

**INTERNATIONAL
FUNBOARD CLASS
ASSOCIATION
CHAMPIONSHIPS RULES
2009**



The International Funboard Class Association was adopted as an ISAF international class in 1987.

1 ORGANISATION

World, Continental, Regional and National championships shall only be organised by or with the approval of the International Funboard Class Association (IFCA). Approval shall only be given to National Authorities and recognised National Associations. Where neither of the above organises a national event in a particular country, approval may be given to a National Organiser by IFCA.

2 ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

2.1 At World and Continental championships the maximum number of entries is

2.2.1 Slalom: 80 men, 40 women, 40 youths (including Juniors) and 40 masters (including Grand Masters)

2.2.2 Wave and Freestyle: 64 men, 32 women, 32 Youth (including Juniors) and 32 Masters (including Grand Masters)

2.2 Age Divisions

2.2.1 Youth is a man or woman who is less than 20 years old

2.2.2 Junior is a boy or girl who is less than 17 years old

2.2.3 Master is a man who has reached the age of 35, or a woman who has reached the age of 30

2.2.4 Grand Master is a man who has reached the age of 45, or a woman who has reached the age of 40

2.2.5 A sailor must have reached the minimum age in the relevant division by December 31st before the year of competition

2.2.6 A sailor must not be older than the maximum age limit in the relevant age division by December 31st in the year of competition

2.2.7 A minimum of 5 entries in a division is required to constitute this division

2.3 At World and Continental Championships the allocation of places to each country shall be based on the following:

2.3.1 A minimum of three Men, two Women, two Masters and two Youths from each country, which organises a multi-event qualifier series for production boards. The Executive Committee of IFCA will determine the final figure.

2.3.2 From each country not complying with 2.3.1 one Man, one Woman, one Master and one Youth will be accepted.

2.3.3 Additional (Custom Board) competitors may be accepted only in the event of insufficient IFC competitors applying for available places.

2.3.4 Qualifying competitors must be chosen directly from the top competitors in the IFC National Ranking table. Only in exceptional cases may a national boardsailing association selection committee vary this rule, and only with the approval of the IFCA Executive. Qualifying competitors must be permanently resident or hold a current passport of the country proposing.

2.3.5 A copy of the National Series results from each National Association or Authority shall be sent to IFCA upon request.

2.3.6 In case of contradiction or unclearness in rule 2.3 The final decision on allocation of places shall be made by the President of IFCA.

2.3.7 The current World and Continental Champions shall be entitled to defend their titles without paying the entry fee

3 FEES

The National Association fees (subscription) are determined by a scale published annually by the International Windsurfing Association. Payment of these fees is the sole responsibility of the National Association or Authority. Where no National Authority or Association subscribes the Funboard Class Fee, the IFCA Executive may accept entries from that country, direct from individuals, provided the IWA fee of per competitor is paid by the competitor (25 Euro).

4 EQUIPMENT

4.1 RESTRICTIONS ON EQUIPMENT

There are no restrictions on equipment other than those defined in these rules and the IFCA Class Rules. The IFCA reserves the right to impose further restrictions on equipment in the interests of safety or fair competition. No such prohibition shall be made without stating such in Notice of Race. For World and Continental Championships a competitor shall register only two boards and four sails for use during the Championships.

4.2 EQUIPMENT REGISTRATION

4.2.1 Each competitor shall complete a Equipment Registration Form (ERF) obtained from the registration desk and return it before the close of registration.

4.2.2 Each competitor shall clearly identify each sail which he / she intends to use during the event (Serial number /event tag) which shall be listed on the ERF

4.2.3 Each competitor shall list the serial number of the boards that he /she intend to use during the event on the ERF.

4.3 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

4.3.1 The Equipment Inspectors may check and measure equipment at any time during an event.

4.3.2 Until the Inspector gives permission, a selected sailor and his/her equipment shall have no contact with a coach or support personnel, or leave the inspection area. Failure to comply may result in disqualification.

4.4 NATIONAL RACING - CUSTOM BOARDS

4.4.1 A Custom Board is any board, which does not comply with the IFCA Class Rules.

4.4.2 A Custom Board division may be included in a National racing series (or event). A separate ranking table must be published for Custom Boards.

4.4.3 Custom Board sailors who wish to change equipment to qualify for IFCA events, must notify the Race Committee in writing before the first heat.

4.4.4 Custom Board rankings do not qualify for IFCA international events, except where Entry rule 2.3.3 applies.

4.5 EVENT SPONSOR ADVERTISING

ISAF Regulation 20 - Advertising Code, Category C shall apply. In the event that racers are required to carry advertising in compliance with ISAF Regulation 20-Advertising Code - Art #20.3.(d) (ii), the maximum height or width of the event-advertising sticker is 1 meter. If the event organiser is requiring this:

4.5.1 Each racer shall place the advertising stickers issued by the organising authority, back to back immediately above the boom and as close to the leach as possible (see appendix 4).

4.5.2 Racers shall not cut or adapt the stickers in any way.

4.5.3 Lycra vests issued by the local organizer shall be worn outside other clothing when going afloat for training or racing.

4.5.4 Only event advertising stickers and/or Lycra vests issued by the local organiser of the regatta in which the racer is currently entered may be worn or appear on the sail.

5 ELIMINATION PROCEDURES, SEEDING AND STARTS

5.1 ELIMINATION PROCEDURE

The Slalom and Freewave disciplines shall consist of a series of knock out heats. Half fleet racing or other type of elimination series shall be held in one, time and weather conditions permitting, or more Single, Dingle or Double Elimination Series. (See Appendix 1)

The schedule of heats shall be posted on the official notice board at least 30 minutes prior to the start of the first heat. It shall be the sole responsibility of each competitor to know in which heat he/she will be taking part.

If the number of participants in a heat, for any reason, is equal to, or less than, the number advancing to the next round, that heat will not be sailed and the participants qualified to start in that heat shall advance to the following round

5.1.1 In Slalom 40-50% of the competitors in each heat qualify for the next round. The competition continues until there is a “runners up final” and “winners final” of 8 boards.

5.1.2 In Freewave disciplines a heat shall not consist of more than 2 pairs of 3 boards. The top competitor of each pair qualifies for the next round. The competition continues until there is a final of 2 boards.

A Notice on the Official Notice Board or Redress granted by the protest committee may amend this procedure.

5.2 FIRST SINGLE ELIMINATION SERIES

Where a ranking table is available, at least places 1-16 in the first round shall be distributed as specified in the “Distribution Tables” in Appendix 2.

5.3 FINALS

5.3.1 **RUNNERS UP FINAL:** The “runners up final” may be cancelled or run after the “winners final”, as time and weather conditions dictate. All the losing semi finalists, including those recorded as DNS, DNF, DSQ and RET may participate in the “runners up final”.

5.3.2 **FINAL:** The final may consist of one, two or three heats. The race committee shall announce the number of heats before the start of the first final heat. DNF, DNS, DSQ and RET score the total number entered in the final heat. If three heats are run, the worst result shall be discarded.

5.4 SUBSEQUENT ELIMINATION SERIES

The distribution in the second and subsequent elimination series shall use the final results of the last sailed elimination series.

5.5 STARTS

At the discretion of the Race director starts can be

5.5.1 Countdown start as prescribed in System 1 in RRS 26

5.5.2 Countdown start System 2 as prescribed in RRS B.3.3.(b)

5.5.3 Beach Start, System 3 as prescribed in RRS B.3.3.(c)

5.5.4 Gate / Rabbit start. In the case of a rabbit start System 2 can be used to show the approximate time of the start. The Rabbit can start his upwind run at any moment during the last 30 seconds.

6 SCORING & VALIDITY

6.1 SCORING

6.1.1 The Low Point system shall be used however the points for the first place shall be 0,7. The system of scoring may be modified to comply with computer programs available. Where this may produce a different result to these rules, the sailing instructions must clearly detail the modification.

6.1.2 Interpretation of Rule A8.2 (b) Series ties in Expression Competition: "better more times than the other" will be understood as described in A8.1 (b).

6.2 VALIDITY OF DISCIPLINES

The minimum number of elimination series to constitute a valid discipline score, counting towards the Event score shall be:

6.2.1 Slalom: One Slalom elimination series completed to the Final

6.2.2 Wave, Freestyle, or Freewave Series: One single elimination series

To validate a elimination series both semi-finals shall be run so the composition of the "Winners Final" and "Runners Up final " is known. In case one or both of these finals can not be run, points will be awarded by summarizing the points that are normally distributed in that heat and divide this total by the number of competitors in that heat. Each competitor shall receive these equal points.

6.3 RACE AND ELIMINATION SERIES LIMITS.

6.3.1 All disciplines will take place in suitable conditions. Slalom has a minimum wind speed of 11 knots. The first finisher in a heat validates that heat.

6.3.2 The Race Officer shall be the final arbiter as to when conditions are suitable to race. At IFCA Championships, the Race Officer will consult with the IFCA representative before abandoning racing or changing the scheduled discipline. (see RRS 32.1(e))

6.3.3 Protests regarding wind strength and suitability of wind direction or wave conditions shall be disallowed.

6.4 NATIONAL TEAM RESULTS

National Team results are calculated by adding the Event results of the best two Men, the best Lady, the best Youth and the best Master, or as amended by the Notice of Race. A full team is required to score for the National Team ranking.

7 PROTESTS AND HEARINGS IN ELIMINATION SERIES

A board intending to protest shall inform the other board at the first reasonable opportunity. A board that may have broken a rule of part 2 may take a one-turn penalty as described in RRS 44.

The protestor, the protestee and their witnesses, if there are any, shall go immediately to the Jury. The hearing will start as soon as possible and heats affected by the jury decisions will be postponed accordingly. The decisions made are final and cannot be appealed.

8 PRIZES & TITLES

8.1 TROPHIES & MONEY PRIZES

Trophies will be awarded to the first five competitors in each Division. National Team prizes shall be awarded to the best three National Teams. Money Prizes may also be awarded.

8.2 TITLES

The winning competitor in each **Discipline**, at a World or Continental Championships, shall receive the title of World or Continental **Discipline** Champion.

The winners of each **Division** shall receive the title of IFCA or Continental **Division/ Discipline** Champion.

8.3 PRIZE MONEY SPLIT

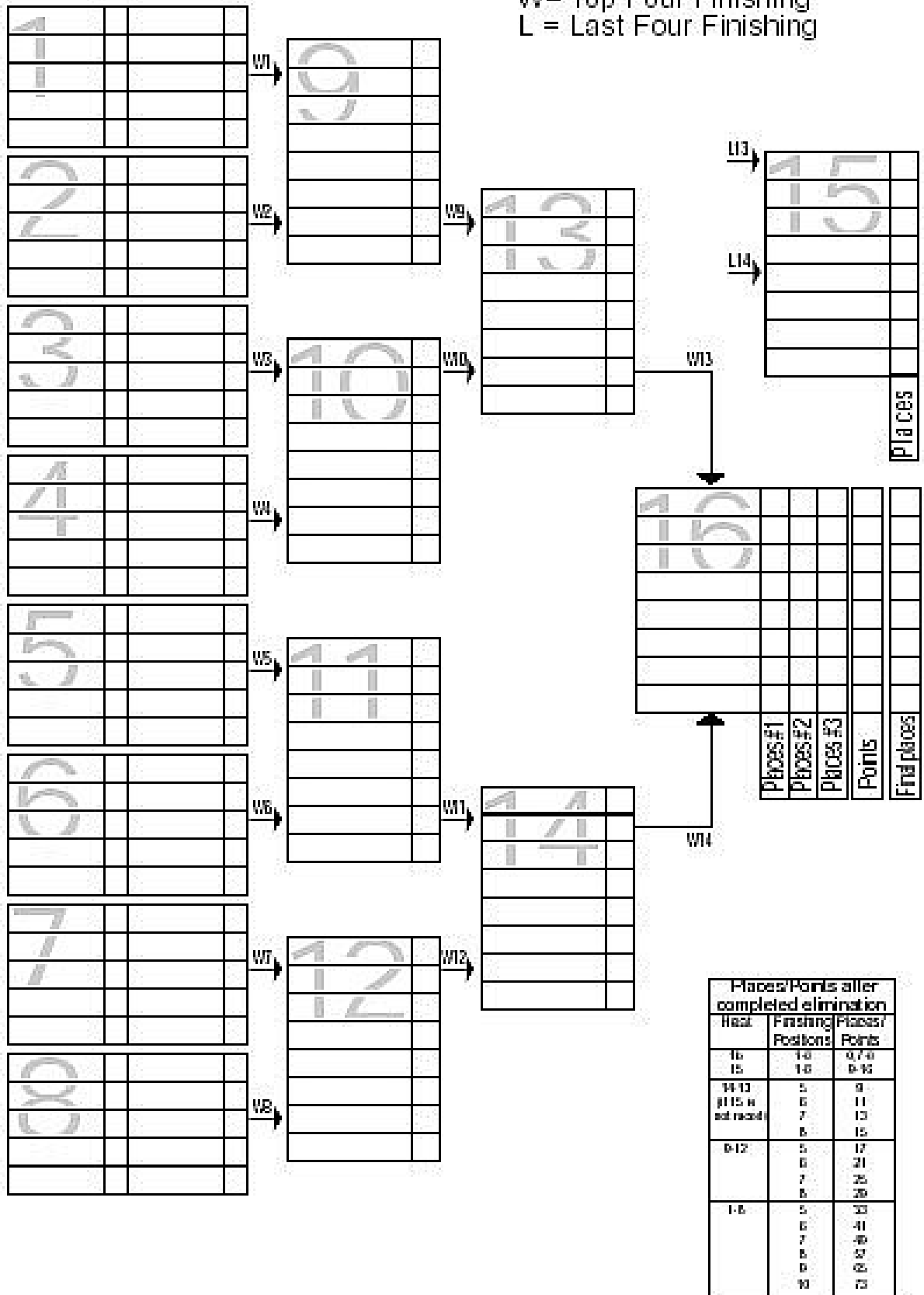
Prize money will be split as prescribed Appendix 5.

APPENDIX 1 ELIMINATION LADDERS

Slalom Elimination Ladder A

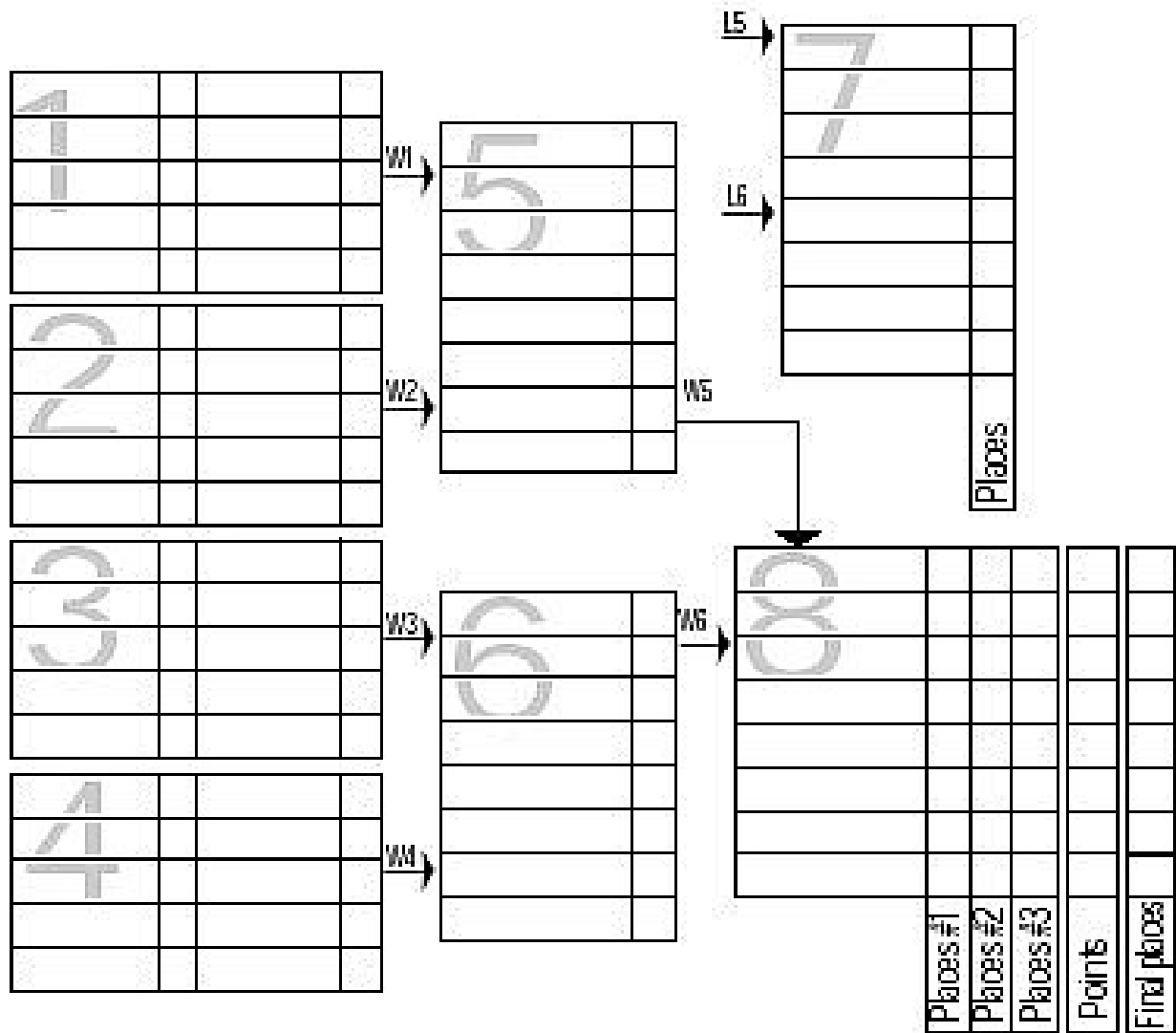
W= Top Four Finishing

L = Last Four Finishing



Slalom Elimination Ladder B

W= Top Four Finishing
L = Last Four Finishing



Heat	Finishing Positions	Places' Points
8	1-5	0-7-5
7	1-5	0-16
5-6 (if 7 is not record)	5	9
	6	11
	7	13
	8	15
1-4	5	17
	6	21
	7	25
	8	30
	9	35
	10	37

Freestyle / Wave Single Elimination

Heat # 1		Rk
6		
27		
11		
22		

Heat #2		Rk
3		
30		
14		
19		

Heat #3		Rk
7		
26		
10		
23		

Heat #4		Rk
2		
31		
15		
18		

Heat #5		Rk
5		
28		
12		
21		

Heat #6		Rk
4		
29		
13		
20		

Heat #7		Rk
8		
25		
9		
24		

Heat #8		Rk
1		
32		
16		
17		

Heat #9a		Rk
1st #1A		
1st#1B		
1st#2A		
1st#2B		

Heat #9b		Rk
1st #3A		
1st#3B		
1st#4A		
1st#4B		

Heat #10a		Rk
1st #5A		
1st#5B		
1st#6A		
1st#6B		

Heat #10b		Rk
1st #7A		
1st#7B		
1st#8A		
1st#8B		

Heat #11a		Rk
1st #11a		
1st#11b		
1st#12a		
1st#12b		

Heat #13a		Rk
W#9a		
W#9b		
W#10a		
W#10b		

Heat #13b		Rk
W#13a		
W#13b		
W#14a		
W#14b		

Heat #14a		Rk
W#11a		
W#11b		
W#12a		
W#12b		

Heat #14b		Rk
L#15a		
L#15b		

Heat #16 W Final		Rk
W#15a		
W#15b		

Heat #15a		Rk
W#13a		
W#13b		
W#14a		
W#14b		

Heat #17 L Final		Rk
L#15a		
L#15b		

Places/Points after completed elimination		
Heat	Fin. Pos.	Points
17	1-2	0,7-2
16	3-4	3-4
13-14	3-4	5-7
9-12	3-4	9-13
1-8	3-4	17-25

Freestyle / Wave Double Elimination

Heat #18A		Rk	Heat #22A		Rk
3rd#1			L#12B		
4th#2			W#18A		
3rd#2			L#12A		
4th#1			W#18B		

Heat #18B

Heat #22B

Heat #19A		Rk	Heat #23A		Rk
3rd#3			L#11B		
4th#4			W#19A		
3rd#4			L#11A		
4th#3			W#19B		

Heat #19B

Heat #23B

Heat #20A		Rk	Heat #24A		Rk
3rd#5			L#10B		
4th#6			W#20A		
3rd#6			L#10A		
4th#5			W#20B		

Heat #20B

Heat #24B

Heat #21A		Rk	Heat #25A		Rk
3rd#7			L#9B		
4th#8			W#21A		
3rd#8			L#9A		
4th#7			W#21B		

Heat #21B

Heat #25B

Heat #26A		Rk
W#22A		
W#22B		
W#23A		
W#23B		

Heat #26B

Heat #28A		Rk
W#26A		
L#13A		
W#26B		
L#13B		

Heat #28B

Heat #30A		Rk
W#28A		
W#28B		
W#29A		
W#29B		

Heat #30B

Heat #27A		Rk
W#24A		
W#24B		
W#25A		
W#25B		

Heat #27B

Heat #29A		Rk
W#27A		
L#14A		
W#27B		
L#14B		

Heat #29B

Heat #31A		Rk
W#30A		
L#15B		
W#30B		
L#15A		

Heat #31B

Places/Points after completed elimination		
Heat	Fin. Pos.	Points
34	1-2	0,7-2
33	2	3
32	2	4
31	2	5
30	2	7
28-29	2	9
26-27	2	13
22-25	2	17
18-21	17	25

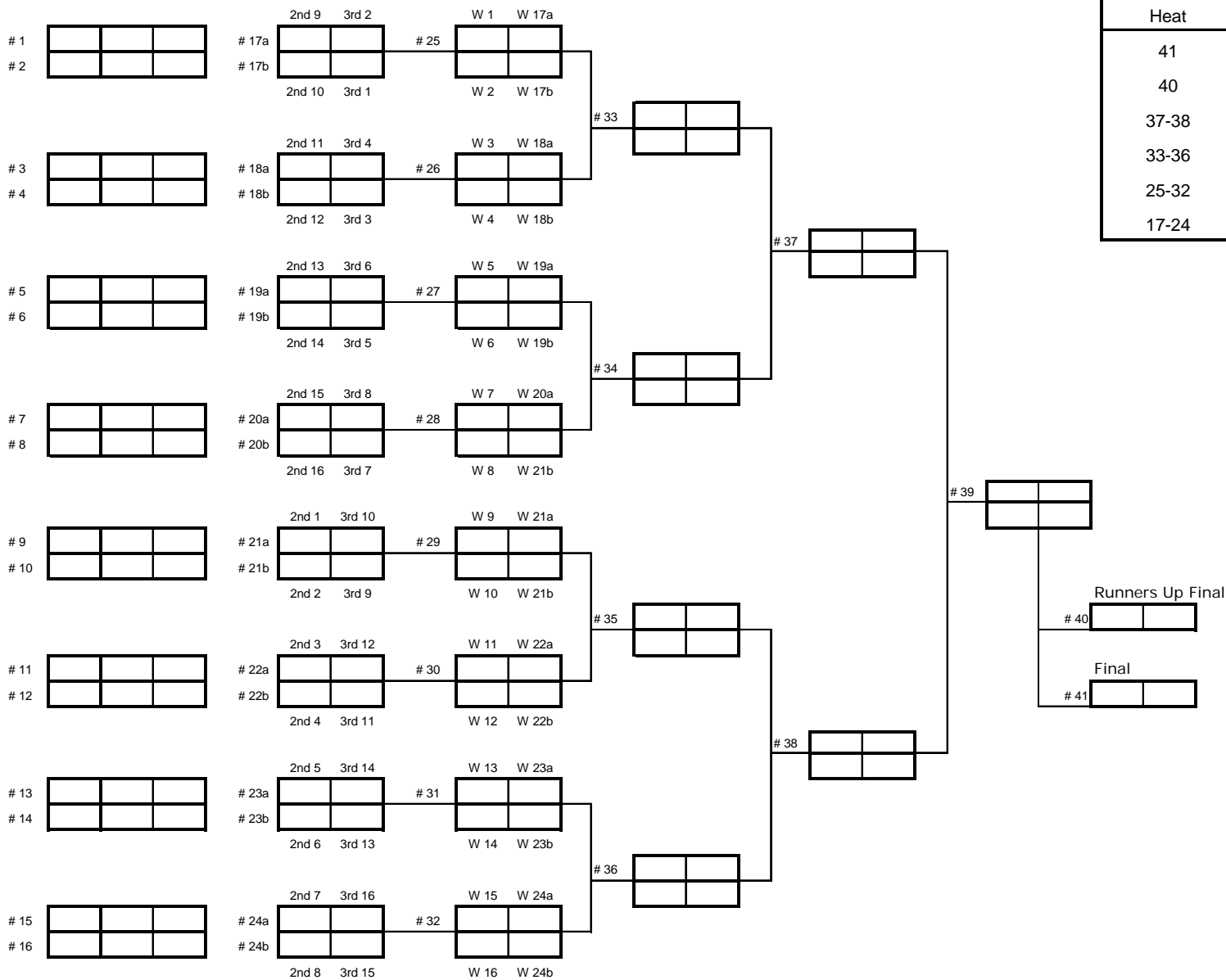
Heat #32		Rk
W31A		
W31B		

Heat #33		Rk
W32		
L16		

Heat #34		Rk
W33		
W16		

Freestyle / Wave Dingle Elimination

In a dingle elimination series the winner of the first round heats advance immediately to the third round. The second and third placed sailors are re-seeded into the second round.



Places/Points after completed elimination		
Heat	Fin. Pos.	Points
41	1-2	0,7-2
40	3-4	3-4
37-38	2	5
33-36	2	9
25-32	2	17
17-24	2	33

APPENDIX 2 Distribution Tables

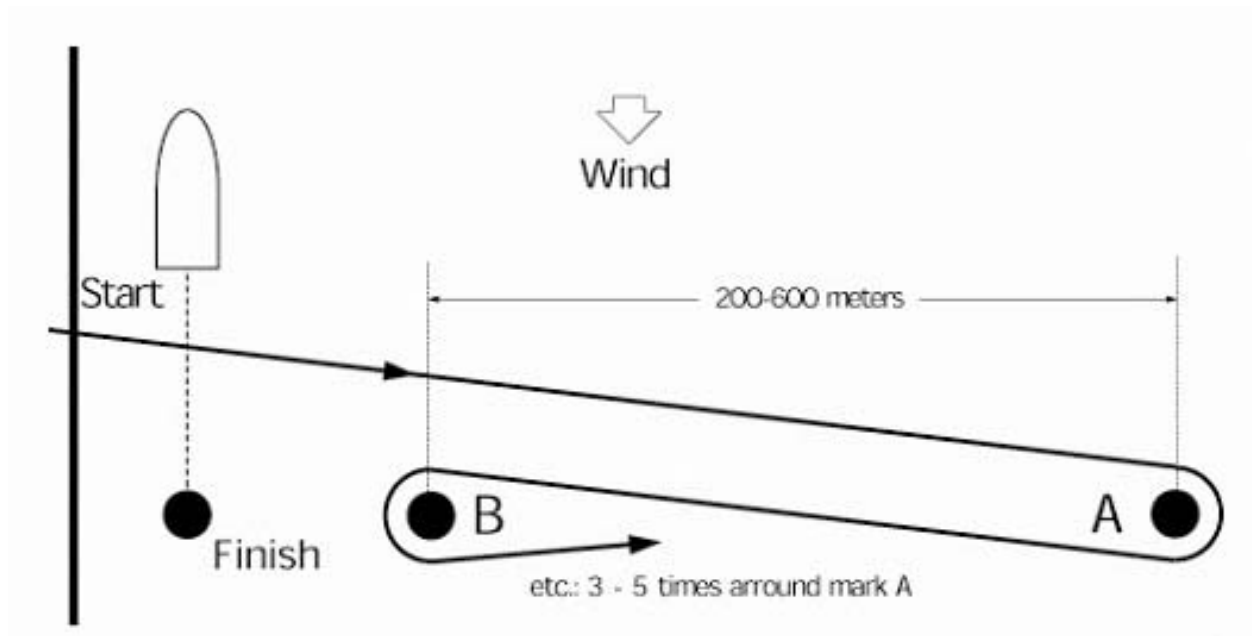
Slalom Distribution Table														
Maximum 80 Competitors				Maximum 40 Competitors				Maximum 20 Competitors						
Heat No	Competitor No			Heat No	Competitor No			Heat No	Competitor No					
1	6	38	70	1	3	19	35	1	2	10	18			
	11	43	75		6	22	38							
	22	54			11	27								
	27	59			14	30								
2	3	35	67		2	2	18			34	2	3	11	19
	14	46	78			7	23			39				
	19	51				10	26							
	30	62				15	31							
3	7	39	71	3		4	20	36	2	1		9	17	
	10	42	74			5	21	37						
	23	55				12	28							
	26	58				13	29							
4	2	34	66		4	1	17	33		2	4	12	20	
	15	47	79			8	24	40						
	18	50				9	25							
	31	63				16	32							
5	5	37	69	4		8	24	40	2		5	13	16	
	12	44	76			9	25							
	21	53				16	32							
	28	60												
6	4	36	68		4					2	8	16		
	13	45	77											
	20	52												
	29	61												
7	8	40	72	4					2		8	16		
	9	41	73											
	24	56												
	25	57												
8	1	33	65		4					2	8	16		
	16	48	80											
	17	49												
	32	64												

Freestyle / Wave Performance Distribution Table

Maximum 80 Competitors		Maximum 48 Competitors (dingle)		Maximum 32 Competitors		Maximum 24 Competitors		Maximum 16 Competitors			
Heat No	Competitor No	Heat No	Competitor No	Heat No	Competitor No	Heat No	Competitor No	Heat No	Competitor No		
1a	11vs54	1	2 vs 32 vs 47	1a	6vs27	1a	11vs22	1a	3vs14		
1b	22vs43vs70			1b	11vs22	1b	14vs19				
2a	6vs59	2	15 vs 17 vs 34	2a	3vs30	2a	10vs23			1b	6vs11
2b	27vs38vs75										
3a	14vs51	3	7 vs 25 vs 42	3a	7vs26	3a	12vs21	2a	2vs15		
3b	19vs46vs67									3b	10vs23
4a	3vs62	4	10 vs 24 vs 39	4a	2vs31	4a	9vs24			2b	7vs10
4b	30vs35vs78										
5a	10vs55	5	3 vs 29 vs 46	5a	5vs28	5a	6vs-	3a	4vs13		
5b	23vs42vs71									5b	12vs21
6a	7vs58	6	14 vs 20 vs 35	6a	4vs29	6a	7vs-			3b	5vs12
6b	26vs39vs74										
7a	15vs50	7	6 vs 28 vs 43	7a	8vs25	7a	5vs-	4a	1vs16		
7b	18vs47vs66									7b	15vs18
8a	2vs63	8	11 vs 21 vs 38	8a	1vs32	8a	8vs-			4b	8vs9
8b	31vs34vs79										
9a	12vs53	9	1 vs 31 vs 48	9a	1vs32	9a	8vs-	4b	8vs9		
9b	21vs44vs69									9b	16vs 18 vs 33
10a	5vs60	10	16vs 18 vs 33	10a	4vs29	10a	7vs-	4b	8vs9		
10b	28vs37vs76									10b	13vs20
11a	13vs52	11	8 vs 26 vs 41	11a	8vs25	11a	5vs-	4b	8vs9		
11b	20vs45vs68									11b	13vs20
12a	4vs61	12	9 vs 23 vs 40	12a	8vs25	12a	5vs-	4b	8vs9		
12b	29vs36vs77									12b	13vs20
13a	9vs56	13	4 vs 30 vs 45	13a	8vs25	13a	5vs-	4b	8vs9		
13b	24vs41vs72									13b	13vs20
14a	8vs57	14	19 vs 19 vs 36	14a	8vs25	14a	5vs-	4b	8vs9		
14b	25vs40vs73									14b	13vs20
15a	16vs49	15	5 vs 27 vs 44	15a	8vs25	15a	5vs-	4b	8vs9		
15b	17vs48vs65									15b	13vs20
16a	1vs64	16	12 vs 22 vs 327	16a	8vs25	16a	5vs-	4b	8vs9		
16b	32vs33vs80									16b	13vs20

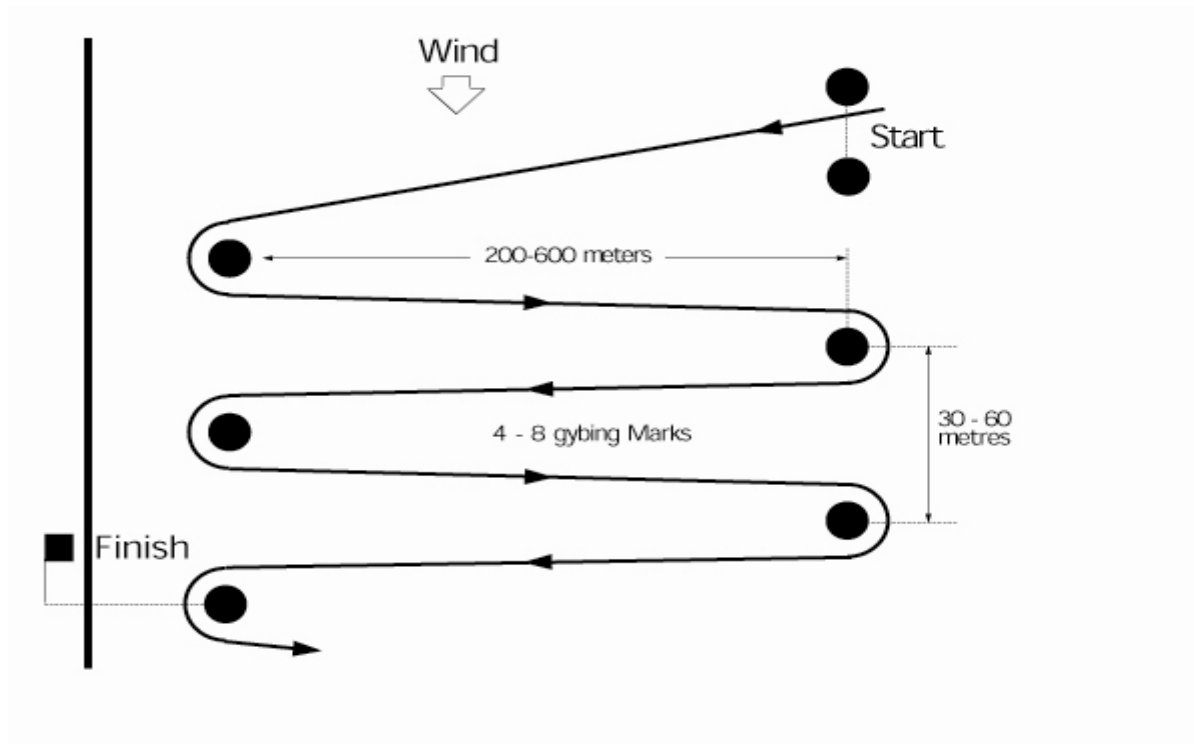
APPENDIX 3 COURSES

Figure of eight Slalom



Note: The start can be from the beach or on the water near the marks A or B. If the wind is not cross shore starts should normally be on the water. The finish can be to windward or leeward of mark B, on the water or the beach.

Downwind Slalom



APPENDIX 4 SAIL AREAS

If you dissect the sail above the boom into three parts, from the luff:

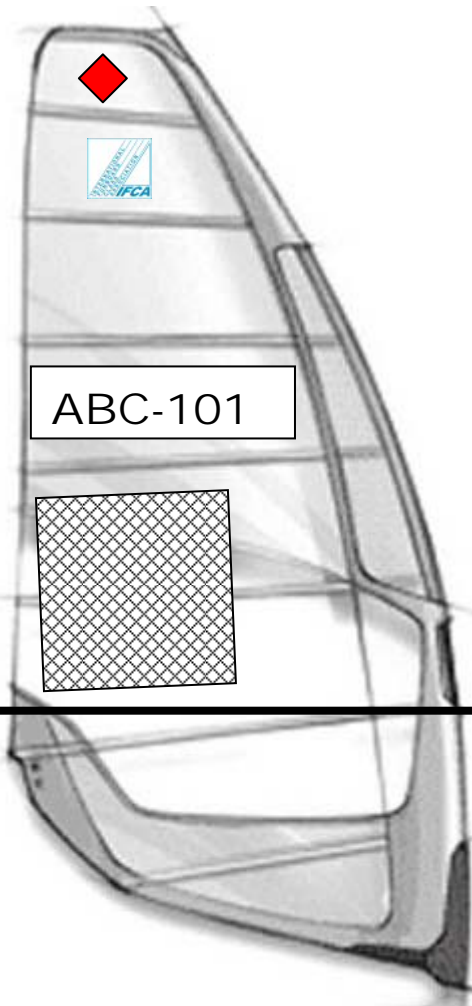
In the top third you have space for

- the red rhomboid (for women only)
- OR (see class rules)
 - o the class insignia
 - o the Board Manufacturers name or logo

The middle third is where you place your national letters and sail numbers

The lower third, and in the back half of that area, is the place reserved for event sponsors, maximum 1 square meter. (The maximum height and width of the event-advertising sticker is 1 meter)
One makers mark may be displayed each side on spars

The rest of the sail (below the boom and the front half of the lower third above the boom and even above the sail numbers..) can be used for personal sponsors.



APPENDIX 5 PRIZE MONEY SPLIT

A) Intro

If enough competitors enter a division to validate this division they will get minimal an equal % of the total amount of prize money of the event according to there representation in the total fleet of the event.

If less than the required number of competitors is entered they will maximum 50 % of the normal percentage.

B) Slalom: The Prize money fund will be divided as follows:

Case I (less than 5 woman)	no prize money for woman
Case II (5 to 9 woman)	10 % of the prize money for woman
Case III (10 to 24 woman)	20 % of the prize money for woman
Case IV (25 and more woman)	30 % of the prize money for woman

Men

1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
20%	16%	12%	10%	8%	6%	5%	4%	3,5%	3%	2,5%	2,5%	2%	2%	2%	1,5%

Women

II) 5 - 9 entries

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
50%	30%	20%

III) 10 - 24 entries

1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
46%	29%	15%	10%

IV) 25 or more competitors

1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
24%	17%	14%	12%	8,5%	7%	5,5%	4,5%	4%	3,5%

C) Freestyle:

Ladder Ranking

1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
12,8%	11%	9,1%	8,1%	6,7%	6,7%	5,6%	5,6%	4,7%	4,7%	4,7%	4,7%	3,9%	3,9%	3,9%	3,9%

Normal Ranking

1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
12,8%	11%	9,2%	8,1%	7,1%	6,7%	6,3%	5,9%	5,5%	5,1%	4,7%	4,3%	3,9%	3,5%	3,1%	2,8%