

**INTERNATIONAL  
FORMULA  
WINDSURFING  
CHAMPIONSHIP RULES**



## **1 GENERAL**

### **1.1 Location**

FW Worlds shall be within 200km of an International airport, and easily reachable by car.

### **1.2 Pumping**

If pumping becomes the main method of propulsion the race shall be abandoned

### **1.3 Titles**

World Championships will be held for divisions A, B, D, and E.

## **2 DIVISIONS**

### **2.1 Gender Divisions**

#### **2.1.1 MEN (A)**

#### **2.1.2 WOMEN (B)**

### **2.2 Age Divisions**

2.2.1 Junior (C) is a boy or girl who is less than 17 years old;

2.2.2 Youth (D) is a man or woman who is less than 0 years old;

2.2.3 Senior (E) is a man who has reached the age of 20 but is less than 35, or a woman who has reached the age of 20 but is less than 30;

2.2.4 Master (F) is a man who has reached the age 35, or a woman who has reached the age of 30;

2.2.5 Grand Master (G) is a man who has reached the age of 45, or a woman who has reached the age of 40.

2.2.6 A sailor must have reached the minimum age limit in the relevant age division by December 31<sup>st</sup> before the year of competition.

2.2.7 A sailor must not be older than the maximum age limit in the relevant age division by December 31<sup>st</sup> in the year of competition.

### **2.3 Weight Divisions**

#### **2.3.1 Lightweight**

A sailor who weighs less than 75kg.

#### **2.3.2 Heavyweight**

A sailor who weighs more than 75kg.

### **2.4 Division Identification**

At events where the organising authority specifies the use of identification of divisions, the identification shall be displayed on the top panel of the sail, and the minimum length of each side shall be 150mm.

WOMEN                      red diamond

MEN LIGHT                black diamond

### **2.5 Minimums**

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

## **3 NUMBER OF RACES; TIME LIMITS; TARGET TIMES; REST PERIODS; WIND SPEEDS**

### **3.1 NUMBER OF RACES**

3.1.1 No more than four races per day per fleet shall be scheduled or raced.

3.1.2 The maximum of races that can be scheduled in an event Series is 15.

3.1.3 A minimum of 3 races shall be completed by a class or division to validate a championship or event for that class or division.

### **3.2 WIND SPEEDS**

3.2.1 If the wind speed is less than 7 knots in the starting area at any time during the last minute prior to the starting signal, the start shall be abandoned.

3.2.2 Wind speeds shall be taken from a drifting boat from approximately 2 metres above the sea surface.

3.2.3 The Race Officer shall ensure that the wind is measured over as much of the course area as possible.

3.2.4 Racing shall take place in suitable conditions, and the decision on suitable conditions shall be made by the Race Officer, and where appropriate the Class Representative.

### **3.3 TIME LIMITS & TARGET TIMES**

3.3.1 The time limit for the first finisher in a course race is 40 minutes.

3.3.2 The time limit for the first racer in each race to reach the first mark is 12 minutes.

3.3.3 A race shall be abandoned if either of these time limits (above) is exceeded and anyway shall not count towards the official results.

3.3.4 Racers finishing more than 20 minutes after the first finisher in their respective race shall be scored DNF except those who are scored DSQ, BFD, OCS, RAF, RDG, DGM or DNE.

3.3.5 The target elapsed time for a course race in planing conditions is 15-20 minutes for the winner.

### **3.4 REST PERIODS**

3.4.1 When racing back to back, the minimum interval between the closing of the finishing line and the new warning signal for that fleet/group shall be a minimum of 10 minutes.

3.4.2 Except in a regatta scheduled to last 4 days or less, a fleet/group shall be sent ashore when it has sailed two races back to back to enable the last finisher in the second race to have a rest period of a minimum of 20 minutes ashore, before the next race. When a regatta is scheduled for 4 days or less, a maximum of 3 races may be sailed back to back.

3.4.3 A maximum of 3 races may be sailed back to back to validate a championship.

## **4 CHANGING RIGS**

When changing rigs, a racer shall return to the beach from which he/she launched to obtain the new rig. Caddies are not permitted.

## **5 SUPPLIED EQUIPMENT**

When the equipment is supplied for an event by the organising authority, the notice of race shall state which items of equipment shall be supplied.

## **6 EQUIPMENT REGISTRATION**

6.1 Each racer shall complete one Equipment Registration Form obtained from the registration desk and return it before the close of registration.

6.2 Each racer shall clearly identify each fin and sail that he/she intends to use during racing at the regatta, which shall be listed on his/her Equipment Registration Form against the size, brand and model name of the fin/sail concerned. This process shall be completed before the close of registration.

6.3 Each racer shall list the serial number of the board that he/she intends to use during racing at the regatta on the Equipment Registration Form. This process shall be completed before the close of registration

## **7 EQUIPMENT CHECKS & MEASUREMENT**

7.1 The Equipment Inspectors may check and measure equipment, at any time during the regatta.

- 7.2 After finishing the race, identified racers, at sea, shall immediately sail to the beach, and await the Inspectors' instructions.
- 7.3 Racers identified as they reach the beach shall follow the Inspectors' instructions.
- 7.4 Until the Inspector gives permission, a selected racer and his/her equipment shall have no contact with a coach or support personnel.
- 7.5 A racer, so notified, shall not leave inspection area, without the permission of the Inspectors. Failure to comply may result in disqualification.

## 8 EVENT SPONSOR'S ADVERTISING

- 8.1 In the event that racers are required to carry advertising in compliance with **ISAF Regulation 20-Advertising Code**:
  - a) 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.
  - b) Racers shall not cut or adapt the stickers in any way.
  - c) Lycra vests issued by the local organiser shall be worn outside other clothing when going afloat to race or racing.
  - d) 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.
- 8.2 The local organising authority (LOA) may also require the first, second and third racer overall in the men's and women's classes to wear coloured Lycra vests and carry self-adhesive identifying disks on their sails.
  - a) The racers affected shall comply with Art#8.1(c) above;
  - b) And fix the disks just above the sail number on their sails, whilst racing.
  - c) A racer shall not carry or wear such identification when he/she no longer occupies first, second or third place.
  - d) The LOA will post a notice on the official notice racer stating where and when racers shall collect this identification in the morning and where to return it to after racing each day.

## 9 EVENT FORMAT

### 9.1 DISCIPLINE

- 9.1.1 Formula events are single discipline racing events that may incorporate any or all of the following formats: course racing, slalom, marathon.
- 9.1.2 No more than 2 slalom rounds and/or one marathon race shall be scheduled in a Series.

### 9.2 FLEET OR GROUP COURSE RACING

- 9.2.1 Where there are 60 or fewer racers entered in a class/division, they shall race together in one fleet.
- 9.2.2 Where there are between 61 and 100 racers entered in a class/division, the Class Race Supervisor shall decide whether they shall race in one fleet or whether there shall be Groups racing in a Qualifying Series followed by a Final Series.
- 9.2.3 Where there are more than 100 racers entered in a class/division, they shall race in Groups in a Qualifying Series followed by a Final Series.
- 9.2.4 For Group Racing the racers shall be divided into two Groups of approximately equal ability, see Appendix.

- 9.2.5 The decision of the Class Race Supervisor is final.

## 10 COURSES & COURSE AREAS

### 10.1 SELECTION OF COURSE TYPES

Recommended courses are published on the ONB on the class website.

### 10.2 COURSE AREA

- 10.2.1 The course area is defined as an area extending 75 metres beyond the course including the 'starting line' and the 'finishing line' and its extensions, which would normally be taken by a racer when racing.
- 10.2.2 Access to the course area during a race is restricted to racers racing and official boats as defined in the Sailing Instructions.

## 11 THE START

Course Races shall be started according WCR System 1. The P and Z flags shall not be used.

## 12 SAFETY REGULATIONS

### 12.1 Abandoning:

- 12.1.1 A competitor that retires from a race shall, whenever possible, notify a Race Committee boat before leaving the course area. Notwithstanding such notification, she shall then proceed, as soon as possible, to the beach and the competitor shall immediately report to the Regatta Office, in person or, if the competitor has come ashore along way from the race site, by phoning the Regatta Office. Failure to comply with this instruction may result in action under RRS 60.2 or 60.3.
- 12.1.2 Competitors not leaving the site for the days racing shall inform the Beach Office prior to the first start.

### 12.2 Safety System:

- 12.2.1 The Safety System - "Sign in / Sign out" - is in force when defined in the Event sailing Instructions.
- 12.2.2 Each competitor, intending to race, shall personally sign-out, against his name/sail number, when going out to race.
- 12.2.3 When returning ashore each competitor shall personally sign in to confirm that he/she has returned to shore.....
  - a) ...Either 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 of that class/division;
  - b) ...Or, within 30 minutes after being instructed to go ashore by the Race Committee.
- 12.2.4 The penalty for each infringement of the Safety System shall be 5 points added to the nearest race. The board's penalty score shall be reduced to a 2-point penalty if
  - a) a board who has not signed out reports to the Race Committee Signal Boat before the warning signal of the first start of the period for her Class/Division/Group, or
  - b) if a board who has not signed in reports to the Race Office before the end of protest time for her Class/Division/Group.
- 12.2.5 Alternative Safety Systems may be approved by the Class Race Supervisor. Full details will be published in the Sailing Instructions.

### **13 SCORING**

- 13.1** Scoring shall be in accordance with RRS 2009-2012 – Windsurfing Competition Rules (WCR), and using the “Low Points Scoring System”.
- 13.2** Where there is more than one “Division” racing in a single fleet, competitors may score points equal to their finishing place in their “Division” in that race and Official Results may be published for each “Division”.
- 13.3** In Alteration of WCR Appendix A, racers without a finishing place, including a racer that finished and thereafter retires or is disqualified, may be scored points for the place one more than the number of racers entered...
- i.** In “Fleet Racing”, the number of competitors in that fleet.
  - ii.** In a “Division” within a “Fleet”, the number of competitors in that “Division”.
  - iii.** In the “Qualifying Series”, the number of competitors in the largest group of that “Series”.
  - iv.** In the “Final Series”, the number of competitors in the competitors fleet (ie Gold or Silver)
- 13.4** One slalom round or one marathon race shall be scored as one course race for the Series.
- 13.5** In alteration to WCR Appendix A2 each board’s series score shall be the total of her race scores with the number of her worst scores excluded as follows: 1-3 races, 0 excluded; 4-6 races, 1 excluded; 7-10 races, 2 excluded; 11-15 races, 3 excluded.

### **14 ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT**

- 14.1** Electronic equipment is prohibited, with the exception of devices whose sole capability is timing.
- 14.2** **Controlled use of GPS** may be permitted for promotional and media purposes.

### **15 OFFICIAL FUNCTIONS**

- 15.1** Racers shall attend the Opening Ceremony, Prize Giving Ceremony and other official functions scheduled in the Notice of Race.
- 15.2** Racers failing to attend without good reason may forfeit their prize and prize money.

## **APPENDICES**

### **Prize Money Split**

### **Group Racing**

*Effective: 1<sup>st</sup> January 2010*

## **APPENDIX A - GROUP RACING**

When the fleet is divided and raced in a "Qualifying Series" followed by a "Final Series".

### **GR.1 SEEDING LIST**

- GR.1.1** Racers shall be divided into two Groups, of approximately equal ability, according to the current **Formula Ranking**, except for the World Championship where the result from the last world championship shall be the first method of dividing into groups.
- GR.1.2** The racer heading the ranking list shall initially be in the first Group, racers in 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> positions on the ranking list shall be in the second Group, racers in 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> positions on the ranking list shall be in the First Group and so on.
- GR.1.3** The first Group shall be designated the Yellow Group and the second the Blue Group.
- GR.1.4** The Blue Group (silver fleet) may carry a blue ribbon provided by the local organiser tied to the batten-retaining strap of the second batten above the boom. The LOA will post a notice stating where and when these ribbons will be issued before the first race of the day.
- GR.1.5** An alternative method of identification may be prescribed in the Sailing Instructions.
- GR.1.6** The decision of the Class Race Supervisor is final.

### **GR.2 QUALIFYING SERIES**

- GR.2.1** The Qualifying Series consists of 4 races.
- GR.2.2** When, at the end of each day, the two Groups have completed an equal number of races, they shall be intermixed according to their current standing. At other times they may be intermixed according to their current standing provided that each Group has completed the same number of races.

### **GR.3 OVERALL STANDING**

- GR.3.1** At the end of the Qualifying Series, an overall standing will be established. A **boards** overall standing shall be the sum of her scores for all first round races excluding their single worst score.
- GR.3.2** If racing in the Final Series is not possible, this shall count as the official result. The competitor with the lowest score will head the overall standing.

### **GR.4 FINAL SERIES**

- GR.4.1** Racing in the Final Series will take place in the Gold and Silver Fleets. The Gold Fleet shall consist of the top 50% of racers based on the Overall Standings, plus one in the case of an odd number of entries.
- GR.4.2** In case of ties at the break point those racers so tied shall sail in the Gold Fleet. The fleet lists shall be posted at least 1 hour before the first scheduled starting time of the first race of the Final Series.

### **GR.5 FLEET STANDING**

- GR.5.1** A racer's fleet standing will be the sum of their scores for all races excluding their worst score(s) in accordance with Championship Rule **#13.5**.
- GR.5.2** The racers result from the Qualifying Series shall be carried forward as one race (the first race ) of the Final Series.
- GR.5.3** The Final Series shall consist of 11 races.
- GR.5.4** The racer with the lowest total score will head the fleet standing. Silver Fleet racers will be ranked in the fleet standing after those in the Gold Fleet.

## APPENDIX B - PRIZE MONEY SPLIT

Case I (less than 5 women)	no prize money for women
Case II (5 to 9 women)	10 % of the prize money for women
Case III (10 to 14 women)	15 % of the prize money for women
Case IV (15 to 19 women)	20 % of the prize money for women
Case V (20 to 24 women)	25% of the prize money for women
Case VI (25 or more women)	30% of the prize money for women

### Men

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	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 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
50%	30%	20%

#### III) 10 - 24 entries

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>
46%	29%	15%	10%

#### IV) 25 or more competitors

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