



Miami Wind and Surfers Challenge 2010

North American Formula Experience Championship

Miami, Florida, USA 9th to 11th April 2010
An International Windsurfing Association sanctioned event

NOTICE OF RACE

1. EVENT

- 1.1 The 2010 **North American Formula Experience Championship** will be held from Friday 9th April to Sunday 11th April 2010.
- 1.2 This Championship forms part of the **Miami Wind and Surfers Challenge 2010** which includes an open event for Formula Windsurfing, Kona One Design and Bic Techno 293 competitors.

2. ORGANISER

- 2.1 The Championship will be organised by **Miami Windsurfing LLC** for and on behalf of, and under specified conditions laid down by, the Formula Experience Class (FEC), in co-operation with the International Windsurfing Association (IWA), and US Windsurfing (USW).
- 2.2 The event is organised in conjunction with, and sponsored by, WINDSURFING TOUR.COM

3. VENUE

- 3.1 The event will be based at US SAILING CENTER MIAMI.
- 3.2 The US SAILING CENTER MIAMI is situated at 2476 Bayshore Dr, Miami, FL 33133-4730, is an established windsurfing area, and is 20 km from the nearest international airport (MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT)
- 3.3 Conditions to be expected: winds- 10-20 kts; water temperature- 77 *f; air temperature- 80 *f.

4. RULES

- 4.1 This is an IWA sanctioned event governed by:
 - 4.1.1 The ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing – Windsurfing Competition Rules (WCR);
 - 4.1.2 The Class Rules and the FE Championship Rules;
 - 4.1.3 No National Authority prescriptions will apply.
- 4.2 If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions (SI's), the SI's shall take precedence.
- 4.3 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

5. ADVERTISING

- 5.1 ISAF Regulation 20 - Advertising Code- shall apply.
- 5.2 Competitors may be required to carry advertising for event sponsors – both on their sails, and on a lycra vest if supplied by the organiser.

6. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 6.1 All entries shall meet the requirements of ISAF Regulation 19 - Eligibility Code.
- 6.2 Competitors shall be members of a National Formula Experience Class Association, or of the FEC. National Associations shall be paid up members of the FEC.
- 6.3 Membership formalities can be completed on site.
- 6.4 Entries shall be made online at <http://www.windsurftour.com/?p=981> or at event site.
- 6.5 Competitors shall provide the following documentation prior to completing registration formalities on site:

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- Original Entry Form ([Form 1](#))
- Proof of Entry Fee payment
- Evidence of valid third party insurance
- Proof of age
- Parental/legal Guardian Assent ([Form 2](#)) - *for those under age of 18*
- Medical Treatment Permission ([Form 3](#)) - *for those under age of 18 or on their parents medical insurance policy*

6.6 Coaches and team support personnel shall provide the following documentation prior to completing registration formalities on site:

- Original Coach Entry Form ([Form 4](#))
- Proof of Coach Entry Fee payment
- Boat Driving Licence (if applicable)
- Evidence of valid third party insurance

7. FEES

7.1 The Entry Fee is as follows: US\$ 100, except Youth and Junior: US\$ 80.

7.2 Entry Fees paid after **6th April 2010** shall receive a late fee of extra US \$20.

7.3 The Coach Entry Fee is US\$ 40 for coaches and other team personnel.

7.4 Entries completed on site shall be made in cash, online credit cards or cheque.

8. RACING FORMAT, CLASSES & DIVISIONS

8.1 GENERAL

8.1.1 Men and women may race together, depending on entry numbers.

8.1.2 A minimum of 5 entries is required to constitute a division.

8.2 FORMULA EXPERIENCE NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP (FENAC)

8.2.1 The Championship shall be a single discipline "open entry" event for men and women.

8.2.2 There may be separate prizes for Junior, Youth, Master and Grand Master age divisions; and Light and Heavy in the men's division.

8.2.3 A minimum of 3 races shall be completed to validate the championship.

8.3 FORMULA WINDSURFING OPEN (FWO)

8.3.1 The event is open for both men and women.

8.3.2 There may be separate prizes for Youth, Master, and Light Men.

8.4 AGE DIVISIONS

8.4.1 A competitor must have reached the minimum age limit, in the relevant division, by Dec. 31st 2009.

8.4.2 A competitor must not be older than the maximum age limit, in the relevant division, by Dec. 31st 2010.

8.4.3 A Junior (C) shall be under the age of 17. (Born in or after 1994 and not later than 1998)

8.4.4 A Youth (D) shall be under the age of 20. (Born in or after 1991 and not later than 1997)

8.4.5 A Master (F) is a man who has reached the age of 35 (1974>) or for a woman, 30 (1979>).

8.4.6 A Grand Master (G) is a man who has reached the age of 45 (born 1964 or earlier).

9. SCHEDULE

9.1 Event Schedule

		Arrival & Training	
Thursday	April 8 th		
Friday	April 9 th	08.00 to 12.00hrs	Registration & Equipment Inspection
		13.00hrs	Skippers Meeting
		14.00hrs	Racing
Saturday	April 10 th	10.00hrs	Racing
Sunday	April 11 th	10.00hrs	Racing
		17.00hrs	Last possible warning signal
		20.00hrs	Prize Giving and Closing Party

9.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 10.00hrs, except the first day at 14.00hrs.

9.3 The warning signal for the last race of each day shall not be made within 1 hour of the official sunset time.

10. EQUIPMENT & EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

10.1 It is the responsibility of each competitor to ensure that his/her board and equipment conforms to its Class Rules, and an Equipment Inspection Form is returned to the Event Equipment Inspector before the start of competition.

10.2 Equipment checks may be made throughout the event.

- 10.3** Competitors shall bring their own equipment. A limited amount of charter equipment may be available, contact info@windsurfingtour.com for details.
- 11. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**
- 11.1** The 'Championship SIs' will be available at registration, as will the Event Programme scheduling social events.
- 11.2** Alterations to the SIs shall be approved by the Class Representative.
- 12. COURSES**
- 12.1** Courses shall be as prescribed in the Championship Rules or in the Sailing Instructions.
- 13. INTERNATIONAL JURY**
- 13.1** An International Jury may be appointed in accordance with the RRS Appendix N.
- 13.2** Their decisions will be final and cannot be appealed, as specified in RRS 70.5.
- 14. SCORING**
- 14.1** Scoring will be in accordance with WCR Appendix A, as amended by the Championship Rules, and using the "Low Points Scoring System."
- 15. SUPPORT BOATS**
- 15.1** Coach boats will be available for charter on a first come, first served, basis. Apply to the organisers for details of cost and availability. Applications should be made by **March 31st 2010** using [Form 5](#).
- 15.2** Support boats shall clearly display their national 3 letter country code in black on a white background, either on a flag of a minimum of 50cm x 40cm in size or on the cover of their outboard engine.
- 16. STORAGE OF EQUIPMENT**
- 16.1** On completion of registration and continuing until the end of the regatta, when ashore (other than when launching and retrieving), all equipment shall be kept in their assigned places. Removal of any equipment from the regatta site may require prior written approval from the race committee. Access to equipment in the storage area during certain hours, including hours of darkness may be restricted.
- 16.2** Unless otherwise directed by the LOA, all competing boards and equipment shall be launched and retrieved from the designated area at US SAILING CENTER MIAMI.
- 17. MEDALS AND PRIZES**
- 17.1** Medals or trophies shall be awarded to the first three competitors in each Division depending on entry numbers. Categories to be awarded in each properly constituted division will be posted on the official notice board after the close of registration.
- 17.2** The first man and woman in **FEC** shall be known as the Formula Experience North American Champion.
- 18. BUOYANCY**
- 18.1** If personal buoyancy is prescribed every competitor and support boat crewmember shall wear, above the waist, a personal flotation device that shall conform to the minimum standard of ISO 12402-5 (level 50).
- 18.2** Personal buoyancy is mandatory for all competitors under 17 years of age.
- 19. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**
- 19.1** Competitors take part in all races at their own risk. The organiser, IWA, FEC and USW or any of their officials or representatives or the sponsors or their officials or representatives are not responsible, under any circumstances, for any damage, loss or injury either ashore or on the water either to persons or equipment, which may result.
- 19.2** Participation in this event, supporting events and in each race in them is at the sole discretion of the sailor and at his/her own risk. Notice is drawn to RRS 4. US Sailing Center Miami is not responsible for any theft or loss of equipment .
- 20. INSURANCE**
- 20.1** Competitors shall possess valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of 1 million Euro.
- 20.2** Coach and support boat drivers shall also have a valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of 5 million Euro.

21. TELEVISION AND MEDIA

21.1 In registering for the event, competitors automatically grant to the Organising Authority 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 reproduction of them, taken during the period of the event, for the said Championship as defined in the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions in which he/she participates without compensation.

22. OFFICIAL CEREMONIES

22.1 Attendance at the Opening Ceremony and Prize Giving is mandatory. Competitors failing to attend may forfeit their trophy.

22.2 The organiser reserves the right to refuse entry to those whose standard of attire is not commensurate with the occasion.

23. FURTHER INFORMATION

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation information: info@windsurfingtour.com

AIR TRAVEL/TRANSPORTATION/TRANSFERS

The organisers will arrange transport to and from Miami International Airport for equipment, competitors.

Form 6 – Please use form 6 to request a transfer from airport, to book a camper van space , or general enquiry about accommodation.