

NOTICE OF RACE & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (NoR/SI)

Haitong International 2023 Hong Kong Open Windsurfing Championships

31st October - 5th November 2023

Stanley Main Beach, Hong Kong, China

Organising Authority:
Windsurfing Association of Hong Kong, China (WAHK)

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1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. Sailing Federation of Hong Kong, China Prescriptions will apply. Those prescriptions will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 1.3. RRS Appendix B will apply, however RRS B5 61.1(a) and B8.A8 are deleted.
- 1.4. RRS Appendix T - Arbitration - will apply.
- 1.5. Supplemental Sailing Instructions (SSI) will be published and may change or supplement rules in these NoR/SI
- 1.6. In all rules governing this regatta:
 - 1.6.1. [SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee or technical committee without a hearing, or a discretionary penalty applied by the Protest Committee with a hearing as per NoR/SI 21. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.
 - 1.6.2. [NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a board. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 1.7. If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.
- 1.8. The Class Rules of the participating class will apply:
 - 1.8.1. International iQFOiL Class Rules for Men Division and Women Division of iQFOiL Class; and
 - 1.8.2. International iQFOiL Youth & Junior Class Rules for Youth Division and Junior Division.
- 1.9. Decisions on protests concerning class rules: RRS 64.4(a) shall not apply.
- 1.10. For Medal Series races, World Sailing Appendix MR - Umpired Medal Racing available on the World Sailing website (www.sailing.org) applies and changes a number of racing rules. A link to the version that is current when the regatta begins will appear in the Supplemental Sailing Instructions.
- 1.11. An International Jury (IJ) will be appointed in accordance with RRS 91(b). The decisions of the International Jury will be final as provided by RRS 70.5.
- 1.12. Add new RRS rule 27.4 as follows:

The race committee may signal that boards shall sail on a specific tack during the 10 seconds before and 10 seconds after their starting signal is made, by displaying a green flag for starboard tack or a red flag for port tack, before or with the warning signal.
- 1.13. Add new RRS rule 29.3 as follows:

When, at the warning signal, the course to the first mark is approximately ninety degrees from the true wind then,

 - 1.13.1. When at the starting signal the race committee identifies a board on the course side of the starting line, the race committee shall signal a general recall.
 - 1.13.2. If the race committee acts under NoR/SI rule 1.12(a) and the board is identified, she shall be disqualified without a hearing, even if the race is abandoned. The race committee shall hail or display her sail number, and she shall leave the course area immediately. If the race is restarted or resailed, she shall not sail in it. If she does so, her disqualification shall not be excluded in calculating her series score.
- 1.14. [DP] Boards shall also comply with RRS 78.1 between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the event.

2. [SP] [NP] ADVERTISING & SAIL INSIGNIAS & NATIONAL FLAGS

- 2.1. Sails and competitors may be required to carry advertising for event sponsors, which will be supplied by the local organizing committee in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20 - Advertising Code.
- 2.2. On the sail the event sponsor's branding shall be placed immediately below batten #5 (on the Men, Women, Youth & Open Division), below batten #3 (on the Junior & Minim Division)

and as close to the leech as possible but without overlapping the sail corner reinforcement. Competitors shall not cut or adapt the stickers in any way.

- 2.3. Competitors shall provide their own self-adhesive National Flags on the sail and any replacements.

3. [SP] [NP] ADDITIONAL IDENTIFICATION

- 3.1. For fleet or group identification, the Organising Authority may supply the event bib vests, the competitors shall wear it while racing.
- 3.2. When the Organising Authority supplies the ranking-coloured bib vests for event leaders (1st, 2nd, 3rd), the competitors shall wear it when they are racing for that day.
- 3.3. Bib vest shall be worn outside other clothing while racing. Competitors shall not deliberately cut or tear them.
- 3.4. When the Organising Authority supplies the coloured group ribbons the competitors shall apply it to the end of the second top batten of the sail or at the top of the mast.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY REGULATIONS

- 4.1. All entries shall meet the requirements of World Sailing Regulation 19 - Eligibility Code.
- 4.2. Haitong International 2023 *Hong Kong Open Windsurfing Championships* shall be open to competitors *that are members of a National Class Association* which is a paid up member of the relevant International Class Association (ICA) or the International Windsurfing Association.
- 4.3. The participating class and divisions shall be:

Class	Division
iQFOiL	Men
	Women
	U21 Men
	U21 Women
	Youth Boys
	Youth Girls
	Junior Boys
	Junior Girls
FOIL	Minim Boys
	Minim Girls
	Open

- 4.4. U21 age division shall be open to all competitors entered only if that competitor is under 21 years of age on 31 December 2023 (born on 2003 or later).
- 4.5. Youth division shall be open to all competitors entered only if that competitor is under 19 years of age on 31 December 2023 (born on 2005 or later).
- 4.6. Junior division shall be open to all competitors entered only if that competitor is under 17 years of age on 31 December 2023 (born on 2007 or later).
- 4.7. Minim division shall be open to all competitors entered only if that competitor is under 15 years of age on 31 December 2023 (born on 2009 or later).

- 4.8. Events shall run concurrently.
- 4.9. A minimum of 5 (five) entries is required for each event to constitute a valid series.
- 4.10. The deadline for valid online entries is by 2400 hrs (Hong Kong Time) on **31 October 2023**.
 - 4.10.1. Entries after this deadline may be accepted at the discretion of the WAHK.
- 4.11. Eligible competitors shall enter online (URL: <https://forms.gle/mBcfL2CW5GJoETUGA>) with payment in Hong Kong Dollars before the entry deadline, unless extended by the WAHK.
 - 4.11.1. An entry is not valid until paid.
 - 4.11.2. 50% of entry fees may be refundable, if accompanied by a medical certificate issued by a medical doctor stating a valid reason why the competitor cannot compete.
- 4.12. The following documentation will be required at Registration on site:
 - 4.12.1. Proof of identity
 - 4.12.2. Proof of gender
 - 4.12.3. Proof of age
- 4.13. A completed Parental Permission Form for entries under the age of 18 years is required. This form may be completed online but a printed copy shall be presented upon registration.

5. FEES

- 5.1. The Entry Fee is **HKD 780** or **USD 100**.
- 5.2. The Entry Fee paid after **30 September 2023** shall be **HKD 950** or **USD 120**.
- 5.3. Payment should be by cheque (payable to 'Windsurfing Association of Hong Kong, China') to the office of the WAHK by post (Address: Room 1001, Olympic House, 1 Stadium Path, So Kon Po, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong).

6. CAMERAS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

- 6.1. **[DP] [NP]** Competitors may be required to carry on their board's cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment as specified by the Organising Authority. Those competitors competing in the same race that are not issued with such equipment shall carry an equivalent weight in the same position as issued by the Organising Authority.
- 6.2. **[SP]** Competitors shall collect the equipment stated in NoR/SI 6.1 from the Race Office before racing on each day.
- 6.3. **[SP]** On return to shore, competitors shall return the equipment stated in NoR/SI 6.1 to the Race Office within the protest time limit.
- 6.4. **[NP]** Personal Cameras and their attachments may be carried provided that they do not affect the function or use of any existing part of the board or associated equipment.
- 6.5. Any footage or recording is to be made available to the ICA or the OA upon request.
- 6.6. In accordance with CR C 4.3(a)(iii) for the iQFOiL Class Rules and CR C 4.2(a)(iii) for the iQFOiL Youth & Junior, the use of tracking and GPS devices is permitted.
- 6.7. The use of motion pictures by the WAHK as referred to in NoR/SI 34 also relates to videos taken by competitors.

7. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

- 7.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board. The Official Notice Board is located online (URL: <https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/6659/event>).
- 7.2. The organizers will set up a Telegram group where they intend to announce complementary information. The link to join the groups will be published in the SSIs.

8. CHANGES TO NOTICE OF RACE & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the NoR/SI will be posted no later than 60 minutes before the warning signal of the race on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will

be posted by 2100 or by the end of protest time limit (whichever is later) on the day before it will take effect.

9. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE & AFLOAT

- 9.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Official Flagpole. The location will be described in the SSIs.
- 9.2. **[SP] [NP]** When Flag AP is displayed ashore competitors shall not go afloat and '1 minute' is replaced with "not less than 20 minutes" in the race signal AP. This changes RRS Race Signals.
- 9.3. Depending on which format will be sailed (Course Racing, Slalom or Marathon), the RC will display the Format flag (described in the SSIs) ashore at least 20 minutes before the respective warning signal or afloat not later than the respective warning signal.
- 9.4. A signal displayed at the finish vessel applies only to the fleet/group/heat that is finishing. This changes RRS Race Signals preamble.

10. [DP] EQUIPMENT REGISTRATION AND INSPECTION

- 10.1. The following equipment limitations apply to the FOIL Minim Boys division and FOIL Minim Girls division:
 - iQFOiL 85cm Board
 - Any Sail to Maximum size 7.0 m²
 - Any Front Wing Maximum 800 cm²
 - Any Back Wing Maximum 255 cm²
 - Any Fuselage maximum length 115 cm
 - Any Mast vertical maximum length 95 cm but must be aluminium
- 10.2. The following equipment limitations apply to the FOIL Open division:
 - Any board without dagger board case
- 10.3. **[NP]** Each competitor shall complete an online [Equipment Registration Form](#) (ERF) and submit it before the close of registration. An additional analogue registration system may be used.
- 10.4. Only registered equipment shall be used at this event.
- 10.5. Registered equipment shall not be removed from the venue, the racing area and the waters leading to them, without prior written permission of the Technical Committee. The venue will be defined in the SSIs, and that definition placed on the Official Notice Board (ONB).
- 10.6. There will be an official inspection of equipment before the first race. The information on the inspection will be posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB).
- 10.7. Equipment may be inspected at any time during the event for compliance with the class rules and the NoR/SI according to the following procedures:
 - 10.7.1. A competitor may be instructed by the Technical Committee, either ashore or on the water, to proceed immediately to the Inspection Area for inspection.
- 10.8. Until permission is given by the Technical Committee, a competitor once instructed to proceed for inspection, shall have no unauthorized contact with any support personnel, no person shall join or leave the board, no equipment or other item shall be taken on or off that board and the board shall not leave the Inspection Area.

11. [DP] REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT

- 11.1. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the Technical Committee.
- 11.2. **Replacement ashore:** Requests for substitution of damaged or lost equipment shall be submitted online (URL: https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/equipment_substitutions/6659/event), for Technical

Committee's consideration. Any request shall be made at the first reasonable opportunity.

- 11.3. **Replacement afloat:** When an item of equipment is damaged or lost, shortly before a race and is replaced, the competitor shall notify the Technical Committee or Race Committee before the warning signal. As soon as practicable after coming ashore and within the protest time limit, the competitor shall comply with NoR/SI 11.2 and the replaced item shall be presented to the Technical Committee.

12. FORMAT OF RACING

- 12.1. The event consists of an Opening Series (which may include any or all of following disciplines: Course Racing, Sprint Slalom, Marathon) and a Medal Series. If the event is split into groups, the Opening Series will be divided into a Qualifying Series and a Final Series.
- 12.2. The intention is to sail all three disciplines over the course of the event on the basis of wind conditions and forecast and it is at the discretion of the Race Committee. This is not ground for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 12.3. Any other division(s) referred to in the NoR/SI will race in the fleets of the main event.
- 12.4. If the fleet is split into groups:

Qualifying Series

- 12.4.1. Boards will be assigned to groups (Yellow, Blue, Red, ...) of, as nearly as possible, equal size and ability. Those assignments will be posted by 2100 on the day before the first scheduled race.
- 12.4.2. Boards will be reassigned to groups after each day of racing, except if on the first day of racing fewer than two races are completed by **all** groups. If all groups have completed the same number of races, boards will be reassigned on the basis of their ranks in the series. If all groups have not completed the same number of races, the series score for reassignment will be calculated for those races, numbered in order of completion, completed by both groups. Reassignments will be made as follows:

Rank in Series	Group Assignment (2 groups format)	Group Assignment (3 groups format)
First	Yellow	Yellow
Second	Blue	Blue
Third	Blue	Red
Fourth	Yellow	Red
Fifth	Yellow	Blue
Sixth	Blue	Yellow

and so on. If two or more boards have the same rank, they will be entered in the left column in the order of groups according to this NoR/SI.

- 12.4.3. Group assignments will be based on the ranking available at 2100 that day, regardless of protests or requests for redress not yet decided.
- 12.4.4. If all groups have not completed the same number of races by the end of a day, the groups with fewer races will continue racing the following day until all groups have completed the same number of races. All boards will thereafter race in the new groups.

Final Series

- 12.4.5. Boards will be assigned to groups (the Gold, Silver and Bronze (if applicable) on the basis of their ranks in the Qualifying Series (discards applied), but with no ties broken.
- 12.4.6. The group lists shall be posted at least 1 hour before the first scheduled warning signal of the first race of the Final Series.
- 12.4.7. When racing in two groups the top 50% of sailors will sail in the Gold group, with the rest in Silver group. When racing in 3 groups the top 34% of sailors will sail in the Gold group, next 33% in Silver and last 33% in Bronze Group.
- 12.4.8. In the case of an indivisible number of competitors, the Gold group shall be larger than Silver group and Silver group shall be larger than Bronze (if applicable).
- 12.4.9. In Final Series there will be the same number (and approximate size) of groups as in Qualifying Series
- 12.4.10. Any recalculation of Qualifying Series overall rankings after competitors have been assigned to Final Series groups will not affect the assignments except that a redress decision may promote a competitor to a higher group.

Medal Series

- 12.4.11. The first 10 (ten) overall ranked boards from the Opening Series shall advance to the Medal Series.
- 12.4.12. Competitors assigned to compete in the Medal Series will be ranked highest in the event except for a competitor disqualified from a race in the Medal Series under RRS 6 or 69 or under World Sailing Regulations 19.
- 12.4.13. In the event there are less than 8 participants in the division, no Medal Series will be held, and the Opening Series will be continued for the division.
- 12.5. Boards will be assigned to sprint slalom heats based on the number of entries.
- 12.5.1. When the event has been split into two or three groups, then the same groups will be used to seed into heats.
- 12.5.2. The fleet/group will be divided into equal heats of up to a maximum 24 (twenty-four) competitors.
- 12.5.3. Initially boards will be assigned to heats, as nearly as possible, of equal size and ability according to their WS ranking, and finally in random order
- 12.5.4. Boards will be reassigned to heats after each day of racing and the reassignment will be as follow:
- 12.5.5. For the first two sprint slalom of the day based on the below table:

Rank in Series/rank in group	Heat Assignment (2 heat format)	Heat Assignment (3 heat format)	Heat Assignment (4 heat format)
First	Heat 1	Heat 1	Heat 1
Second	Heat 2	Heat 2	Heat 2
Third	Heat 2	Heat 3	Heat 3
Fourth	Heat 1	Heat 3	Heat 4
Fifth	Heat 1	Heat 2	Heat 4
Sixth	Heat 2	Heat 1	Heat 3
Seventh	Heat 2	Heat 1	Heat 2
Eight	Heat 1	Heat 2	Heat 1

12.5.5.1. For the third and onwards sprint slalom of the day will be based on following formula:

Two heat format	ABBA-BAAB
Three heat format	ABCCBA-CBAABC
Four heat format	ABCDDCBA-DCBAABCD

13. SCHEDULE

13.1. Event Schedule:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Times</u>	<u>Event</u>
31 Oct	Tuesday	Stanley	9.00 - 12.00	Registration & Equipment Check
			12.45 - 14.00	Opening Ceremony
			15.00 - 16.30	Practice Race
			17.30	Coaches Meeting/Skippers Meeting
Nov 1	Wednesday	Stanley	09.00	Skipper Meeting
			10.30	First Possible Warning Signal
Nov 2	Thursday	Stanley	09.00	Skipper Meeting
			10.30	First Possible Warning Signal
Nov3	Friday	Stanley	09.00	Skipper Meeting
			10.30	First Possible Warning Signal
Nov 4	Saturday	Stanley	09.00	Skipper Meeting
			10.30	First Possible Warning Signal
Nov 5	Sunday	Kwun Tong Promenade	10:30	First Possible Attention Signal for Victoria Harbour Windsurfing Race
			15:30	Prize Presentation Ceremony

13.2. A daily schedule will be published on the ONB.

13.3. 20 (twenty) Opening series races are scheduled.

13.4. The maximum total number of races sailed per day for each fleet/group/heat shall be 8 (eight).

13.5. The maximum number of races sailed per day for each fleet/group/heat shall be 4 (four), unless behind schedule or in order to complete qualification and final series to move into medal series, then the maximum number of races per day will be increased to 5 (five).

13.6. Qualifying Series shall consist of a maximum of 10 (ten) races and a minimum of 4 (four) races, scheduled for a minimum of 2 (two) days or as long as necessary to complete a minimum of 4 (four) races for each group.

13.7. Final Series shall consist of a minimum of 2 (two) races before progressing to a Medal Series.

13.8. A single fleet opening series shall consist of a minimum of 6 (six) races before progressing to a Medal Series.

13.9. If medal series will be held, it will be scheduled on 4 November 2023.

13.10. On 4 November 2023, no warning signal shall be made after 1500. Except as a consequence of a general recall.

14. FLEETS, CLASS FLAGS & COLORS

The description of Class flags and ribbons will be described in the SUPPLEMENT TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS.

15. RACING AREAS

15.1. The map with the location of the Racing areas will be published in the SSIs.

15.2. The racing area is defined as an area extending 150 meters beyond the entire course in which a competitor would normally sail while racing.

15.3. [DP] For reaching starts, a board not racing shall not be to windward of the area where boards may be racing.

15.4. [DP] Boards not racing shall avoid the racing area.

16. COURSES

16.1. For the Opening Series: Course racing and Marathon courses will be, at the discretion of the Race Committee, either Trapezoid or Windward-Leeward, with variations depending on venue specifics. Sprint slalom courses will be downwind slalom or slalom.

16.2. For the Medal Series: the courses will be, at the discretion of the Race Committee, either MR1 or MR2 or downwind slalom MR3.

16.3. The courses to be sailed are shown in NoR/SI Addendum A. The diagrams will show the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. The course diagram for Marathon will be published on the ONB before the race.

16.4. In case of a missing mark at a gate or if the gate is replaced by a single mark, the remaining mark should be rounded, leaving the mark to port. This changes RRS 28.1 and RRS 34.

17. MARKS

17.1. The starting, finishing and rounding or passing marks will be described in the SSIs.

17.2. A vessel that is a mark may not be anchored, but held in place by the use of an engine. This will not be grounds for request of redress, provided the vessel remains close to her correct position. This changes RRS 60.1(b).

18. THE START

18.1. All races will be started by using the following signals:

Minutes before Starting signal	Visual signal	Sound signal	Means
3	Class flag displayed Heat number displayed (if applicable)	One	Warning signal
2	U or Black flag displayed	One	Preparatory signal
1	U or Black flag removed	One long	One-minute signal
0	Class flag removed	One	Starting signal

This changes RRS Appendix B3 rules 26.1 and 26.2.

- 18.2. For Course races and Sprint Slalom races, the starting line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel and either
 - 18.2.1. The course side of the laid starting mark, or
 - 18.2.2. A staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee pin-vessel.
- 18.3. For Marathon races as an alternative a Rabbit start may be used: at the starting signal a Rabbit (object or vessel displaying the Marathon discipline flag) will proceed at high and constant speed from the starting mark to the race committee vessel. The starting line will be between the course side of the starting mark and the course side aftermost point of the Rabbit. To inform competitors that the Rabbit start will be used the notice will be published on ONB before the race.
- 18.4. **[DP]** When a starting sequence is in progress, competitors whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area. The starting area is defined as a rectangle 75 meters from the starting line and marks in all directions.
- 18.5. A competitor starting later than 3 minutes (or 1 minute for Sprint Slalom) after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 18.6. The warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable after the finish of the previous race.
- 18.7. To alert boards that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed (with one sound) for at least 2 minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 18.8. For the purpose of RRS 30.4, NoR/SI 1.12 and RRS 36
 - a) When the fleet consist of more than 24 competitors, races sailed in different disciplines (course racing, marathon, sprint slalom) are not considered as resailed or restarted of the previously attempted race.
 - b) When the fleet consist of 24 and less competitors, races sailed in different disciplines are considered as resailed or restarted of the previously attempted race with the exception for the marathon.

19. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move a mark (or move the finishing line)

20. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between the staff displaying a blue flag on the finishing mark and the course side of the laid mark (or the flag staff on this mark if present) at the other end of the finish line.

21. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 21.1. Penalties for breaches class rules, **RRS 50.1, 78.1** or rules in the NoR/SI marked [DP] or [SP], should the case go to a hearing, are at the discretion of International Jury.
- 21.2. For breaches of NoR/SI marked [SP], breaches of the International iQFOiL Class Rules C.1.1.(a), C.3.2.(a) (i) (ii) (iii), C. 3.3.(i), C.3.4, C.10.2.(b)(c), D.2.(a), and breaches of International iQFOiL Youth & Junior Class Rules: C.1.1.(a), C.3.2.(a) (i) (ii) (iii), C. 3.3.(i), C.3.4, C.10.2.(b)(c), D.2.(a), the race committee or technical committee may apply a standard penalty without a hearing to the race(s) closest in time to the incident. The scores of other boards shall not be changed; therefore, two boards may receive the same score. However, the race committee or technical committee may protest a board when they consider the standard penalty to be inappropriate. A board that has been penalized with a standard penalty can neither be protested for the same incident by another board nor can another board request redress for this race committee action. This changes RRS 60.1, 63.1 and Appendix A5.

21.3. Addendum B includes the list of breaches and the associated standard penalties.

22. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

22.1. Time limits and target times for races are in minutes and as follows:

<i>Opening series</i>	<i>Target Time</i>	<i>Time Limit</i>	<i>Finish Window</i>
Course Racing	16	21	10
Sprint Slalom	4-5	6	3
Marathon	60	90	30
<i>Medal Series</i>	<i>Target Time</i>	<i>Time Limit</i>	<i>Finish Window</i>
MR1, MR2	6	8	4
MR3	4-5	6	3

22.2. Not meeting the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

22.3. Boards failing to finish within the time stated in the Finish Window, after the first competitor in that group sails the race according to RRS 28, will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

23. HEARING REQUESTS

23.1. Hearing request forms are available online (URL: <https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/6659/event>). Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be submitted there within the appropriate time limit.

23.2. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last competitor has finished the last race of the day for that fleet or group or when the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.

23.3. Notices will be posted within 20 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

23.4. Hearings will be held in the Hearing Room. The location of the Hearing Room will be described in the [SUPPLEMENT TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS](#).

23.5. On the last scheduled day of a competitor's Series (Qualification or Final/Opening), a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day, or no later than 20 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 66.2.

23.6. On the last scheduled day (4 Nov 2023) of a competitor's Series (Qualification or Final/Opening), a request for redress from an International Jury decision shall be delivered no later than 20 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

24. SCORING

24.1. A minimum of 3 (three) races are required for a valid Championship.

24.2. Score for the age division U21 will be extracted from the overall score without recalculation.

24.3. A race will be scored as follows:

24.3.1. A Course racing race will be scored as one race in a Series;

24.3.2. A Sprint Slalom Round (each Fleet or Group has sailed one Heat) will be scored as one race in a Series. When the Fleet or Group is divided into the Heats, the boards will be scored as follows:

Finishing Position	Score	Finishing Position	Score
1	1	13	25
2	3	14	27
3	5	15	29
4	7	16	31
5	9	17	33
6	11	18	35
7	13	19	37
8	15	20	39
9	17	21	41
10	19	22	43
11	21	23	45
12	23	24	47

24.3.3. A Marathon race will be scored as two races in a Series.

a) When the Marathon is sailed in the Qualifying series, the boards finishing position will be divided by the number of groups in the series and applied to each of these two races.

For example, an event of 90 competitors, where fleet has been split into two groups, and where a board finishes in 70th position, the board's score will be recorded as 35th for both races.

b) When the Marathon is sailed in the Final series, the score will be the boards finishing position and applied to each of these two races.

24.4. A competitor's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score(s) as follows:

24.4.1. When racing in a single fleet:

Opening Series Races	Discards	Comments
1-2	0	No discard
3-7	1	One worst score discarded
8-12	2	Two worst scores discarded
13-17	3	Three worst scores discarded
18-20	4	Four worst scores discarded

24.4.2. When racing in a split fleet

Qualifying Series Races	Discards	Comments
1-2	0	No discard
3-7	1	One worst score discarded in Qualifying Series
8-10	2	Two worst scores discarded in Qualifying Series
Final Series Races	Discards	Comments
1-2	0	No discard
3-7	1	One worst score in Final Series discarded
8 or more	2	Two worst scores in Final Series discarded

- 24.5. To request correction of an alleged error in posted results, a competitor **may** complete a Scoring Enquiry Form available online (URL: <https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/6659/event>).
- 24.6. For Qualification Series, scores are based on the number of competitors assigned to the largest group in that Series. This changes RRS A5.2.
- 24.7. When racing in heats, board that did not start, did not sail the course, did not finish retired or was disqualified shall be scored points for the finishing place two more than the number of boards assigned to the largest heat in the Series. This changes RRS A5.2
- 24.8. When racing in multiple groups, competitors assigned to Gold group will be ranked higher in the regatta than competitors assigned to Silver group and so for the Silver group over Bronze group.
- 24.9. Competitors assigned to compete in the Medal Series will be ranked highest in the event except for a competitor disqualified from a race in the Medal Series under RRS 6 or 69 or under World Sailing Regulations 19.
- 24.9.1. There will be no point scoring in the Medal Series. A board's score in a race will be based on her finishing order in that series.
- 24.9.2. The Medal Series races shall not be excluded neither will the Final races trigger any discards from results in Opening Series.
- 24.9.3. The fourth to tenth overall ranked boards from the Opening Series shall sail in the Quarter Final race.
- 24.9.4. The first 2 (two) ranked boards in the Quarter Final race and the second and third overall ranked board from the Opening Series shall advance to the Semi Final. The last 5 boards in the Quarter Final race shall be scored in positions 6th to 10th in the Event. If no Quarter Final is completed, boards will be ranked according to overall scores in Opening Series.
- 24.9.5. The first 2 (two) ranked boards in the Semi Final race and the first overall ranked board from the Opening Series shall advance to the Grand Final. The last 2 boards in the Semi Final race shall be scored in positions 4th and 5th in the Event. If no Semi Final is completed, the winner of the Event is the first overall ranked board from Opening series, the second is the second overall ranked board from Opening series and the third is the third overall ranked board from Opening series, 4th and 5th will be ranked according to their positions in Quarter Final.
- 24.9.6. The winner of the Grand Final race is the winner of the Event. The second ranked board shall be scored 2nd place and the third ranked shall be scored 3rd place in the Event. If no Grand Final is completed, the winner of the Event is the first overall ranked board from Opening series and 2nd and 3rd place will be ranked according to their positions in Semi Final.
- 24.9.7. If there is a tie in a stage of the Medal Series between two or more competitors, it shall be broken by the following methods, in order, until all ties are broken. Ties shall be decided in favour of competitor(s) who:(a) were qualified to sail in a later stage of the Medal Series,(b) were ranked higher in the previous stage where the tied competitors sailed together.This changes RRS A8.

25. [DP] [NP] SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 25.1. A competitor that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible and shall complete a declaration form available online (URL: <https://forms.gle/i6HqeYkFfy75DCaQ8>), within the protest time limit.
- 25.2. Competitors not racing for any of the racing days shall inform the Race Office.
- 25.3. [SP] Sign-out/Sign-in system may be used. The procedure will be described in the **SUPPLEMENT TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**.

26. LOCATIONS OF IMPORTANCE

The Locations of importance will be described in the SSIs.

27. OFFICIAL VESSELS

The identification of the Official vessels will be described in the SSIs.

28. SUPPORT BOATS

- 28.1. [DP] 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 the request of the race committee.
- 28.2. Coach and support vessel shall comply with any reasonable request from the Race Committee.

29. ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

- 29.1. It is recalled the Basic Principle which states: "Participants are encouraged to minimize any adverse environmental impact of the sport of sailing", it is recommended that care be taken to protect the environment at all times during and after the event. Especially attention is drawn to RRS 47 -TRASH DISPOSAL- which states: "Competitors and support persons shall not intentionally put trash in the water. This rule applies at all times while afloat. The penalty for a breach of this rule may be less than disqualification".
- 29.2. [DP] Trash may be placed aboard support and Committee vessels.

30. [DP] RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 30.1. While on the water, a competitor shall not carry equipment capable of making radio transmissions or receiving radio communications, except for equipment provided by the Organizing Authority. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.
- 30.2. For purposes of safety, support vessels may monitor the Race Committee working channel, but cannot transmit on this channel except in the case of an emergency. The official channel of the race committee will be published in the SSI.

31. PRIZES

- 31.1. Prizes will be awarded to the first 3 competitors of each constituted division, 1 prize for every 3 competitors.
- 31.2. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the WAHK.

32. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 32.1. Rule 3 of the RRS states: "The responsibility for a board's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone." Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:
 - 32.1.1. They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves and their board to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
 - 32.1.2. They are responsible for the safety of themselves and their board and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
 - 32.1.3. They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;

- 32.1.4. Their board is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- 32.1.5. The provision of a race management team, patrol vessels and other officials and volunteers by the race organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- 32.1.6. The provision of patrol vessel cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- 32.1.7. The fact that the Race Committee or Technical Committee conducts inspections, or not, of a vessel does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this NOR/SI.

33. INSURANCE

- 33.1. Each participating competitor shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.

34. TELEVISION AND MEDIA

In registering for the event, competitors automatically grant to the WAHK the right in perpetuity to make, use and show from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of them, taken during the period of the event as defined in the NoR/SI in which he/she participates, without compensation.

35. [NP] OFFICIAL CEREMONIES AND DRESS CODE

- 35.1. Competitors should attend the Opening Ceremony, Prize Giving and Closing Ceremony, if held.
- 35.2. Smart casual clothes shall be worn.

FURTHER INFORMATION (not part of NoR/SI)

For enquiries related to the further information provided below, please contact Mr. Freddy Ma; Email: freddy@windsurfing.org.hk ; Telephone: +852 - 25048257. Neither the Windsurfing Association of Hong Kong, China nor the Class Associations take responsibility for travel and accommodation arrangements made in error.

A. Transportation & Accommodation

Information and application form related to transportation and accommodation will be posted online at: <https://www.windsurfing.org.hk/en/2023/07/11/haitong-international-2023-hong-kong-open-windsurfing-championships>.

B. Transportation for 2023 ASIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

WAHK will be providing free transportation for competitors and coaches who wish to participate in the upcoming 2023 iQFOiL and iQFOiL YOUTH & JUNIOR ASIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS and iQFOiL INTERNATIONAL GAMES held in Shenzhen, China.

Following the completion of the event in Hong Kong, all equipment will be promptly transported to the venue in Shenzhen. In addition, after the Asian Championships, we will arrange for a return trip from Shenzhen back to Hong Kong International Airport.

Competitors and coaches who wish to use the service are kindly requested to complete the necessary forms. When arranging the return ticket, please allocate sufficient time for travel from Shenzhen to Hong Kong International Airport, as the journey typically takes approximately 2.5 hours.

An estimated schedule of transportation for reference:

Date & time	Event/ Action	Venue	remarks
5 Nov 2023 5pm	Uploading equipment on the truck to Shenzhen.	Kwun Tong Promenade	
6 Nov 2023 11 am	Cross border shuttle bus from Hong Kong > Shenzhen.	South Nest/ Kowloon Tong	Please ensure that you have a valid visa for entering China.
14 Nov 2023 5pm	Uploading equipment on the truck to Stanley, Hong Kong.	Shenzhen	
14 Nov 2023 8 pm	Cross border shuttle bus from Shenzhen > Hong Kong International Airport.	Shenzhen	Please ensure that you have a valid visa for re-entering Hong Kong.
15 Nov 2023 8 pm	Departure	Hong Kong	There is no guarantee that equipment will be arrived Hong Kong International Airport before 8 pm due to customs procedures.

C. Early Arrival

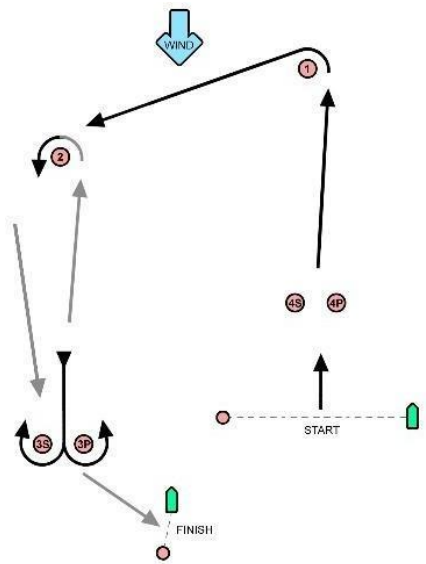
Competitors arriving early are advised that support from the organizers can be arranged upon request in advance.

D. Charter Equipment

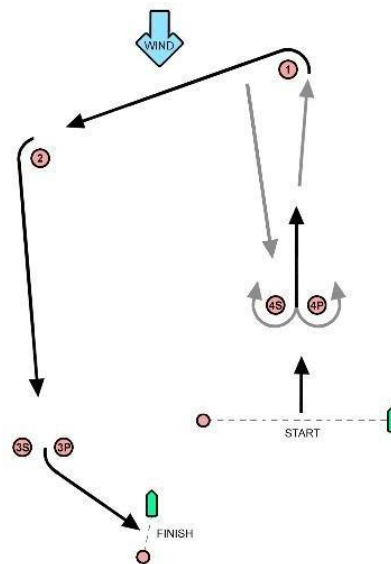
Limited charter equipment may be available for rental, subject to availability and on a first-come, first-served basis. Please contact WAHK for further information and reservations.

ADDENDUM A - COURSE DIAGRAMS

Course racing – Trapezoid course

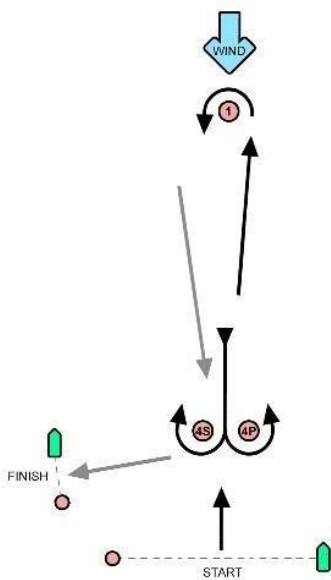


Signal	Mark rounding order
O2	Start-1-2-3S/3P-2-3P-Finish

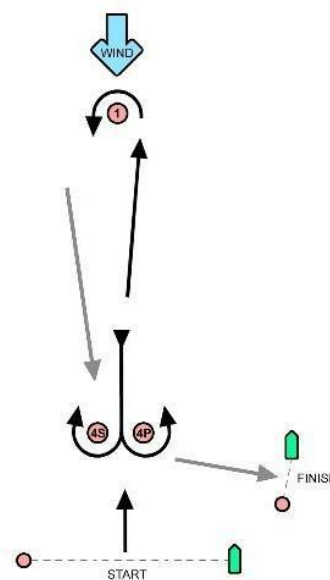


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I2	Start-1-4S/4P-1-2-3P-Finish

Course racing – W/L course

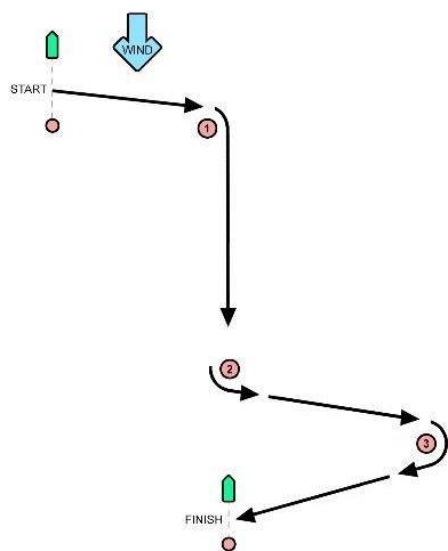


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LG2	Start-1- 4S/4P-1-4S-Finish

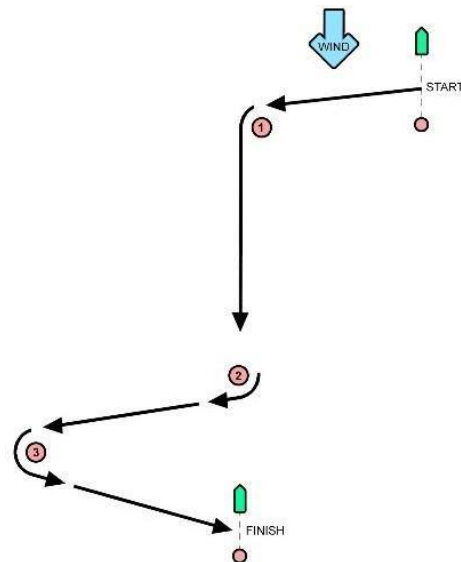


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LR2	Start-1- 4S/4P-1-4P-Finish

Sprint Slalom (MEDAL SERIES MR3) – Downwind Slalom course

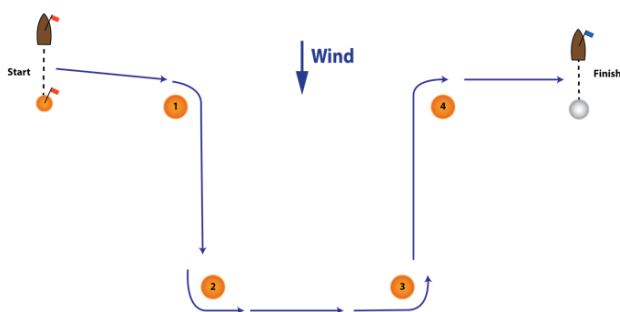


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PD3	Start-1- 2-3-Finish

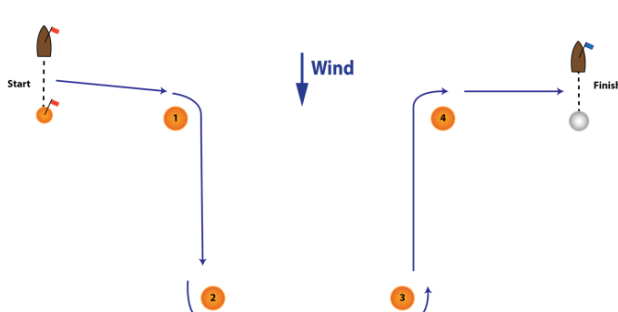


Signal	Mark rounding order
SD3	Start-1- 2-3-Finish

U Slalom – Slalom course

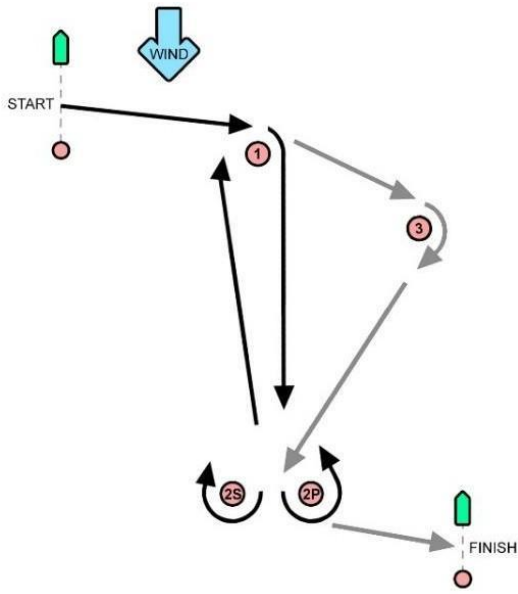


Signal	Mark rounding order
PU	Start-1- 2-3-4-Finish

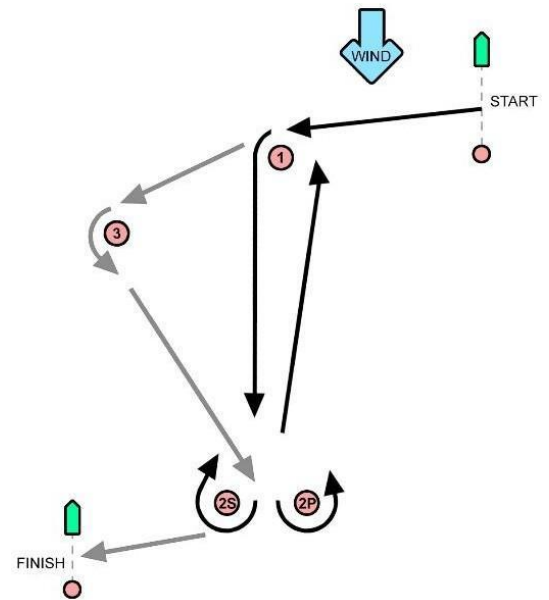


Signal	Mark rounding order
SU	Start-1- 2-3-4-Finish

MEDAL SERIES (MR1 and MR2) Courses



Signal	Mark rounding order
PM1	Start-1-2S/2P-1-3-2P-Finish
PM 2	Start-1-2S/2P-1-2P-Finish



Signal	Mark rounding order
SM1	Start-1-2S/2P-1-3-2S-Finish
SM2	Start-1-2S/2P-1-2S-Finish

ADDENDUM B – STANDARD PENALTIES

In accordance with the NoR/SI 21, the Race Committee will initially apply the following Standard Penalties:

Event bib/Leaders' bib not worn as instructed	One point scoring penalty for each race where instruction has been broken
Event advertising not displayed as prescribed	One point scoring penalty for each race where instruction has been broken
Coloured ribbon not displayed as instructed	One point scoring penalty for each race where instruction has been broken
No sign out or not collected a tracking module or camera or other electronic equipment if so prescribed	One point scoring penalty for the first race of the day
No sign in or not returned a tracking module or camera or other electronic equipment if so prescribed	One point scoring penalty for the last race of the day. (If no sign out and sign in only one point will be applied).
Leaving when flag AP flag is displayed ashore	Five points scoring penalty for the race closest in time.

In accordance with the NoR/SI 21, the Technical Committee will initially apply the following Standard Penalties:

Helmet - did not wear	Five points scoring penalty for the race where rule has been broken
Whistle - did not carry	Five points scoring penalty for the race where rule has been broken
Impact vest – did not wear	Five points scoring penalty for the race where rule has been broken
Harness – above 4kg	Two points scoring penalty for the race where rule has been broken
Personal Equipment – above 9 kg	Two points scoring penalty for the race where rule has been broken
QR Sticker missing	One point scoring penalty for the race where rule has been broken
Sail Numbers/ National letter not applied according to CR	Five points scoring penalty for the race where rule has been broken
National Flag not applied according to the CR	Two points scoring penalty for the race where rule has been broken
Class Insignia not applied according to the CR	One point scoring penalty for the race where rule has been broken
Personal Flotation Device (if required) according to CR/RRS	Five points scoring penalty for the race where rule has been broken