



2025 Formula Wing Worlds

Question for Officials

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Question For: Protest Committee

Question:

Continuing our expressions/broader anonymous protests;

In the last few months and year, wingfoiling gear has seen an unprecedented acceleration of equipment size, technology and price. To combat this, you (Wingfoil racing committee) created formula wing events with the EXPRESS PURPOSE of prohibiting non-accessible prototype equipment. Between Wings and Foils, this set of protests we are writing here anonymously expresses the broader community sentiment that those individuals, for whom we will all be launching protests against, are eroding the rules and setting a weak precedent for these events.

Karolina Kluszczyńska during this event has been using various sized TheVirus prototype wings, which are in every regard, unavailable to anyone outside of the company. Not only does the wing fail to exist on their own website, there is no mention of it on any retailer or website. Hence this wing is in every regard an **unavailable prototype accessible only to high level team riders**. Where the majority of the female fleet continue to use available, retail wings, Karolina has used this wing throughout this event with no repercussion and care.

By allowing her to race with this prototype wing, this committee has created an event that explicitly violates class standards and subsequently demonstrates to us the racing community that the committee undermines its own authority and credibility. It suggests a willingness to bend under pressure—whether from athletes, sponsors, or manufacturers—rather than protect the long-term integrity of the sport. Rules in racing are not just guidelines; they are commitments between competitors and organizers that the competition will be fair, transparent, and consistent. When those rules are bent for convenience, the entire competitive structure is weakened. This sets a dangerous precedent: if the committee is willing to compromise once, what else will they compromise on in the future.

We ask that Karolina's wing is investigated and that appropriate action is taken at this event. It is not enough to set a precedent for the next event, action should be taken this event to demonstrate that the integrity of this sport will not be compromised by riders using unavailable, unknown prototype wings at a specifically designated formula wing

"standardised" event.

For a class that is looking to potentially go olympic, this is frankly a disgrace and should not be tolerated, especially at the very first "formula wing world cup"

We look forward to hearing your response to the broader community.

Answer:

Sailing is a self policing sport.

Competitors are governed by a body of rules that they are expected to follow and enforce. If you believe that a fellow competitor has broken a rule, you should protest. The protest procedure, which includes that a protest cannot be anonymous, is described in the rules.

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