

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (2021-2024) - Windsurfing Fleet Racing Edition shall apply (WCR).
- 1.2 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence;
- 1.3 In all rules governing this regatta:
- 1.4 [SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee without a hearing (this changes WCR A5);
- 1.5 [NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a board. This changes WCR 60.1(a);
- 1.6 The arbitration system as described in the "Supplement 1 to SI" will apply.

2. [SP] [NP] ADDITIONAL IDENTIFICATION AND ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Class and Sponsor stickers will be provided and applied as per SI Appendix B.
- 2.2 Event lycras will be provided by the organiser and shall be worn outside any other clothing or equipment at all times when afloat and during media interviews ashore.
- 2.3 Class and Sponsor stickers shall not be cut, trimmed, defaced, or altered in any way
- 2.4 Penalties:
 - 2.4.1 Failure to comply with SI 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3 will result in a 2 points penalty without a hearing for the first race sailed on the day.
 - 2.4.2 Application of these penalties shall not result in a board being scored worse than DSQ
 - 2.4.3 If no race is completed on the day of the infringement the penalty will be applied to the most recent completed race in the series or, if there were no races previously completed to the next completed race in the series.

3. [DP] [NP] CAMERAS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

- 3.1 Competitors may be required to carry on their boards/rigs cameras as specified by the organiser;

4. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 4.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board

5. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 5.1 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 by 20:00 the day before it will take effect.

6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 6.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the official flagpole located in front of the club;
- 6.2 When the **AP Flag** is displayed, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes'. **This changes WCR Race Signals.**

7. FORMAT OF RACING

- 7.1 The regatta consists of a Single Series.

8. EVENT SCHEDULE

- 8.1 The Championship schedule is as follows:

Wednesday, August 23rd	17:00 – 18:00 Registration
Thursday, August 24th	9:30 – Official Opening, Skippers meeting 10:00 – 18:00 Racing
Friday, August 25th	TBC Racing
Saturday, August 26th	TBC Racing
Sunday, August 27th	TBC Racing 14:30 Last possible warning signal 17:00 Closing Ceremony

- 8.2 There may be a daily skippers meeting on racing days at 9:30 am or as announced the day before.
8.3 There will be a maximum of 6 races on any day, in a maximum championship series of 24 races;
8.4 Three (3) races may be sailed 'back-to-back';
8.5 The warning signal for the last race shall not be after 14.30hrs. on 27th August.

9. CLASS FLAG

- 9.1 The Class Flag shall be grey with FWC Pro Rider logo.

10. RACING AREA

- 10.1 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;
10.2 [DP] Boards not racing shall avoid the racing area. This changes WCR 23.1;
10.3 Location of racing area will be posted daily on the Official Notice Board.

11. COURSES

- 11.1 The course or courses to be used shall be published in a separate notice. The diagram will show the order in which the marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left;

12. MARKS

Marks will be cylindrical orange or cylindrical white with logo.

13. THE START

- 13.1 Races will be started using WCR 26 – system 1 with the following amendment:

Minutes before starting signal	Visual signal	Sound signal	Means
3	Class flag	One	Warning signal
2	black flag	One	Preparatory signal
1	Preparatory flag removed	One long	One minute
0	Class flag removed	One	Start signal

- 13.2 The starting line will be described in a separate notice.
13.3 When a green flag is displayed before or together with the warning signal boards shall start on starboard tack.;
When a red flag is displayed before or together with the warning signal boards shall start on port tack.;

13.4 A board starting later than 3 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. **This changes WCR A4 and A5;**

14. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

14.1 discard

15. THE FINISH

15.1 The finishing line will be described in a separate notice.

15.2 "Flexible-Gold-Silver-Fleet-System“:

The "Flexible-Gold-Silver-Fleet-System" shall apply. In this system, the participants have the opportunity to decide in each individual race whether they want to complete both laps or already finish after one lap. All participants who have completed one lap (Silver Fleet) will be classified behind the riders who have completed both laps (Gold Fleet). Silver Fleet riders are required to report their status upon finishing. Failure to do so may result in the disqualification of the competitor.

16. TIME LIMITS, TARGET TIMES & REST PERIOD

16.1 The time limits and target times are as follows:

Time limit	Target time	Finish Window
24 minutes	12 minutes	15 minutes

16.2 Competitors failing to finish within the time stated in the Finish Window, after the first competitor in that division sails the course and finishes, will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). **This changes WCR 35, A4 and A5;**

16.3 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 will be 8 minutes;

16.4 Rest Periods-Ashore. After a series of back-to-back races there shall be a rest period of a minimum of 30 minutes ashore for the last finisher in the last race of that division.

17. PROTESTS & REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

17.1 Hearing request forms are available at the race office.

17.2 The protest time limit is **30 minutes** after the last board has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals 'no more racing today';

Protest Time Limits, Hearing Schedules and Hearing Decisions will be posted on the Official Notice Board

17.3 Hearing schedules to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as a witness, will be posted on the Jury Notice Board as soon as protests are received at the jury desk. Hearing schedules are provisional until clearly marked as FINAL after approximately 10 minutes counted from the end of each division's Protest Time Limit.

Arbitration meetings and protest hearings will start as soon as practical after being posted.

Arbitrations and Protests may be taken in any order at the Jury's discretion. Hearings will be held in the protest room or in the area designated for arbitration meetings.

17.4 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);**

17.5 [DP] [NP] Boards retiring from races shall notify the race committee ashore before the protest time limit. Boards taking a voluntary penalty shall complete the Penalty Acknowledgment Form at the jury desk before the end of the protest time limit or the start of an associated hearing, whichever is earlier.

17.6 On the last scheduled day of a competitor's Series, a request for redress based on an protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. **This changes WCR 62.2.**

18. SCORING

18.1 Scoring will be according to the WCR Appendix A, as amended in SI 18.3 for discards;

18.2 A minimum of 3 races shall be completed to validate a championship;

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

<i>Opening Series Races</i>	<i>Discards</i>
1-3	0
4-6	1
7-10	2
11-15	3
16 - 20	4
21 - 25	5

18.4 To request correction of an alleged error in the posted results, a board shall complete a scoring enquiry form available at the regatta office.

19. SAFETY REGULATIONS

19.1 [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;

19.2 [DP] [NP] Competitors not going afloat for all or part of the day's racing shall inform the race office, prior to the first start affected;

19.3 **Safety System.** If prescribed shall be published on the official notice board;

19.4 [DP] [NP] Competitors shall at all times whilst afloat wear an impact vest or a personal flotation device and a certified protective impact helmet;

19.5 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Failure to comply may be misconduct;

20. EQUIPMENT REGISTRATION and REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT

20.1 An [Online Equipment Inspection Form](#) shall be completed by each competitor and submitted before the end of registration.

20.2 [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 office at the first reasonable opportunity on the form provided.

21. OFFICIAL BOATS

Discarded

22. SUPPORT BOATS

22.1 All support boats may display their national flag;

22.2 Support boats must be outside each course area at all times that boards are racing in that area, except to assist a crew in distress or at the specific request of the race committee.

23. [DP] TRASH DISPOSAL

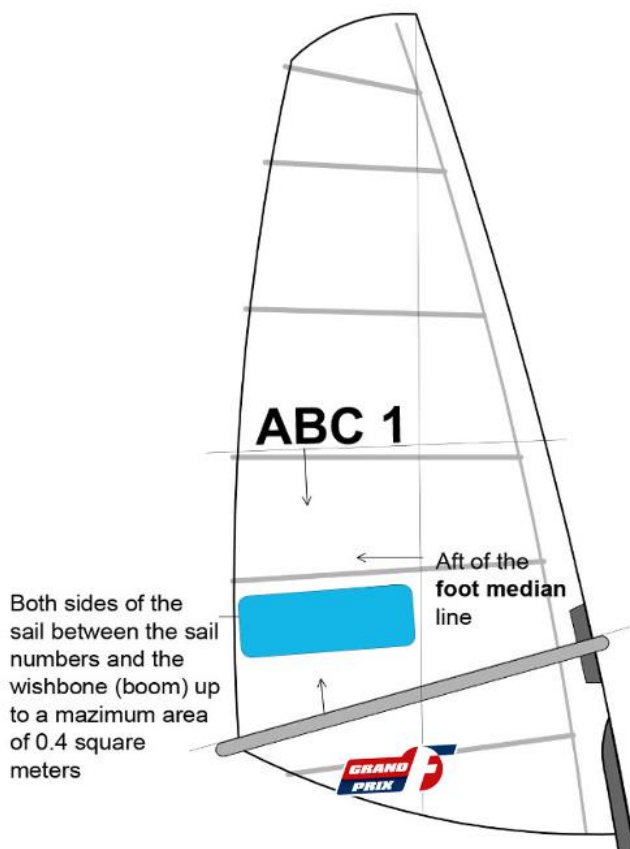
23.1 Trash may be placed aboard support and Committee boats.

24. PRIZES

24.1 Prizes will be awarded according to the NOR;

24.2 All competitors and coaches are required to attend the closing ceremony. Prize winners not attending may forfeit their prize.

APPENDIX B



Key:

 Event sponsorship advertising

Note: There shall be no reserved hull space on sailboards for event sponsorship.
This figure is for guidance purposes only, in all cases the text of the regulation shall prevail.

SUPPLEMENT n.1 to SI

POST-RACE PENALTY, ARBITRATION

1. POST-RACE PENALTY

- 1.1. A board that may have broken a rule of WCR Part 2 or rule WCR31 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. A 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 WCR Part 2 or rule WCR31.

2. ARBITRATION

- 2.1. Rule WCR63.1 is changed to add: "The International Jury may appoint an arbitrator to review a protest, who may allow the protest to be withdrawn."
- 2.2. Rules WCR63.1 and WCR64.3 are changed to add: "When, during arbitration, a board that, in the opinion of the arbitrator, is at fault has taken an appropriate penalty for the incident on the water or has accepted a Post-Race Penalty, or retired, an arbitrator may, acting for the international jury, offer redress to a board not considered at fault provided that, in the opinion of the arbitrator, the requirements of WCR62.1(b) are met. 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 hearing for each protest involving a rule of WCR Part 2 or rule WCR31, provided that:
 - the arbitrator decides that the protest is appropriate for arbitration, and
 - the parties to the protest are present,
- 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 may allow the protestor to withdraw the protest.
 - 2.5.2. No board broke a rule. The arbitrator may allow the protestor to withdraw the protest.
 - 2.5.3. One or more boards broke a rule of WCR Part 2 or rule WCR31. Each of those boards may take a Post-Race Penalty or retire.

If all boards considered to be at fault have taken an appropriate penalty for the incident, the arbitrator may, if appropriate, offer redress to boards not considered to be at fault. If all boards considered to be at fault have taken a penalty and all offers of redress are accepted by all parties, the arbitrator may allow the protestor to withdraw the protest.
 - 2.5.4. A hearing by the International Jury is required. The protest cannot be withdrawn without the permission of the International Jury.
- 2.6. If the protest is not withdrawn, the International Jury will schedule a hearing. The arbitrator may be a member of the panel that hears the protest.
- 2.7. If the protest is withdrawn, no protest hearing will be held. Redress given in arbitration may be the subject of a request for redress.