

# 2018 US National Windsurfing Festival

## Course Racing

### Sailing Instructions

#### 1. RULES

- 1.1 The 2018 US Windsurfing Nationals will be governed by the [rules as defined in the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing for 2017 – 2020, including the US SAILING Prescriptions to RRS 67, 70.5\(a\) and 76.1. RRS Appendix B](#). Windsurfing Competition Rules [will apply](#).
- 1.2 In case of a discrepancy with the NOR, the Sailing Instructions will take precedence.

#### 2. ENTRIES

- 2.1 Eligible competitors may complete entry formalities at the Regatta Office, by;  
paying the required entry fee;  
signing the waiver of liability;  
All competitors LESS THAN 18 years of age must have a medical release and parent assent form signed
- 2.2 Competitors may enter only one class/division.

#### 3. FORMAT

- 3.1 Class (es) / division(s) designated in the Notice of Race may race in separate fleets up to 16 races over 4 days (Championship fleet), 8 Races over 2days (Sport).
- 3.2 Age Divisions shall be as advertised in the NOR but may be combined if there are not adequate numbers of racers.
- 3.3 A minimum of 1 races is required by each class for an official result to be validated for that class.

#### 4. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 4.1 It is the responsibility of each competitor to ensure that his/her board and equipment conforms to the current and relevant class rules.
- 4.2 For Sport Racing – is open, any windsurfing equipment including foils may be used.

#### 5. IDENTIFICATION ON SAILS

- 5.1 Competitors should have sail numbers on BOTH sides of the sail with the starboard side higher, or back to back on opaque white background. If only one sail number is displayed it MUST be on the starboard side

#### 6. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

- 6.1 Notice to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board. All such posted notices shall constitute official notice to all competitors. Competitors shall consult the Official Notice Board, regularly.

#### 7. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 7.1 Any change in the sailing instructions will be posted on the official Notice Board before 0900hrs on the day that it takes effect.
- 7.2 Except that any change to the racing schedule or starting time will be posted before 2000hrs on the day before it takes effect.

#### 8. SIGNALS

##### 8.1 Signals made ashore:

- 8.1.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the shore outside the race office.
- 8.1.3 Class flags when displayed on shore signify classes that are racing or should be on the water preparing to race.
- 8.1.4 All signals made ashore, when displayed or lowered, will be accompanied by a sound signal. [This changes RRS Race Signals](#).
- 8.1.5 Warning signal for a class will be made not less than 10 minutes after that class flag is hoisted ashore.
- 8.1.6 Flag "B" when made ashore with one sound signal means "the time for lodging protests has begun". [Flag B](#) will be lowered 30 minutes later with one sound signal meaning "the time for lodging protests has ended".

#### 9. RACING SCHEDULE

- 9.1 The Racing Schedule is as specified in the Notice of Race. Any changes will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

#### 10. RACING AREA

- 10.1 The "Racing Areas" will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

#### 11. THE COURSES & COURSE AREAS

- 11.1 The courses will be posted on the Official Notice Board. The diagrams show the approximate positions of the marks and the order in which they are to be rounded or passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 11.2 The course length and the angles may be adjusted to allow the Race Committee to set the best possible course in the prevailing conditions.
- 11.3 The "course area" is defined as an area extending 75 meters beyond the course including the 'starting line' and the "finishing line" and its extensions, which would normally be taken by a board when racing.
- 11.4 Access to the "course area" during a race is restricted to boards racing, committee boats (including Jury & Measurer) and official media boats only.

## 12. MARKS

12.1 The Marks of the course(s) will be shown at the skipper's meeting, and posted on the Official Notice Board.

## 13. CLASS FLAGS

13.1 Class flags will be displayed at the skippers meeting

## 14. THE START

### 14.1 All Classes

Multiple horn blasts with the drop of the AP flag – signals 1 minute warning to starting sequence. [This changes RRS Race Signals.](#)  
Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26

**5 min : Warning Signal**

Class flag(s) hoisted: 1 sound

- **4 min : Preparatory Signal**

Flag "P" or "I" or "Black Flag" hoisted: 1 sound

- **1 min : "One minute signal"**

Flag "P" or "I" or "Black Flag" lowered: 1 long sound

- **0 min : Starting Signal –**

Class flag(s) lowered: 1 sound

14.2 The interval between the "Starting Signal" of one division/fleet and the "Warning Signal" of the next division/fleet will be at the discretion of the Race Committee. The "Warning Signal" will not be given less than 1 minute after the preceding start.

14.3 In case of a general recall, the next start sequence will be no later than 6 minutes

14.4 Orange/White Striped Flag Flying at Start: Back to back starts – Boats in that start should return to start immediately after finishing [ing](#)

## 15. THE STARTING LINE

15.1 The Starting Line will be between the orange flag on the Race Committee vessel and [the course side of](#) pin end buoy at the port end of the starting line.

15.2 A board starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

15.3 When conditions are unfavorable, the starting line Race Committee vessels may hold position by using engines.

15.4 One Minute Rule

[When flag "I"](#) has been displayed, [any](#) board sailing within the triangle formed by the "Starting Line" and the windward mark during the last minute prior to the next start, shall sail to the pre-start side of the line around either end before starting.

## 16. RECALLS

16.1 Recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.

16.2 When a General recall has been signaled, the succeeding start(s) for the same and/or for different classes/divisions will be given according to the flags hoisted on the "Race Committee Vessel".

16.3 RRS 18.1b is deleted.

## 17. SAILING THE COURSE

17.1 The Starting and Finishing Lines are closed. After starting and before finishing, a board shall not cross the start/finish lines

## 18. THE FINISHING LINE

18.1 The Finishing Line will be between the flag flying on the finishing boat and [the course side of](#) a buoy. The position of the finishing line [will be](#) posted on the Official Notice Board course diagrams.

## 19. TIME LIMITS (Alteration of RRS 35)

[-19.1 The time limit for](#) the first finisher in a course race [is 20 minutes.](#)

[19.2 If no board has passed](#) the first upwind mark [within 10 minutes, the race will be abandoned.](#)

19.3 Boards [failing to finish within](#) 15 minutes after the first board in that start [sails the course and finishes](#) will be scored DNF [without a hearing](#), except those who are scored DSQ, BFD, OCS, RAF, RDG or DNE. [This changes RRS A4 and A5.](#)

## 20. PROTESTS

20.1 Protests shall be written on forms, available from the Regatta Office, and shall be [delivered](#) there, within the Protest Time Limit.

20.2 The "Protest Time Limit" for all classes/divisions, will start after the raising of code flag "B" as described in SI 8.1.5, after the last board has finished the last race of a grouping of races. i.e. – lunch breaks and end of day, and will last for 30 minutes. (Alteration of RRS 61.3) Protest Time Limits will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

20.3 Notices informing the parties to the protest of the intended order and of the approximate time of the hearings will be posted on the Official Notice Board no later than 30 minutes after Protest Time Limit. It is intended that protests will be heard in the approximate order of receipt and parties are requested to remain in the vicinity of the Jury Office to expedite hearings.

20.4 Location of protest hearings will be posted on the notice board at the time the notice informing parties is posted.

20.5 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered

(a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;

(b) no later than 15 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.

This changes rule 66.

20.6 On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for redress from a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 15 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

20.7 Breaches of SI4, 19 & ~~20~~, shall not be grounds for protest by a board. This changes RRS 60.1-(a).

20.8 Penalties for breaches of SIs 4, 5, 20, and class rules, may be less than disqualification if the Jury so decides.

20.9 For the purpose of RRS 64.3(b), the qualified authority is the Class Representative.

## 21. SAFETY REGULATIONS

### 21.1 Retiring:

21.1.1 A board that retires from a race shall, whenever possible, notify the Race Committee boat before leaving the course area.

Notwithstanding such notification, the competitor shall then proceed, as soon as possible, to the beach and immediately report to the Beach Boss that he/she is ashore. Failure to comply with this instruction may result in action under RRS 60.2 or 60.3.

## 22. SCORING

22.1 Scoring will be in accordance with RRS App. 'A' and using rule A 4.1 "Low Points Scoring System" with a 1<sup>st</sup> place receiving 1 point.

22.2 Class scoring will be used, not fleet or division scoring

22.3 (App. A4.2) shall be amended as follows: DNF // DNS and DSQ = registered sailors in class +1.

22.4 One discard shall be allowed after four races have been completed. Two discards shall be allowed after 11 races are completed,

22.5 Ties shall be broken according to rule B8.8.

## 23. PRIZES

23.1 Prizes may be awarded in divisions of less than 3 competitors at the discretion of the race committee.

## 24. DISCLAIMERS

24.1 The safety of a sailboard and her entire management, including insurance, shall be the sole responsibility of the owner/competitor. It shall be the sole responsibility of each competitor to decide whether or not to start or to continue to race, see "Fundamental Rule 4" .

24.2 The organizers, the committees, the sponsors and their members that represent them, whatever their functions, organize, promote and manage these championships in the understanding that the organizer, their representatives & their Committees or their employees disclaim any kind of direct or indirect responsibility for damages, loss, injury, or any other type of inconvenience that may be caused during these events or during the preparation therefore, be they caused to persons or objects while afloat or on land, during or after the events, through negligence or malice of third parties or persons related or not to above mentioned Organizers, their representatives or the committees or their employees.