

**2018 SOPOT WINDSURF-FOIL OPEN EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
**Sopocki Klub Zeglarski, Sopot, Poland 26<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> August 2018**

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

[DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the protest committee 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 If there is conflict between these sailing instructions and any other document governing the event, the sailing instructions will take precedence. **This changes WCR 63.7.**

1.3 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.

1.4 All changes to the sailing Instructions shall be approved by the class representative.

1.5 [DP] [NP] Event lycras if provided shall be worn outside any other clothing or equipment at all times when afloat and during media interviews ashore.

1.6 [DP] [NP] Event lycras and event stickers shall not be cut, trimmed or altered in any way.

## **2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located next to official flagpole.

## **3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board at least 60 minutes before the scheduled start of the first race affected, except that any changes affecting the first possible start of the next day's racing shall be posted not later than end of protest time on the day before.

## **4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the official flag pole located in front of the race office.

4.2 When the **AP Flag** is displayed, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 20 minutes'. **This changes WCR Race Signals.**

## **5. EVENT SCHEDULE and RACE FORMAT**

5.1 A "daily intended race schedule" shall be published on the official notice board no later than one hour before the first possible warning signal.

5.2 There will be a daily skippers meeting one hour before the first possible warning signal.

5.3 There shall be a maximum of 6 races on any day, in a maximum 21 race series, for each equipment division championship.

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- 5.4 Gender and age divisions will race together.
- 5.5 A maximum of three (3) 'back to back' races will be run.
- 5.6 To alert boards that a race or sequence of races will shortly begin, an orange flag will be displayed (with one sound) at least 5 minutes before a warning signal. No sound will be made when the orange flag is lowered.
- 5.7 The warning signal for the last race on last day shall not be after 16.00hrs.

**6. DIVISION FLAGS**

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- 6.1 The equipment division flags will be:  
FOIL – white flag with Sopot Sailing Club logo

**7. RACING AREA**

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- 7.1 The racing area is defined as an area extending 50m beyond the course, including the starting line, the finishing line and their extensions, in which a board would normally sail while racing.
- 7.2 [DP] Boards not racing shall avoid the racing area.

**8. COURSES**

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- 8.1 The course or courses to be used will be published on the ONB before the daily skippers meeting.
- 8.2 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 vessel shall display the course to be sailed on a white board.

**9. MARKS**

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The starting *mark*, finishing *mark* and *marks* of the course will be as described on the course illustration.

**10. THE START**

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- 10.1 Races will be started using WCR 26 – System 1.
- 10.2 The starting line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel at the starboard end and either
  - 10.2.1 The course side of the port-end inflatable starting mark, or
  - 10.2.2 A staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel at the port end.
- 10.3 A board starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. **This changes WCR A4 and A5**
- 10.4 When an individual recall has been signaled, or a board breaks rule 30.3 or 30.4, the race committee will display the sail number(s) on a white board on the back of the race committee signal vessel before the first board has finished that race. Failure to display the sail numbers(s) will not be grounds for redress. **This changes WCR 62.1(a).**

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**11. THE FINISH**

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The finishing line will be between the mast displaying a blue flag on the race committee vessel and an orange flag displayed on a finishing mark.

**12. TIME LIMITS, TARGET TIMES & REST PERIOD**

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12.1 The time limits and target times are as follows:

	<i><b>Time Limit</b></i>	<i><b>Mark 1 Time Limit</b></i>	<i><b>Target Time</b></i>	<i><b>Finish Window</b></i>
FOIL	24	6	12	12

- 12.2 If no board has passed mark 1 within the Mark 1 time limit, the race will be abandoned.
- 12.3 A board failing to finish within time stated in finish window, after the first board in her division sails the course and finishes, will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. **This changes WCR's 35, A4 and A5.**
- 12.4 Rest Periods-Back to Back races. The warning signal for a subsequent race on the same day will be made as soon as practicable, except that the minimum interval between the closing of the finishing line and the new warning signal for that division will be 10 minutes.
- 12.5 Rest Periods-Ashore. After a series of back to back races there shall be a rest period of a minimum of 60 minutes ashore for the last finisher in the last race of that series, before the warning signal for further races.

**13. PROTESTS & REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

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- 13.1 Protest forms are available at race office. Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 13.2 **[DP]** **[NP]** Boards retiring from racing after finishing shall complete a retirement declaration form at the race office before the end of protest time limit.
- 13.3 **[DP]** **[NP]** Boards taking a voluntary penalty shall complete the penalty acknowledgement form at the race office before the end of protest time limit.
- 13.4 The protest time limit is **45 minutes** after the last board has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals 'no more racing today', whichever is later.
- 13.5 Notices will be posted 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 in the jury room, located near the race office.
- 13.6 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).** Penalties for breaches marked **[DP]** are at the discretion of the protest committee and may be less than disqualification if they so decide.
- 13.7 On the last scheduled day of racing 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.**

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**14. SCORING**

14.1 Scoring will be according to the WCR Appendix A, as amended in 14.2 for discards.

14.2 Discards will be as follows:

<i>Number of races sailed</i>	<i>Discards</i>	<i>Comments</i>
1 - 3	0	No discard
4 - 6	1	One worst score discarded
7 - 10	2	Two worst scores discarded
11 - 15	3	Three worst scores discarded
16 - 21	4	Four worst scores discarded

14.3 To request correction of an alleged error in the posted races or series results, a board shall complete a scoring enquiry form available at the race office.

**15. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

15.1 **[DP] [NP]** A board that retires from a race shall, if reasonably possible, notify the race committee before leaving the course area and shall report to the race office upon arriving ashore.

15.2 **[DP] [NP]** Competitors not leaving the site for the day's racing shall inform the race office, prior to the first start.

15.3 **Safety System: [SP]** Check-Out; Check-In: Each day competitors will be allocated a tracking device, which also carries a personal identification chip, which shall be carried at all times when afloat.

15.3.1 When going out to race each competitor intending to race shall personally 'check out' by scanning the tracker issued on a device displaying "OUT" or "RECEIVED" on the screen. Upon scanning the screen will change to Green and the sailor's Name and Sail number is displayed.

15.3.2 On returning ashore, even after the display of AP/H, AP/A, N/H or N/A when no race has been completed after launching, each competitor shall personally 'check in' by scanning the tracker issued on a device displaying "IN" or "COLLECTED" on the screen. Upon scanning the screen will change to Blue and the sailor's Name and Sail number is displayed. Check-In shall be either within the Protest time limit, or within 45 minutes of the display of AP/H, AP/A, N/H or N/A.

15.3.3 Check-Out and Check-In will be provided at the White Tent on the Beach.

15.3.4 Failure to check-out/check-in will result in a 1 points penalty without a hearing for the closest race sailed.

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**16. EQUIPMENT REGISTRATION and REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT**

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- 16.1 Competitors are required to submit a completed equipment registration form by the close of event registration. If a competitor is entering RS:X or RS:ONE convertible the equipment shall comply with the Class Rules.
- 16.2 [DP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity, including a written request, on the form provided, submitted to the race office.

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**17. OFFICIAL BOATS**

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[NP] Race committee boats display a yellow flag with SKZ logo.

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**18. SUPPORT BOATS**

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- 18.1 All support boats shall conspicuously display their national flag.
- 18.2 Before the preparatory signal, support craft shall have left the course areas and remain outside the area, except to assist a crew in distress or at the request of the race committee, until after the finish of the last competitor of the final class racing or the races are postponed or abandoned. Infringements will be subject to action by the race committee which may result in preventing a support boat from going afloat.

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**19. TRASH DISPOSAL**

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[DP] [NP] Boards shall not put trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard support and race committee boats.

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**20. PRIZES**

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Prizes will be awarded according to the NOR.  
All competitors and coaches are required to attend the opening and closing ceremonies. Prize winners not attending may forfeit their prize.