

**2014 NSW Formula Windsurfing State Championships**  
**Georges River Sailing Club, Botany Bay, Sydney**  
**15-16 February 2014**

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**1. RULES**

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)
- 1.2 The International Formula Windsurfing Class (IFWC) Championship Rules shall apply.
- 1.3 The Yachting Australia Special Regulations Part 2 - for Off the Beach Boats will apply.

**NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

- 1.4 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB) located in the Regatta Office at the eastern end of the Clubhouse.

**2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board at least 60 minutes before the scheduled start of any race affected, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted before 20-00 hrs on the day before it will take effect.

**3. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 3.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Official Flag Pole located adjacent to the Regatta Office.
- 3.2 When AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 20 minutes' in the race signals AP.

**4. RACE SCHEDULE and FORMAT**

- 4.1 Racing will take place on Saturday 15th February and Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February
- 4.2 The first warning signal on each day will not before 1230 hrs
- 4.3 The warning signal for the last race of each day shall not be made later than 18-00 hrs.
- 4.4 No more than 5 races per day shall be sailed.
- 4.5 All divisions will start together
- 4.6 When more than one (1) race will be held in a session the warning signal for the subsequent race will be made as soon as practicable after the finish of the previous race, but not less than 5 minutes. To alert boats that a race will begin soon, the orange flag will be displayed with one sound at last 5 minutes before a warning signal is made.

**5. CLASS FLAG**

The class flag will be the 'official' Formula white flag with red and blue Formula Windsurfing class insignia.

**6. RACING AREA**

The racing area will be shown on Botany Bay and Georges River bounded by Brighton le Sands beach, the Airport runway and Captain Cook Bridge.

**7. COURSES**

- 7.1 The diagrams in attachment A show the courses, the order in which the marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. The course to be sailed will be signaled by displaying the course number from the stern of the Race Committee Signal Boat no later than the Warning Signal.
- 7.2 When there is a gate, boards shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark.

**8. MARKS**

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- 8.1 Marks of the course will be pink inflatable cylindrical buoys
- 8.2 The starting mark will be a green inflatable cylindrical buoy with an orange band
- 8.3 The finish mark will be an orange inflatable conical mark.

#### 9. THE START

- 9.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Vessel at the starboard end and the port end starting mark.
- 9.2 A board starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. **This changes A4 and A5.**

#### 10. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the Race Committee Vessel at the port end and the starboard end finishing mark.

#### 11. TIME LIMITS, TARGET TIMES & REST PERIODS

- 11.1 The time limit for the first board to sail the course and finish will be 40 minutes, if no board has finishes within 40 minutes the race will be abandoned
- 11.2 The time limit for the first board to pass mark 1 is 12 minutes. If no board has passed mark 1 within 12 minutes the race will be abandoned
- 11.3 Boards failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first board sails the course and finishes, will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. **This changes 35, A4 and A5.**
- 11.4 The target time will 15-20 minutes, failure to meet the target time shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1 (a)
- 11.5 The time limit for the Open fleet shall be applied to competitors in Free Formula Division sailing the shortened course.
- 11.6 A maximum of 3 races may be sailed back to back.
- 11.7 If the race committee intends to run another race in a series of back to back races, it will display numeral pennant 2 on the Finish Vessel while boards are finishing.
- 11.8 Rest periods back-to-back races: The warning signal for a subsequent race will be made as soon as practicable, except that the minimum interval between the closing of the finishing line and the new warning signal for that division will be 10 minutes.
- 11.9 Rest periods-ashore: At the completion of a series of back to back races the minimum interval between the closing of the finishing line and the new warning signal will be 40 minutes.

#### 12. PROTESTS & REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 12.1 Protest forms are available at the Race Office. Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered to the Race Office within the appropriate time limit.
- 12.2 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.
- 12.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the Protest Room, located at the Race Office.
- 12.4 Breaches of 77 and Sailing Instructions 16, 17 and 20 will not be grounds for a protest by a board. **This changes 60.1 (a).**
- 12.5 On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:
  - a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;

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b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day.

**This changes 66.**

12.6 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on jury decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. **This changes 62. 2.**

**13. ARBITRATION**

13.1 An arbitration hearing will be conducted for all protests lodged in accordance with RRS 61 which allege and infringement of a rule of part 2, 4 or RRS 31. Such hearings will be held subsequent to a protest being lodged and prior to a protest hearing.

13.2 The time and place of the arbitration hearing will be decided by the arbitrator and such advise will be given verbally. One representative from each boat shall attend the arbitration hearing and no witnesses will be allowed. The arbitrator shall decide the manner in which testimony is given.

13.3 After taking testimony at an arbitration hearing the arbitrator shall make one of the following conclusions:

- a) The protest does not comply with RRS 61 and the protestor may withdraw the protest.
- b) The matter shall proceed to a protest hearing. This may be because rules other than part 2 or part 4 are involved, or because evidence is too complex or divergent to reach a reasonable and timely conclusion, or due to the apparent severity of the alleged incident, or for any other reason decided by the arbitrator.
- c) No rule was broken and the protestor may withdraw the protest
- d) A rule was broken by one or more boats involved, the infringing boat(s) may accept a 30% penalty calculated using the method in rule 44.3 (c). If not accepted by the parties, the protest shall proceed to a protest hearing. This changes RRS 63.1.

14.4 An arbitration hearing shall not be reopened. No conclusion of an arbitrator shall be subject to appeal or be grounds for address.

**14. SCORING**

14.1 3 races are required to be completed to constitute a Championship.

14.2 When up to 4 races are completed, a boards series score shall be the total of its race scores

14.3 When 5 to 8 races are completed, a board's series score shall be the total of its race scores excluding her worst score.

14.4 When more than 10 or more races are completed, a boats series score shall be the total of its race scores excluding her worst two scores.

**15. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

15.1 Each competitor is required to personally sign on before leaving the beach and sign off before the end of protest time each day. The sign on/off desk will be located in the regatta office adjacent the ONB.

15.2 Failure to sign on or sign off may result in disqualification from all races that day.

15.3 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.

**16. REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT**

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- 16.1 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 16.2 **Changing sails/rigs.** When changing to a rig with a different sized sail, the crew must obtain the rig from, and return the old rig at the same time to, the equipment storage area.

**17. OFFICIAL BOATS**

- 17.1 Race Committee boats shall display a GRSC Burgee.
- 17.2 Jury boats shall display a white flag marked with a black letter "J".
- 17.3 Media boats shall display a white flag marked with a black letter "M".

**18. SUPPORT BOATS**

From the time of the Preparatory Signal, support craft shall leave the course area and remain outside the area, except to assist a competitor in distress or at the request of the race committee, until after the finish of the last competitor or the race is postponed or abandoned.

**19. TRASH DISPOSAL**

Boards shall not put trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard support and Race Committee boats.

**20. PRIZES**

- 20.1 Prizes will be awarded according to the NOR.
- 20.2 All competitors and coaches are required to attend at the prize giving and closing ceremony. Prize winners not attending may forfeit their prize.