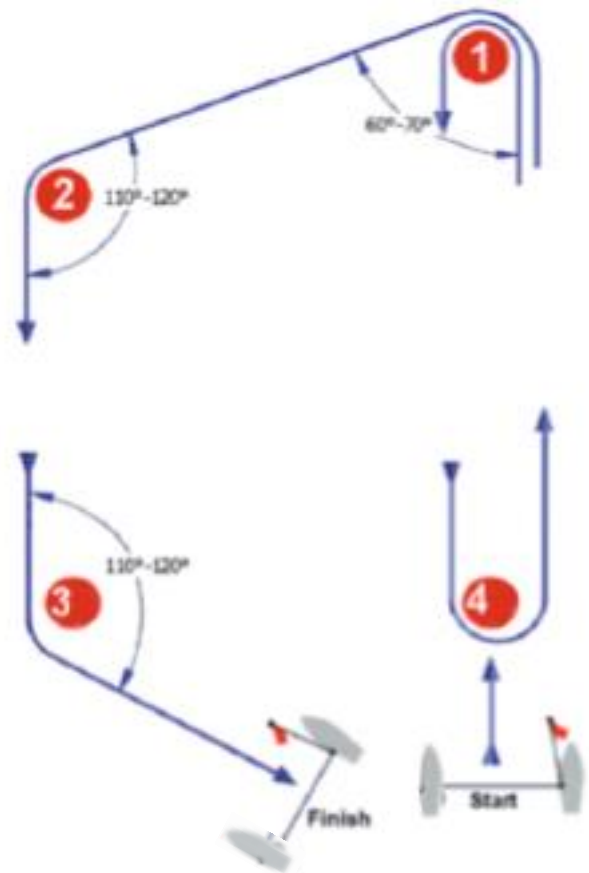
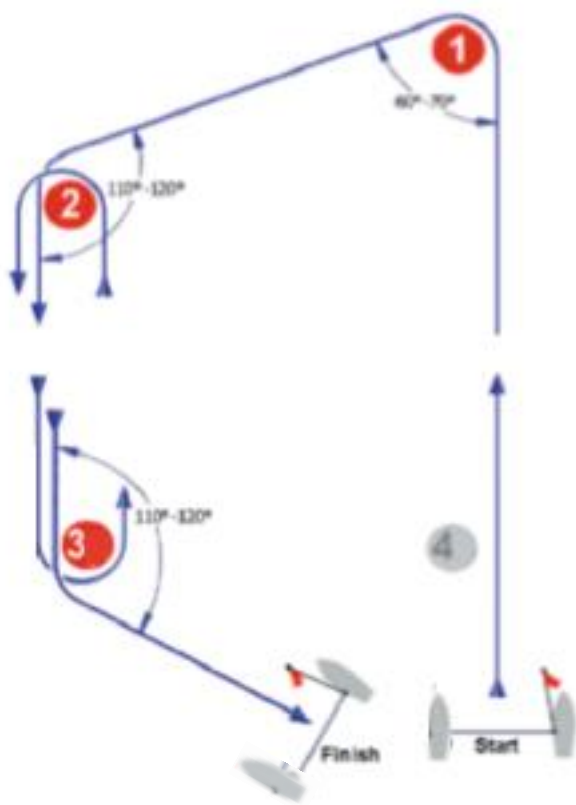
- 24.1. As sailors, we seek to protect and restore our oceans and coastal waters. Boards shall not intentionally put trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard coach, support and race committee boats. **This changes WCR 55.**

25. PRIZES

- 25.1. Prizes will be given according the Notice of Race.

APPENDIX - A

COURSE: TRAPEZOID



OUTER LOOP

Course

Code

O2: Start - 1 - 2 - 3 - 2 - 3 - finish

O3: Start - 1 - 2 - 3 - 2 - 3 - 2 -
3 - finish

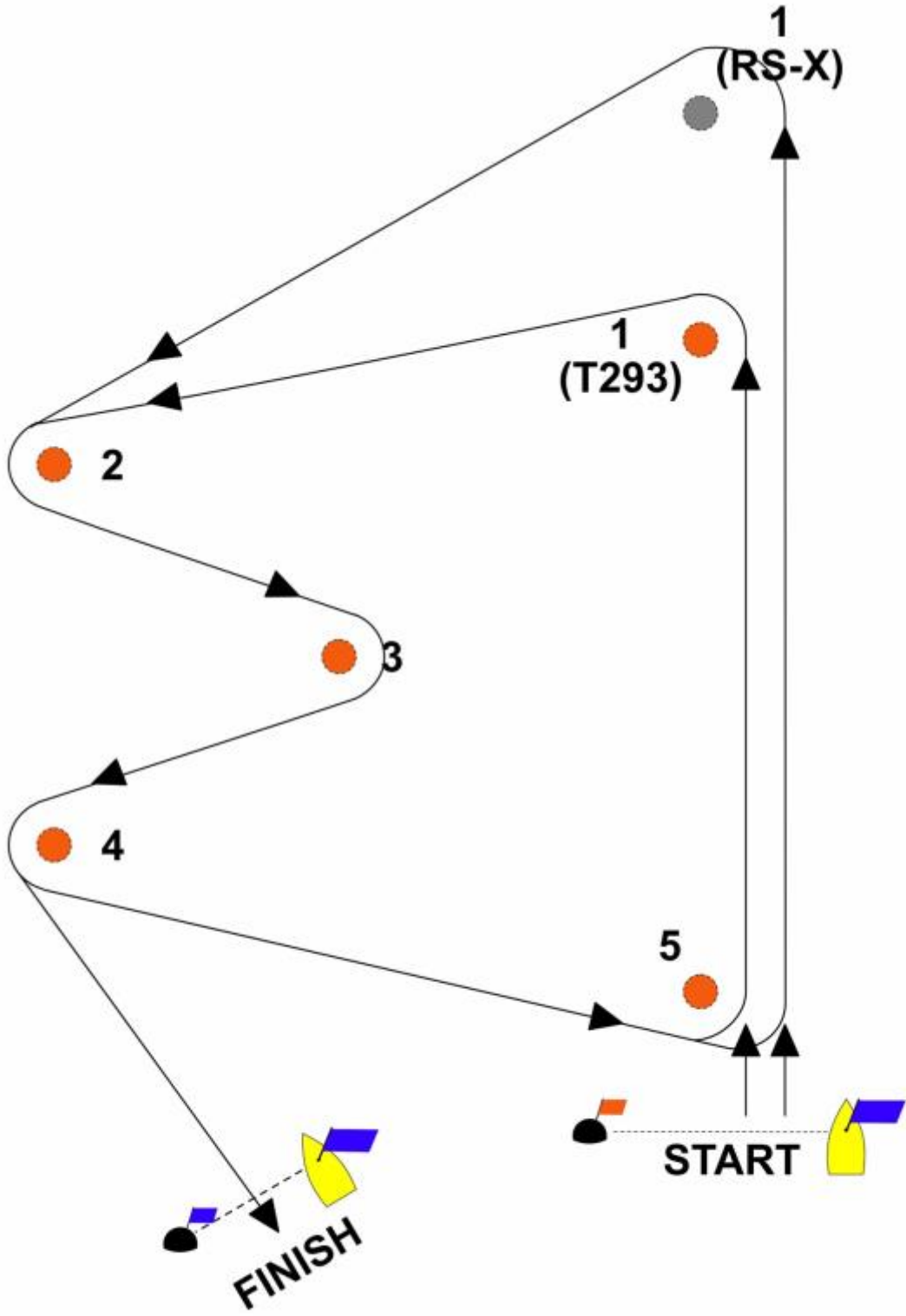
INNER LOOP

Course

Code

I2: Start - 1 - 4 - 1 - 2 - 3 - finish

I3: Start - 1 - 4 - 1 - 4 - 1 - 2 -
3 - finish



COURSE:
Start - 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 - 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - Finish

All distances and angles are approximate

APPENDIX B - ARBITRATION

1. POST-RACE PENALTY

1.1. A board that may have broken a rule of Part 2 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. Any 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 Part 2.

2. ARBITRATION

2.1. Rule WCR 63.1 is changed to add: "The protest committee may appoint an arbitrator to review a protest, who may allow the protest to be withdrawn."

2.2. Rule WCR64.2 is changed to add: "When, during arbitration, a board found to be at fault has taken an appropriate penalty on the water or has accepted a Post-Race Penalty, an arbitrator may offer redress to a board not at fault if rule WCR62.1((b) applies. 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 protest hearing for each protest involving a rule of Part 2, 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,

2.3.3. the parties agree that the protest is valid, and

2.3.4. the parties agree to proceed with arbitration.

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 will offer the protestor the option to withdraw the protest.

2.5.2. No board broke a rule. The arbitrator will offer the protestor the option to withdraw the protest.

2.5.3. One or more boards broke a rule of Part 2. The arbitrator will offer each of those boards the option to accept a Post-Race Penalty, or to retire.

If a board accepts a penalty the arbitrator will, if appropriate, offer redress to boards not at fault. A board may refuse to accept the penalty or redress she is offered, or refuse a decision not to offer redress. The protest may not then be withdrawn without the permission of the International Jury. If all offers of a penalty or redress are accepted, the arbitrator will give the protestor an opinion about whether the International Jury would be likely to assign any additional penalties. The arbitrator will offer the protestor the option to withdraw the protest.

2.5.4. If a protest hearing by the international Jury is required, the protest may not be withdrawn without the permission of the International Jury.

2.6. If the protest is not withdrawn, the International Jury will schedule a protest hearing. The arbitrator may be a member of the panel that hears the protest.

2.7. A board that agreed to arbitration and has not refused an offer of a Post-Race penalty shall not be penalized more than the Post-Race Penalty 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 Part 2.

2.8. If the protest is withdrawn, no protest hearing will be held. Arbitration cannot be the subject of a request for redress or appeal.