

HONG KONG OPEN WINDSURFING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2008

19-24 November 2008

Stanley Main Beach, Stanley, Hong Kong Notice of Race

1. Event

- 1.1 Hong Kong Open Windsurfing Championships 2008 will be held at Stanley Main Beach, Stanley, Hong Kong. The Open Event and National Event will be held on 19-24 November 2008 and 22 – 24 November 2008 respectively. All racing will be conducted on the waters of south of Hong Kong Island in the vicinity of Stanley Main Beach Water Sports Centre.
- 1.2 The event will be organized by Windsurfing Association of Hong Kong (WAHK) and subvented by Leisure & Cultural Services Department (LCSD) of the HKSAR Government.

2. Rules

- 2.1 The event is an ISAF sanctioned event and will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2005 – 2008 (RRS) including RS:X Standard Championships Sailing Instructions (RSXSCSI).
- 2.2 The participating classes are classified as a category 'C' as set out in the ISAF Regulation 20-Advertising Code.
- 2.3 If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions (SIs), the SIs will take precedence.
- 2.4 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will prevail.

3. Eligibility & Entry Regulations

- 3.1 All entries shall meet the requirements of ISAF Regulation 19-Eligibility Code.
- 3.2 Entries for Open Event shall be members of their National Windsurfing Association or members of a Windsurfing Club/Association affiliated to its National Windsurfing Association.
- 3.3 Entries for National Event shall be members of Windsurfing Association of Hong Kong who are ordinarily resident in Hong Kong.
- 3.4 Competitors shall enter by mailing a completed Entry Form with their entry fees HK\$780 (US\$100) in cheque to 'WINDSURFING ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG, Room 1001, Olympic House, 1 Stadium Path, So Kon Po, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong' by 15 October 2008. Entries received after 15 October 2008 may be charged an additional late entry fee of HK\$100.
- 3.5 Competitors (Open Event) shall provide the following documentation prior to completing registration formalities on site:
 - Original Entry Form
 - Measurement Form signed by the Official Measurer

4. Classes and Divisions

- 4.1 Classes
 - 4.1.1 Competitor shall participate in One Class Only.
 - 4.1.2 Neil Pryde RS:X (RS:X), Techno 293OD, Formula Windsurfing, and Mistral One-Design
 - Equipment shall be complied with their respective current class rules
 - 4.1.3 Raceboard 7.8
 - Equipment shall be complied with current Raceboard Class Rules with maximum sail area of 7.8m²

4.1.4 Formula Windsurfing and Raceboard Class Mini-minim are for National Event Only

4.2 Divisions

4.2.1 Gender:

Men (A) and Women (B)

4.2.2 Age:

Master (C) Age over 40 as at 31 December 2008 (Born in or before 1967)

Youth (D) Age under 20 as at 31 December 2008 (Born in or after 1989)

Youth (RSX) Age under 19 as at 31 December 2008 (Born in or after 1990)

Junior (E) Age under 17 as at 31 December 2008 (Born in or after 1992)

Minim Boys (F) Age under 15 as at 31 December 2008 (Born in or after 1994)

Minim Girls (G) Age under 15 as at 31 December 2008 (Born in or after 1994)

4.2.3 Weight

Men Lightweight (H) Weight is less than 75kgs

Men Heavyweight (L) Weight is more than 70kgs

4.2.4 Age and Equipment:

Mini-minim Boys (M) - Age under 13 as at 31 December 2008 (Born in or after 1996)

- Board's maximum hull length of 2930mm and maximum hull width of 1005mm

- Sail area of 6m² in maximum

Mini-minim Girls (N) - Age under 13 as at 31 December 2008 (Born in or after 1996)

- Board's maximum hull length of 2930mm and maximum hull width of 1005mm

- Sail area of 6m² in maximum

4.3 The classes and divisions per event are listed in the following table.

Division \ Class	RS:X	Raceboard 7.8	Formula Windsurfing	Mistral One Design	Techno 293 OD
Men (A)	✓	✓	✓ *		
Women (B)	✓	✓	✓ *		
Master (C)		✓			
Youth (D)		✓			
Youth (RSX)	✓				
Junior (E)					✓
Minim Boys (F)		✓			
Minim Girls (G)		✓			
Men Lightweight (H)				✓	
Men Heavyweight (L)				✓	
Mini-minim Boys (M)		✓ *			
Mini-minim Girls (N)		✓ *			

Remarks: "✓ *" Eligible for National Event only

4.4 Minimum of 5 entries is required to form a division. (If less than 5 entries in that division, different divisions by genders or weights of the same class will be combined)

5. Schedule

5.1 Open Event: - a maximum of 10 races are scheduled as follows.

18 November 2008	11:00 – 17:00	Registration & Measurement
19 November 2008	09:00 – 17:00	Registration & Measurement
	12:00 – 13:00	Opening Ceremony
	15:00	Practice Race
	16:00	Team Managers' meeting
20 November 2008	09:00 – 10:00	Registration & Measurement
	10:30	First Possible Start
	16:00	Latest Possible Start
21 November 2008	10:00	First Possible Start
	16:00	Latest Possible Start
22 November 2008	10:00	First Possible Start
	16:00	Latest Possible Start
23 November 2008	10:00	First Possible Start
	15:00	Latest Possible Start
24 November 2008	19:00	Prize Giving Ceremony

- 5.2 National Event: - a maximum of 5 races are scheduled as follows.
- | | | |
|------------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| 22 November 2008 | 09:00 – 09:30 | Registration |
| | 10:00 | First Possible Start |
| | 16:00 | Latest Possible Start |
| 23 November 2008 | 10:00 | First Possible Start |
| | 15:00 | Latest Possible Start |
| 24 November 2008 | 19:00 | Prize Giving Ceremony |
- 5.3 Race Committee Meeting will be held in the race office at 09:00 on every competition day.

6. Measurement

- 6.1 Each competitor shall ensure that his/her equipment complies with the current Class Rules.
 6.2 Measurement and equipment checks will be made throughout the event.
 6.3 For Open Event - Competitors shall book a Measurement time Slot by signing in at the measurement area after picking up their Measurement Form from the Registration Desk.

7. Sailing Instructions

The Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be available at registration as well as the event program scheduling social events.

8. Courses

Courses shall be as described in the SI.

9. Scoring

- 9.1 The scoring system in RRS Appendix A & B will be used.
 9.2 The Low Point Scoring system in RRS B8.3(a) will be used.
 9.3 Minimum of 3 races are required to be completed by each division to constitute an event.
 9.4 a) When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a competitor's series scores will be the total of his / her race scores.
 b) When 4 or more races have been completed, a competitor's series scores will be the total of his / her race scores excluding his / her worst score.

10. International Jury

- 10.1 This is the intention to have an international Jury which will be appointed in accordance with the RRS Appendix N.
 10.2 Their decisions will be final and cannot be appealed, according to RRS 70.4.

11. Coaches, Coach & Supporting Boat

- 11.1 Coach boats will be available for charter on a first come, first served basis. Please apply to organizers for costs and availability. For this limited service you may contact the organizer before the 15 October 2008
 11.2 Coaches, team leaders and other support personnel from participating nations with a support boat shall keep clear 100 m of the course area during racing, except in boats provided by the organizer or when asked to assist by the Race Committee.
 11.3 Support boats shall also 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.

12. Berthing

- 12.1 On completion of registration and continuing until the end of the regatta, when ashore (other than when launching and retrieving), all boards shall be kept in their assigned places. Removal of any board from the regatta site shall require prior written approval from the jury. Access to boards in the board storage area during certain hours, including hours of darkness may be restricted.
 12.2 Unless otherwise directed by the Organizer, all competing boards and equipment shall be launched and retrieved from the designated area.

13. Buoyancy

If personal buoyancy is prescribed, each competitor shall wear, above the waist, a jacket harness or vest with minimum buoyancy of 4kg un-inflated, in fresh water. The buoyancy shall be tested with a metal weight of 4kg, which shall remain supported for a minimum of 5 minutes.

14. Prizes

Prizes will be awarded for the first, second and third overall places in each division.

15. Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors take part in all races at their own risk. The Organizers or any of their officials or representatives, or the sponsors or their officials or representatives is 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. 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.

16. Insurance

Competitors shall possess valid third party liability insurance.

17. Drug Testing

Competitors are reminded of the ISAF rules and regulations concerning the use of banned methods and substances. Drug testing may take place during the event.

18. Television and Media

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

19. Miscellaneous

19.1 The average conditions that can be expected in November are : wind speeds between 6-16 knots, water temperatures 22-23°C and air temperatures 20-24°C

19.2 There will be a very limited of boards for rent. Please contact WAHK office for more details.

20. Accommodation and Transportation

The organizers will assist to arrange hotel or bungalow accommodation, and transportation to and from the airport and the event venue. Please contact WAHK office to get an Accommodation & Transportation Reservation Form for details.

21. Enquiry

WAHK Office: Room 1001, Olympic House, 1 Stadium Path, Causeway Bay, HONG KONG

Tel: (852) 2504 8255 Fax: (852) 2577 7529 Email: wahk@windsurfing.org.hk

Website: <http://www.windsurfing.org.hk>

Hong Kong Open Windsurfing Championships 2008

19-24 November 2008

Stanley Main Beach, Stanley, Hong Kong

Entry Form

Name: _____	Sail No.: _____
Address: _____	
Country: _____	
Tel.: _____	Fax.: _____
Email: _____	
Sex : <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	
Date of Birth (DD/MM/YY): _____	

Classes

- RS:X
 Raceboard 7.8
 Mistral One Design
 Techno 293 OD
 Formula Windsurfing
 Raceboard 7.8 (mini-minim)
(Please, tick only one class)

Divisions

- Gender Men (A) Women (B)
 Age Master (C) Youth (D) Youth (RSX) Junior (E)
 Minim Boys (F) Minim Girls (G)
 Weight Men Lightweight (H) Men Heavyweight (L)
 Age and Equipment Mini-minim Boys (M) Mini-minim Girls (N)

Entry Fee: HK\$780 (US\$100)

Duly completed Regatta Entry Form together with entry fee in cheque payable to "WINDSURFING ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG" should be sent to WAHK Office. An Additional HK\$100 (US\$15) may be charged if the entry fee has been sent to WAHK office after 15 October 2008.

I agree to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing, the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions. I understand that the Windsurfing Association of Hong Kong, the organizers, the race committee and the sponsors of the event will take no responsibility of any loss, damage or injury to people or equipment incurred during the event.

Competitor's Signature: _____ Date: _____

PARENT'S OR LEGAL GUARDIAN'S ASSENT

N.B. If the participant is under eighteen years of age, the participant's parent or legal guardian must complete the following.

I, _____ (print name), being the parent or legal guardian of _____ (print name) hereby confirm that the foregoing Agreement shall be binding on the participant and that I do not object to the participant competing in the Championship as specified above.

Signature of Parent / Legal Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Send Forms to: WAHK office

Address: Room 1001, Olympic House, 1 Stadium Path, Causeway Bay, HONG KONG

Tel: (852) 2504 8255 Fax: (852) 2577 7529 Email: wahk@windsurfing.org.hk

Website: <http://www.windsurfing.org.hk>