

**INTERNATIONAL
FUNBOARD CLASS
ASSOCIATION
CHAMPIONSHIPS RULES**

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

1. ORGANISATION

- 1.1. World, Continental and Regional championships shall only be organised by, or with the approval of, the International Funboard Class Association (IFCA).
- 1.2. International ('open') events that adopt the IFCA Class Rules and Championship Rules require the approval of IFCA.

2. ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- 2.1. At World and Continental championships the maximum number of entries is:
 - 2.1.1. Slalom: 80 men, 80 women, 80 youths, 80 juniors, and 80 masters (including Grand Masters).
 - 2.1.2. Wave and Freestyle: 64 men, 64 women, 64 youths, 64 juniors, and 64 masters (including grandmasters).
- 2.2. The minimum number of competitors required in continental championships is:
 - 2.2.1. Slalom
 - Men: 10 competitors, 4 countries.
 - Youth and Junior: 10 competitors, 3 countries.
 - Women: 8 competitors, 3 countries.
 - 2.2.2. Wave and Freestyle
 - Men: 8 competitors, 4 countries.
 - Youth and Junior: 8 competitors, 3 countries.
 - Women: 8 competitors, 3 countries.
 - 2.2.3. If the requirements in 2.2.1 and 2.2.2 are not met, the title shall not be awarded
- 2.3. Age Divisions
 - 2.3.1. Youth is a man or woman who is less than 20 years old.
 - 2.3.2. Junior is a boy or girl who is less than 17 years old.
 - 2.3.3. Master is a man who has reached the age of 35, or a woman who has reached the age of 30.
 - 2.3.4. Grand Master is a man who has reached the age of 45, or a woman who has reached the age of 40.
 - 2.3.5. A sailor must have reached the minimum age in the relevant division by December 31st before the year of competition.
 - 2.3.6. A sailor must not be older than the maximum age limit in the relevant age division by December 31st in the year of competition.
 - 2.3.7. A minimum of 5 entries in a division is required to constitute this division.
- 2.4. At World and Continental Championships the allocation of places shall be on a "first come first served basis" except that each paid up National Class Association (NCA) member of IFCA will be given the opportunity to enter one man and one women.

3. FEES

- 3.1. 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. Equipment registration
 - 4.1.1. Each competitor shall complete an Equipment Registration Form (ERF) obtained from the registration desk and return it before the close of registration. An additional online registration system may be used.
 - 4.1.2. 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.
 - 4.1.3. Each competitor shall list the serial number of the boards that he/she intends to use during the event on the ERF.
- 4.2. Equipment inspection
 - 4.2.1. The Equipment Inspectors may check and measure equipment at any time during an event.
 - 4.2.2. 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.
- 4.3. Event sponsor advertising
 - 4.3.1. ISAF Regulation 20 - Advertising Code - shall apply.
 - 4.3.2. In the event that racers are required to carry advertising in compliance with ISAF Regulation 20. Each racer shall place the advertising stickers issued by the organizing authority, back to back immediately above the boom and as close to the leach as possible (see appendix 4).
 - 4.3.3. Racers shall not cut or adapt the stickers in any way.
 - 4.3.4. Lycra vests issued by the local organizer shall be worn outside other clothing when going afloat for training or racing.
 - 4.3.5. Only event advertising stickers and/or Lycra vests issued by the local organizer of the regatta in which the racer is currently entered may be worn or appear on the sail.

5. ELIMINATION PROCEDURES AND SEEDING

- 5.1. Elimination procedure
 - 5.1.1. A championship shall be an Elimination series. One elimination consists of one or more rounds. One round consists of one or more heats. The standard elimination ladders are in Appendix 1.
 - 5.1.2. The schedule of the elimination and the classification of the first round 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.
- 5.2. First single elimination series
 - 5.2.1. Where a ranking table is available, at least places 1-16 in the first round may be distributed as specified in the "Distribution Tables" in Appendix 2. For IFCA Championships the most recent PWA-ranking and the most recent IFCA-ranking will be used. Non ranked competitors shall be further seeded according to the registered sail number.
- 5.3. Finals
 - 5.3.1. The B FINAL may be cancelled or run after the A FINAL as time and weather conditions dictate. All the losing semifinalists, including those recorded as DNS, DNF, DSQ and RET may participate in the B FINAL.
- 5.4. C, D or E FINAL
 - 5.4.1. In slalom races a C, D or E FINAL can be scheduled. All competitors losing the first or second round(s), including those recorded as DNS, DNF, DSQ and RET may participate in the C, D or E FINAL
- 5.5. Subsequent elimination series
 - 5.5.1. The distribution in the second and subsequent elimination series shall use the final results of the last sailed elimination series.

6. STARTS

6.1. Slalom

6.1.1. Starting signals:

<i>Minutes before start signal</i>	<i>Visual signal</i>	<i>Sound signal</i>	<i>Means</i>
Not less than 3	Heat number	None	
3	Class flag	One	Attention signal
2	Red flag; Class flag removed	One	Warning signal
1	Yellow flag; Red flag removed	One	Preparatory signal
½	Yellow flag removed	One	Half minute
0	Green flag	One	Starting start

This modifies WCR 26

6.1.2. Modify RRS 16.3 in:

When, at the warning signal, the course to the first mark is ninety degrees or more from the true wind, a right-of-way board shall not change course during the last **30 seconds** before her starting signal if as a result the other board would need to take immediate action to avoid contact.

6.1.3. At the discretion of the Race director starts can be as prescribed in WCR or a Rabbit start.

6.1.4. In the case of a rabbit start signals 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.

6.2. Slalom Beach Start

6.2.1. The starting stations shall be numbered so that station 1 is the most windward one. The position of the competitors on the starting grid is according the position in the heat or by drawing. The first on station 1, the second on station 2, etc.

6.2.2. After boards have been called to take their positions, the race committee shall make the preparatory signal by displaying a red flag with one sound. The starting signal shall be made, at any time after the preparatory signal, by removing the red flag with one sound.

6.2.3. After the starting signal each board shall take the shortest route from her starting station to the water and then her beach start position without interfering other boards. Part 2 rules will apply when both of the competitor's feet are on the board.

6.3. Freestyle and Wave

6.3.1. Starting a heat:

Each flag shall be removed when the next flag is displayed.

<i>Minutes before start signal</i>	<i>Visual signal</i>	<i>Sound signal</i>	<i>Means</i>
1 minute before start of transition	Heat number	None	
start of transition	Red flag	One	Warning signal
1	Yellow flag	One	Preparatory signal
0	Green flag	One	Starting start

This modifies WCR rule 26

6.3.2. Ending a heat.

<i>Minutes before ending signal</i>	<i>Visual signal</i>	<i>Sound signal</i>	<i>Means</i>
1	Green flag removed	One	Preparatory signal
0	Red flag	One	Starting start

7. FREESTYLE AND WAVE HEATS

- 7.1. The duration of a heat and the transition will be decided by the Head judge in agreement with the race director and posted on the Official Noticeboard at least 20 minutes before the heats concerned.
- 7.2. At the discretion of the Head judge heats can be extended.
- 7.3. An extension of the heat with 2 minutes will be shown by displaying a green and a yellow flag before the last minute. 1 minute before the ending of the heat the flags will be lowered.

8. SCORING

- 8.1. Scoring
 - 8.1.1. 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.
 - 8.1.2. The points for DNC, DNS, OCS, BFD, DNF, RET, DSQ, DNE and DGM are the number of competitors in that heat plus the previous heat(s).
 - 8.1.3. To score an elimination series both semi-finals shall be run so that the composition of the A FINAL and B FINAL is known. The scored points will be the totalizing the points that normally can be scored in that final divided by the number of competitors in that final rounded on 0,1. Each competitor in that final shall score equal points.
- 8.2. National team results
 - 8.2.1. 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.

9. JUDGING FREESTYLE AND WAVE

9.1. Freestyle

9.1.1. Judging of competitors is based on:

- Difficulty: Each trick is graded according how difficult it is to execute
- Diversity: The number of different types of tricks performed.
- Technical skills: The quality of the execution of a move or trick
- Choreography: Do the tricks flow together smoothly and gracefully?
- Showmanship: Are you a crowd pleaser?
- Overall Routine

9.1.2. In the case of aerial moves the sailor with greater height or time aloft will be scored higher.

9.1.3. The same move performed on a different tack shall be scored as a separate move.

9.2. Wave performance

9.2.1. Wave Riding, Jumping and Transitions can be awarded different factors to contribute to the overall impression.

9.2.2. Judging of competitors is based on:

- Difficulty: Each trick is graded according how difficult it is to execute
- Diversity: The number of different types of tricks performed.
- Technical skills: The quality of the execution of a move or trick
- Choreography: Do the tricks flow together smoothly and gracefully?
- Showmanship: Are you a crowd pleaser?

9.2.3. The number of manoeuvres, the number of categories to be counted towards the result, the multiplication factor of each category and the priority category shall be decided by the Head Judge and posted on the Official Noticeboard at least 20 minutes before the heats concerned.

9.2.4. When there is a tie in total points awarded by a judge the tie will be broken in favour of the competitor who has the higher single score in the priority category.

9.3. Only those moves performed within the competition area and during the heat time limits will be scored.

10. VALIDITY OF DISCIPLINES

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

10.1.1. Slalom: One Slalom elimination series completed including the Final

10.1.2. Wave, Freestyle, or Free-wave Series: One single elimination series completed including the Final

11. SUITABLE CONDITIONS

11.1. 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.

11.2. The IFCA Class Representative shall be the final arbiter as to when conditions are suitable to race. At slalom events the Race Officer, and at expression events the Head Judge, shall consult with the IFCA Class Representative before abandoning competition or amending the schedule

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

12. PROTESTS AND HEARINGS IN ELIMINATION SERIES

- 12.1. 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 while racing may take a one-turn penalty as described in the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 12.2. 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.
- 12.3. Add new RRS rule 64.1(d): "When there is a minor and unavoidable contact, no board shall be penalized".

13. PRIZES & TITLES

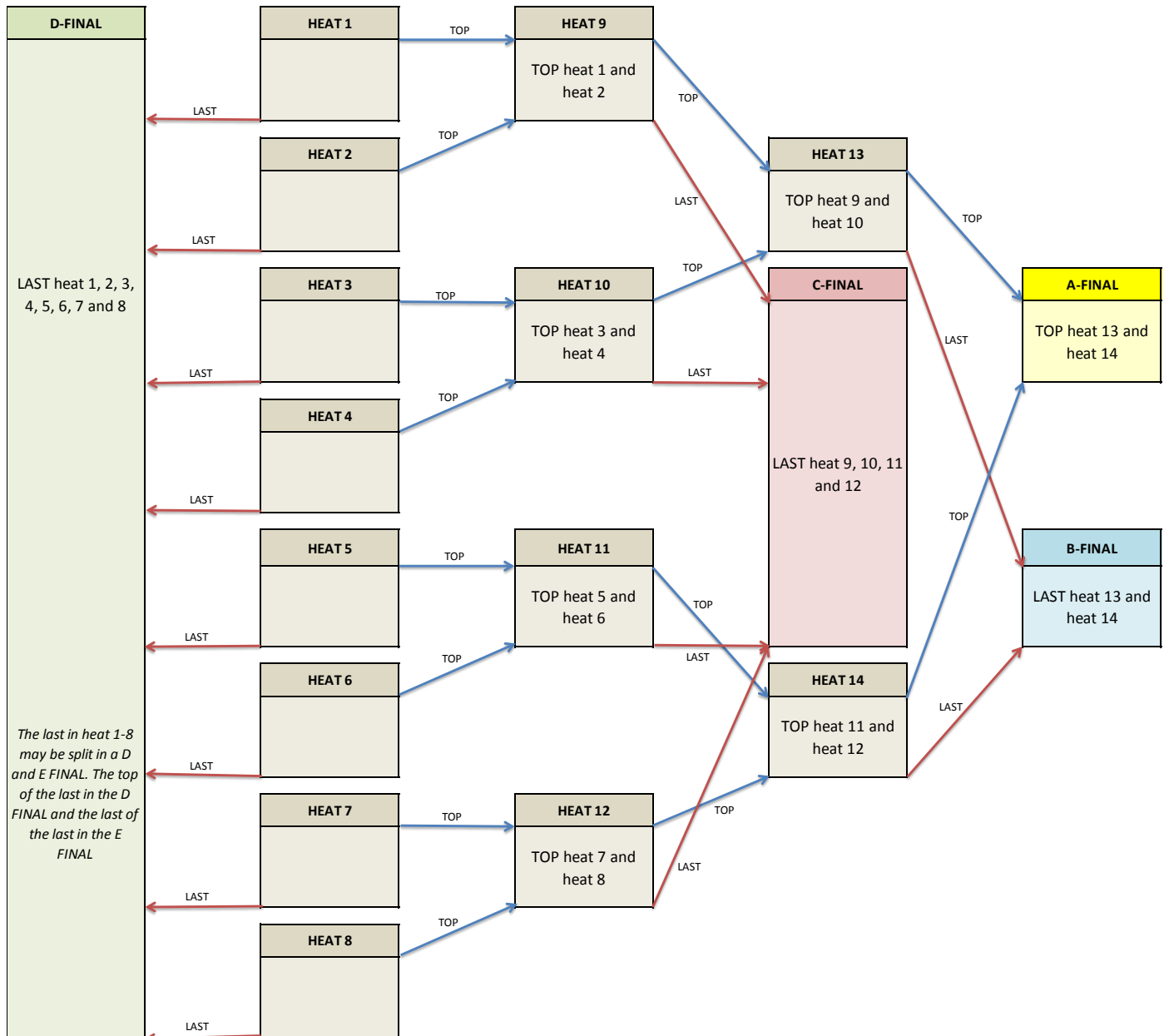
- 13.1. Trophies and money prizes
 - 13.1.1. Trophies shall be awarded to the first three competitors in each Division. National Team prizes may be awarded to the best three National Teams. Money Prizes may also be awarded.
- 13.2. Tittles
 - 13.2.1. World and Continental Titles shall be awarded as specified in the Championship Notice of Race
- 13.3. Prize money split
 - 13.3.1. Prize money will be split as prescribed Appendix 5.

APPENDICES NOW FOLLOW

APPENDIX -1- elimination ladders SLALOM LADDER -A-

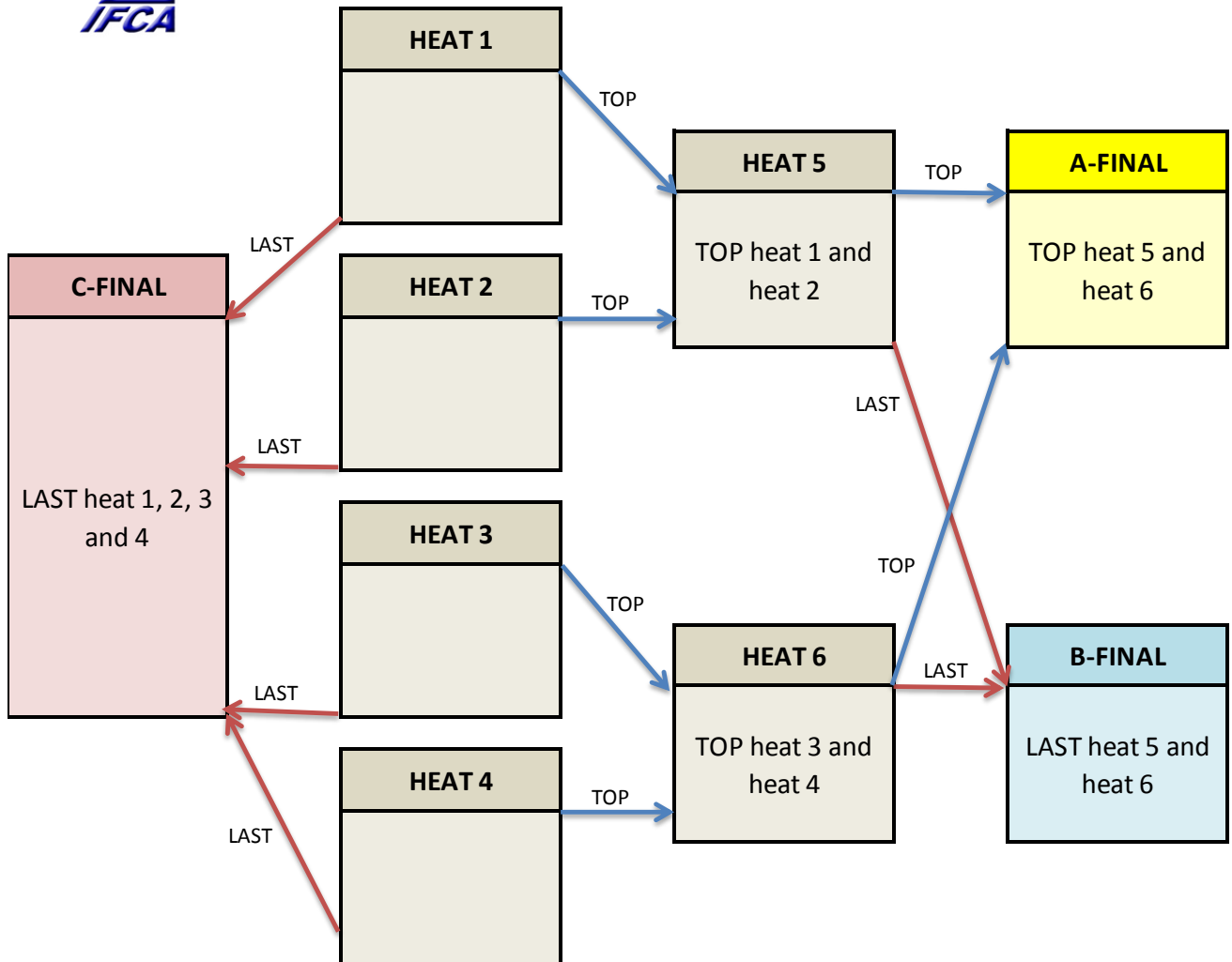


ELIMINATION SCHEDULE



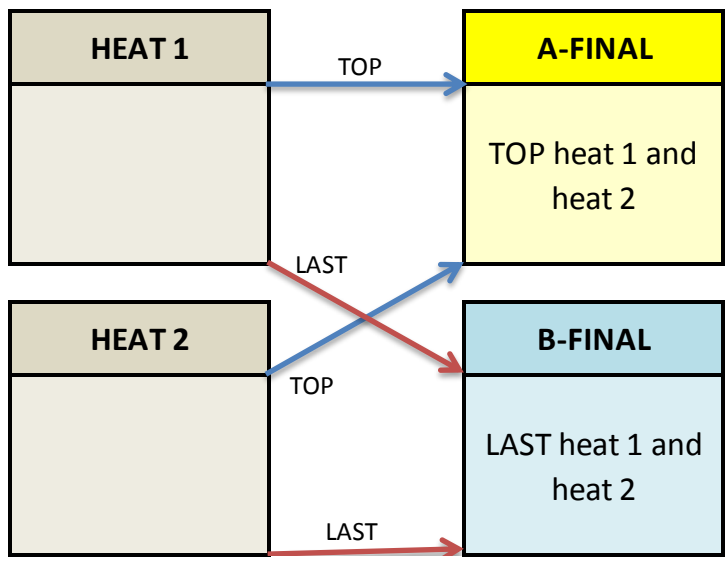


ELIMINATION SCHEDULE





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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#12b

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

Heat #13b

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

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

Heat #14b

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

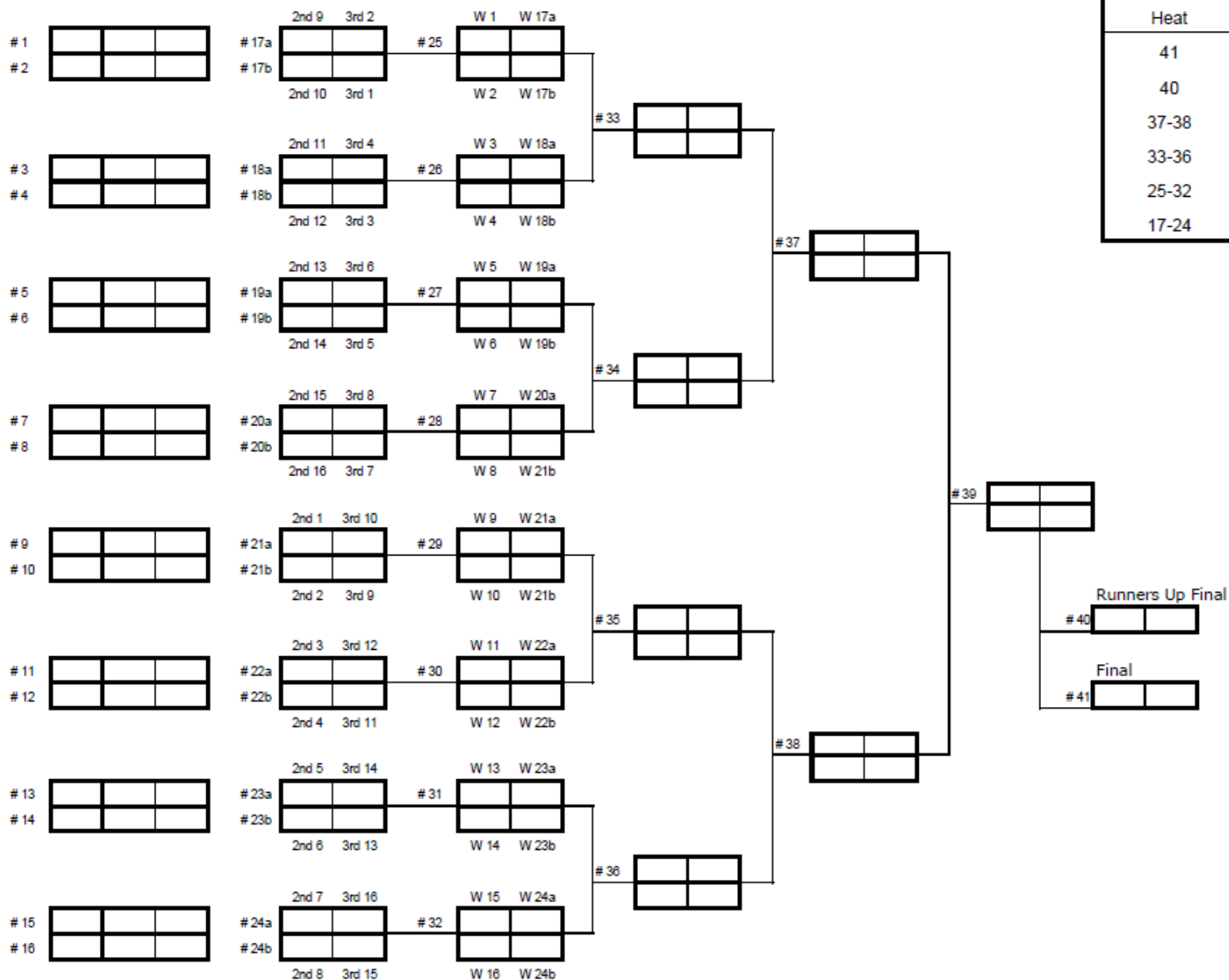
Heat #32		Rk
W31A		
W31B		

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

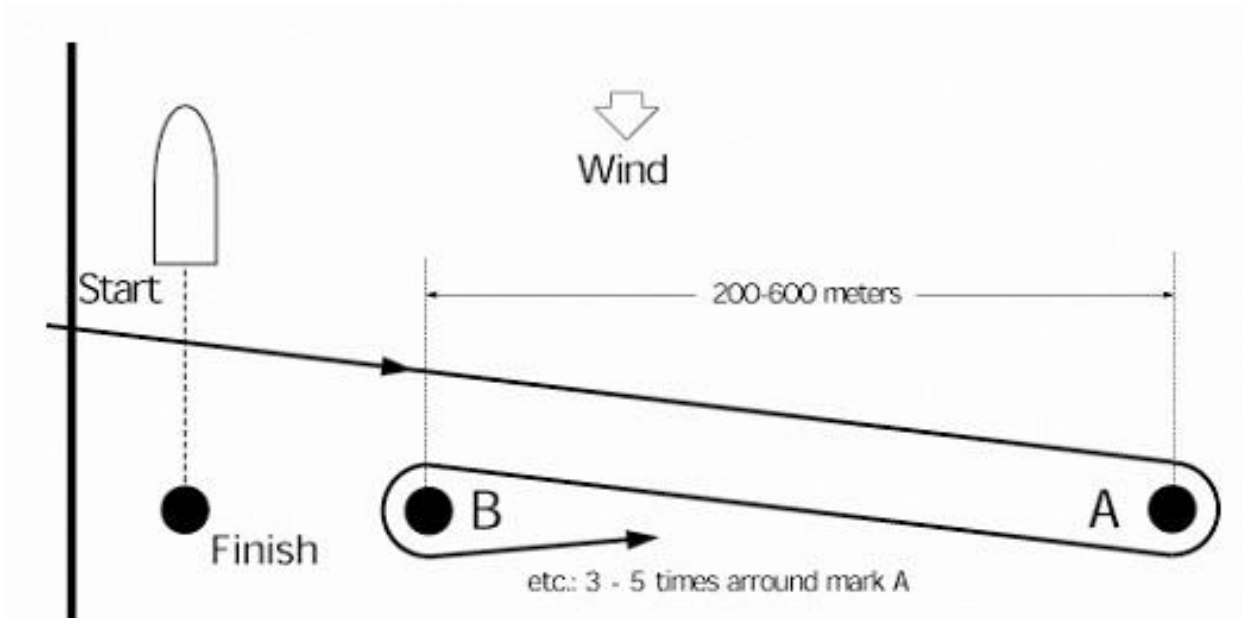
Slalom Distribution Table														
Maximum 80 Competitors				Maximum 40 Competitors			Maximum 20 Competitors							
Heat No	Competitor No			Heat No	Competitor No		Heat No	Competitor No						
1	6	38	70	1	3	19	35	1						
	11	43	75		6	22	38							
	22	54			11	27								
	27	59			14	30								
2	3	35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

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				
2b	27vs38vs75										
3a	14vs51	3	7 vs 25 vs 42	2b	14vs19	2b	15vs18			1b	6vs11
3b	19vs46vs67										
4a	3vs62	4	10 vs 24 vs 39	3a	7vs26	3a	12vs21				
4b	30vs35vs78										
5a	10vs55	5	3 vs 29 vs 46	3b	10vs23	3b	13vs20	2a	2vs15		
5b	23vs42vs71										
6a	7vs58	6	14 vs 20 vs 35	4a	2vs31	4a	9vs24				
6b	26vs39vs74										
7a	15vs50	7	6 vs 28 vs 43	4b	15vs18	4b	16vs17	2b	7vs10		
7b	18vs47vs66										
8a	2vs63	8	11 vs 21 vs 38	5a	5vs28	5a	6vs-				
8b	31vs34vs79										
9a	12vs53	9	1 vs 31 vs 48	5b	12vs21	5b	3vs-	3a	4vs13		
9b	21vs44vs69										
10a	5vs60	10	16vs 18 vs 33	6a	4vs29	6a	7vs-				
10b	28vs37vs76										
11a	13vs52	11	8 vs 26 vs 41	6b	13vs20	6b	2vs-	3b	5vs12		
11b	20vs45vs68										
12a	4vs61	12	9 vs 23 vs 40	7a	8vs25	7a	5vs-				
12b	29vs36vs77										
13a	9vs56	13	4 vs 30 vs 45	7b	9vs24	7b	4vs-	4a	1vs16		
13b	24vs41vs72										
14a	8vs57	14	19 vs 19 vs 36	8a	1vs32	8a	8vs-				
14b	25vs40vs73										
15a	16vs49	15	5 vs 27 vs 44	8b	16vs17	8b	1vs-	4b	8vs9		
15b	17vs48vs65										
16a	1vs64	16	12 vs 22 vs 327								
16b	32vs33vs80										

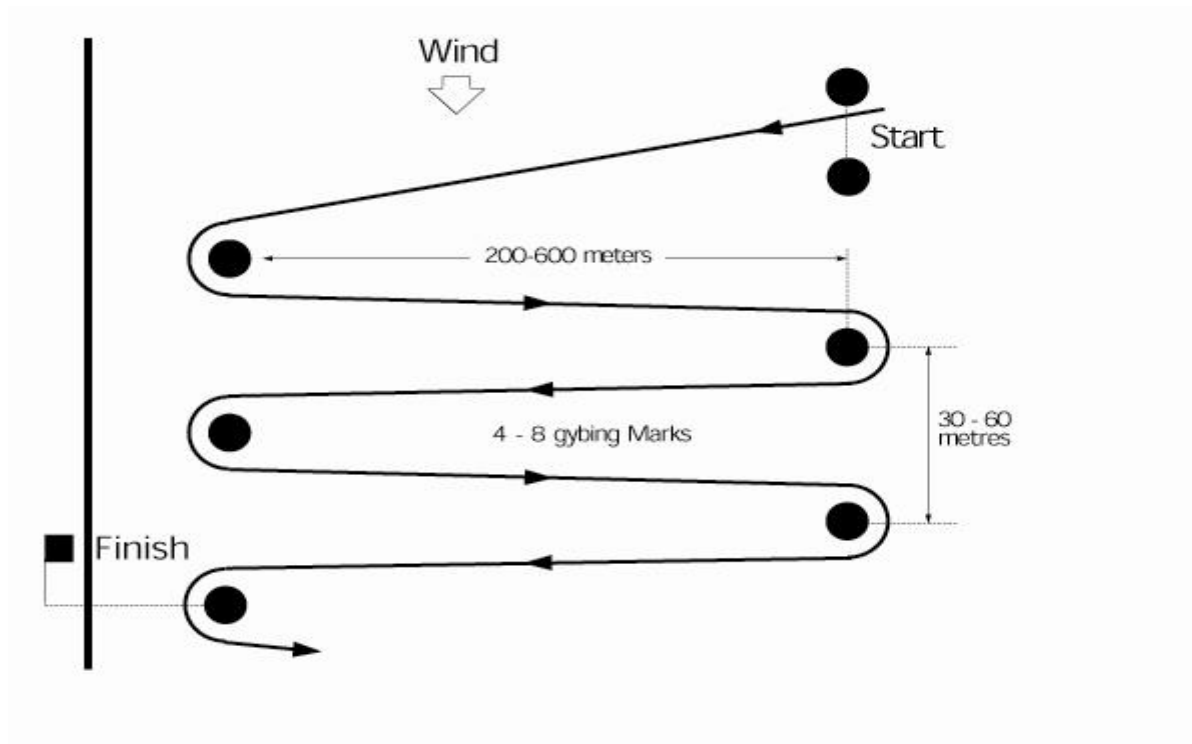
APPENDIX -3- courses

Figure of eight Slalom



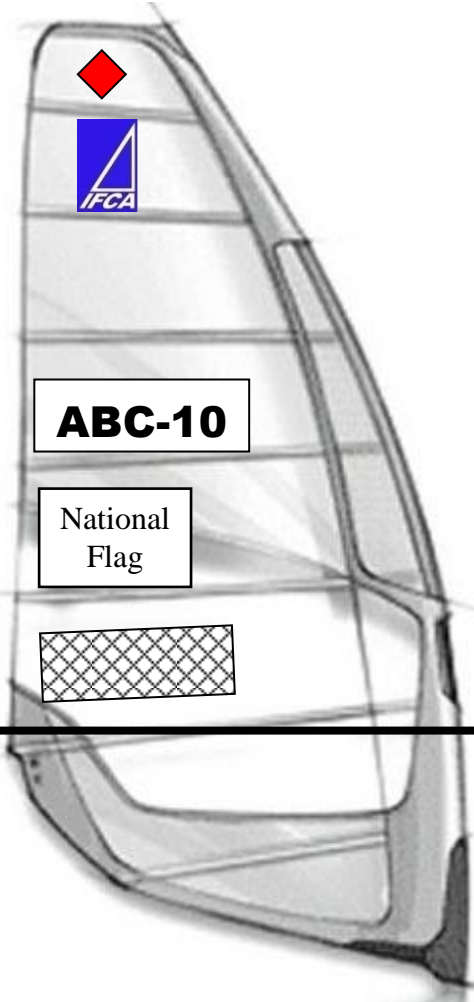
Note: The start can be from the beach or on the water near the marks A or B. If the wind is not cross shore starts should normally be on the water. The finish can be to windward or leeward of mark B, on the water or the beach.

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) the class insignia, the Board Manufacturers name or logo

The middle third is where you place your national letters and sail numbers (and if required the national flag)

The lower third, and in the back half of that area, is the place reserved for event sponsors, maximum 0,4 square meter.

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

1. INTRO

- 1.1. 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 their 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.

2. SLALOM

- 2.1. 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

- 2.2. Men

1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th	10 th	11 th	12 th	13 th	14 th	15 th	16 th
20%	16%	12%	10%	8%	6%	5%	4%	3.5%	3%	2.5%	2.5%	2%	2%	2%	1.5%

- 2.3. Women

- 2.3.1. 5 - 9 entries

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

- 2.3.2. 10 - 24 entries

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

- 2.3.3. 25 or more competitors

1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th	10 th
24%	17%	14%	12%	8.5%	7%	5.5%	4.5%	4%	3.5%

3. FREESTYLE

- 3.1. Ladder Ranking

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

- 3.2. Normal Ranking

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