



## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 2014 AFRICAN WINDSURFING CHAMPIONSHIPS

28<sup>th</sup> December 2014 to 4<sup>th</sup> January 2015

Bejaia, Algeria

**[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.

**[SP]** denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the Race Committee without a hearing.

#### 1 RULES

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- 1.1 The events will be governed by the rules as defined in the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing – Windsurfing Competition Rules (WCR).
- 1.2 No national prescriptions will apply.
- 1.3 If there is conflict between the Notice of Race (NoR) and the Sailing Instructions (SIs), the SI's will take precedence. **This changes WCR 63.7.**
- 1.4 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.
- 1.5 Techno 293 Class Rules are amended as specified in NoR #8.5.

#### 2 ADDITIONAL IDENTIFICATION & ADVERTISING

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**[DP] [NP]** The event lycra if supplied by the organiser shall be worn outside other clothing at all times when afloat, and for interviews and official photographs when ashore. Competitors shall not cut or alter the lycra, or the event sticker if supplied, in any way.

#### 3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

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Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in front of the race office.

#### 4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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Any change to the SIs will be posted at least 60 minutes before the scheduled start of racing on the day that it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races for the next day shall be posted not later than 120 minutes after the end of the last race of the day.

#### 5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

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- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the official flagpole located near the race office.
- 5.2 When a visual signal is displayed over a class flag(s) or division flag(s), the signal applies only to that class(s) or division(s).
- 5.3 When the **AP Flag** is displayed ashore, 'one minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes'. **This changes WCR Race Signals.**
- 5.4 **[DP] [NP]** When the **Y Flag** is displayed ashore, WCR 40 applies at all times while afloat. **This changes WCR Part 4 preamble.**

## 6 RACE FORMAT

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- 6.1 There will be a maximum 3 races per day, in a maximum 12 race series, for the Techno 293 Class.
- 6.2 There will be a maximum 4 races per day, in a maximum 15 race series, for the Raceboard and RS:X Class's. No more than 3 races shall be sailed in marginal planning conditions.
- 6.3 Classes shall race separately.
- 6.4 Different divisions from the same class may race together.
- 6.5 Three (3) races are required to validate the championships for each class/division.
- 6.6 'Back to back' races shall be run for all classes /divisions.
- 6.7 To alert boards that a race or sequence of races will shortly begin, an Orange Flag may be displayed (with one sound signal) at least 5 minutes before a warning signal is displayed. No sound will be made when the Orange Flag is lowered.

## 7 SCHEDULE

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### 7.1

Date	Time	Event
29 December	09:00 -17:00	Registration
	11:00	Opening ceremony
	14:00	Practice race
	18:00	Coaches meeting
30 Dec to 3 Jan	11:00	First possible warning signal
3 January	14:00	Last possible warning signal
	18:00	Prize giving ceremony

- 7.2 The warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable after the finish of the previous race.
- 7.3 There may be a daily skippers meeting scheduled one hour before the first possible warning signal for that day.

## 8 CLASS/DIVISION FLAGS

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- 8.1 Class/ Division Flags will be as follows:

CLASS	DIVISION	FLAG
Techno 293	All divisions	White flag with class logo
RS:X	All divisions	White flag with class logo
Raceboard	All divisions	White flag with class logo

## 9 RACING AREA

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- 9.1 The racing area is directly in front of the event site.
- 9.2 The racing area is defined as an area extending 100 m beyond the entire course in which a competitor would normally sail while racing.
- 9.3 **[DP] [NP]** Boards not racing shall avoid the racing area.

## 10 THE COURSES

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- 10.1 **Attachment A** shows the courses, including the course marks descriptions, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

## 11 MARKS

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- 11.1 Course marks 1B, 2B, 3 and 4 will be cylindrical yellow buoys.  
Course marks 1A, 2A will be cylindrical red buoys.
- 11.2 The starting marks will be a race committee signal boat at the starboard end of the start line and boat at the port end.
- 11.3 The finishing marks will be a race committee boat and a banana yellow buoy.

## 12 THE START

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- 12.1 Races will be started by using **WCR 26** with the warning signal made five minutes before the starting signal.
- 12.2 The starting line will be between staffs displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat at the starboard end and race committee boat at the port end.
- 12.3 **[DP] [NP]** Competitors whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 12.4 A competitor starting later than four minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. **This changes WCR A4 and A5.**
- 12.5 When an individual recall has been signaled, or a board breaks rule 30.3, the Race Committee will display the sail number(s) on a white board on the Race Committee Signal Boat before the first board has finished that race. Failure to display the sail number(s) shall not be grounds for redress. **This changes WCR 62.1(a) and A5.**

## 13 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

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To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

## 14 SHORTENING COURSE

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During the races, the race committee may shorten the course according to **WCR 32.**

## 15 THE FINISH

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- 15.1 The finishing line will be between the staff displaying a blue flag and yellow buoy.
- 15.2 **[DP] [NP]** After finishing, a board shall immediately clear the finishing line and marks and avoid boards still racing.

## 16 PENALTY SYSTEM

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- 16.1 **[DP] [NP]** A competitor that has taken a penalty or retired under WCR 44.1 shall complete an Acknowledgement Form at the race office as soon as possible and within the protest time limit.

## 17 TIME LIMITS, TARGET TIMES AND REST PERIODS

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- 17.1 Time limits and target times are as follows:

	Time Limit	Mark 1 Time Limit	Finish Window	Target Time
RACEBOARD & RS:X CLASS	45	15	20	20/25
TECHNO 293 CLASS	40	15	20	20/25

- 17.2 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.**
- 17.3 A race will be abandoned if either of the time limits is exceeded. **This changes WCR 35.**
- 17.4 When racing 'back to back' the minimum interval between the closing of the finishing line and the new warning signal for that class/division shall be 10 minutes.
- 17.5 No more than 2 races shall be sailed back to back in marginal planning conditions. After a series of back to back races there shall be a rest period of a minimum 30 minutes for the last finisher in the last race.

## **18 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

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- 18.1 **Arbitration System** will be used as specified in **Attachment 2.**
- 18.2 Protest Forms are available at the race office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 18.3 For each class, the protest time limit is 60 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.
- 18.4 The list of hearings will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors about hearings. The location of the Protest Room will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 18.5 Breaches of WCR 77 and rules in the Sailing Instructions marked **[NP]** will not be grounds for a protest by a competitor. **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.
- 18.6 On the last scheduled day of racing 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 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. **This changes WCR 66.**
- 18.7 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress from a Protest Committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. **This changes WCR 62.2.**

## **19 SCORING**

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- 19.1 The scoring will be Low Points Scoring System in accordance with WCR Appendix A.
- 19.2 To request correction of an alleged error in posted race or series results, a competitor may complete a Scoring Enquiry Form available at the race office.

## **20 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

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- 20.1 **[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.
- 20.2 **[DP] [NP]** Competitors not leaving the site for the day's racing shall inform the Race Office prior to the first start.
- 20.3 **[DP] [NP]** Personal buoyancy is mandatory for all competitors under 17 years of age.
- 20.4 **[SP] Safety System.** The Safety System is in force at all times. Competitors Sign Out and Sign In near the race office.

When going out to race each board intending to race shall personally Sign Out. On returning ashore each board shall personally Sign In, to confirm that she has returned to shore, within 30 minutes of the end of the time limit of that race, or in the case of back to back races the last race for the class; or within 30 minutes of being instructed to go ashore by the Race Committee.

Failure to Sign Out will result in a 5 point penalty for the first race sailed after the failure; failure to Sign In will result in a 5 point penalty for the last race sailed before the failure. If failure to Sign Out and In penalties applies to the same race, only one 5 point penalty will be used. The penalty for failure to Sign Out may be reduced to 2 points if the competitor informs the Race Committee Signal Boat before the start of the race.

A board shall not be scored worse than a disqualified board. Penalties will be applied by the Race Committee without a hearing. The scores of the other competitors shall not be changed. **This changes WCR 60.1(a), 63.1 and A5.**

## **21 GENERAL RESTRICTIONS**

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21.1 no restrictions.

## **22 EQUIPMENT AND EQUIPMENT CHECK**

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22.1 As per WCR 78.1, competitors shall ensure that the equipments are maintained to comply with the respective class rules at all times, except as specified in SI 1.5.

22.2 All equipment used for the event shall be presented to the championship equipment inspector for signature, with a completed Equipment Registration Form.

22.3 Only registered and marked equipment shall be used in this event.

22.4 **[DP] [NP]** Equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and the SIs according to the following procedures:

22.4.1 Competitor may be instructed by the race committee or championship equipment inspector, either ashore or on the water, to proceed immediately to the inspection area for inspection.

22.4.2 Until permission is given by the championship equipment inspector, a competitor once instructed to proceed for inspection, shall have no 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.

22.5 The championship equipment inspector may protest a competitor for an alleged breach of the class rules or SIs. **This changes WCR 60 and 78.3.**

## **23 [DP] [NP] REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT**

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23.1 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the championship equipment inspector.

23.2 **Replacement ashore:** Requests for substitution of damaged or lost equipment shall be made in writing on a form available at the race office and delivered there for consideration. Any request shall be made at the first reasonable opportunity.

23.3 **Replacement afloat:** When an item of equipment is damaged or lost shortly before a race and is replaced, the competitor shall notify the race committee before the warning signal. As soon as practicable after coming ashore and within the protest time limit, the

competitor shall comply with SIs 23.2 and the replaced item shall be presented to the championship equipment inspector.

## **24 [NP] OFFICIAL BOATS**

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- 24.1 All race committee/safety boats will display an orange penant.
- 24.2 The media boats will display will display an identification flag.

## **25 SUPPORT BOATS**

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- 25.1 Support boats shall be registered at the race office and shall be required to comply with local legislation. Limited charter may be available.
- 25.2 Support boats with team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boards are racing from the time of starting sequence until all boards have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

## **26 [DP] [NP] TRASH DISPOSAL**

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Competitors shall not put trash into the water. Trash may be placed aboard support boats and race committee boats.

## **27 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

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- 27.1 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.
- 27.2 For purposes of safety, coaches may monitor the race committee working channel, but cannot transmit on this channel except in the case of an emergency.

## **28 PRIZES**

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Prizes will be awarded according to the NoR.

## **29 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

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Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk, see RRS 4 - Decision to Race. The organising authority or any of their officials or representatives or the sponsors representatives will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the event.

## **30 INSURANCE**

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Each participating competitor shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of USD\$500,000 per event or the equivalent.

# SAILING INSTRUCTIONS – ATTACHMENT 2

## ARBITRATION SYSTEM

- 1.1. Rule Changes:
  - 1.1.1. Add new rule WCR A4.3: "A board that may have broken a rule of Part 2 while racing may take a penalty after she has finished or retired and prior to the start of a protest hearing involving the incident. Her penalty shall be a Scoring Penalty of 30% calculated as described in rule 44.3(c), but not more than half of the difference between the board's score prior to applying the penalty and the score for DNF, unless the sailing instructions state a different penalty. However, if she caused injury or serious damage or gained a significant advantage in the race or series by her breach, her penalty shall be to retire."
  - 1.1.2. Rule WCR 63.1 is changed to add: "An appointed arbitrator may hear a protest or request for redress and take a decision, or may allow the protest to be withdrawn."
- 1.2. An arbitration meeting will be held prior to a protest hearing for each incident resulting in a protest involving a rule of Part 2, and/or request for redress, unless the arbitrator deems the incident inappropriate for arbitration. Both parties will meet with the arbitrator. If both parties to a protest are not represented, the arbitration meeting shall not be held. No witnesses will be permitted, except on the request of the arbitrator.
- 1.3. After hearing the testimony, the arbitrator will offer one of the following opinions:
  - The arbitrator would find the protest to be invalid.
  - The arbitrator will allow the protestor to withdraw the protest.
  - The arbitrator would find that no board broke a rule. The arbitrator will allow the protestor to withdraw the protest.
  - The arbitrator would find that one or more boards represented in the arbitration meeting broke a rule of Part 2. The arbitrator would offer each of those boards the option to accept a Scoring Penalty, or to retire. The arbitrator will then give the protestor an opinion about whether the protest committee would be likely to assign any additional penalties. The arbitrator will allow the protestor to withdraw the protest.
  - A protest goes to the Protest Committee for a hearing.
- 1.4. The protest committee will schedule a protest hearing for any protests that are not withdrawn. Any board that accepted a penalty in accordance with Addendum A 1.1.1 will not be penalized further as a result of the protest hearing unless the protest committee concludes that the boat caused injury or serious damage, gained a significant advantage in the race or series, or broke a rule other than a rule of Part 2.
- 1.5. If a protest is withdrawn, no protest hearing will be held; and the protest cannot be the subject of a request for redress or appeal.