

NSW FORMULA WINDSURFING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Huskisson, NSW - 13th to 14th Feb 2016

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing – Appendix B Windsurfing Competition Rules (WCR), the International Formula Windsurfing Class Association Class Rules and the International Formula Windsurfing Championship Rules.
2. No national authority prescription will apply.
3. The Yachting Australia Special Regulations for Off The Beach Boats will apply.
4. If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions the Sailing Instructions will take precedence. **This changes RRS 63.7.**
5. If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB) located at the Regatta Office on the grass area above Huskisson Beach.

3. 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.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Official Flag Pole located adjacent to the Regatta Office.
- 4.2. When the **AP Flag** is displayed, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 20 minutes'. **This changes RRS Race Signals.**
- 4.3. When the **B Flag** is displayed (with two sound signals), boards shall not go afloat. The warning signal will be made not less than 20 minutes after B Flag is lowered (with one sound signal).

5. RACE SCHEDULE and FORMAT

- 5.1. The schedule, and format, of races will be as specified in the Notice of Race.
- 5.2. The warning signal for the last race of each day shall not be made later than 18-00 hrs.
- 5.3. No more than 5 races per day shall be sailed.
- 5.4. When more than one race or sequence of races will be held on the same day, the warning signal for the first race shall be made no earlier than the stated time and for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable. After a long postponement and/or to alert boards that a race or sequence of races will shortly begin, an Orange Flag will be displayed (with one sound) at least 5 minutes before a warning signal is displayed. No sound will be made when the Orange Flag is lowered.

6. CLASS FLAG

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

7. RACING AREA

1. The racing area will be shown on ONB.
2. The racing area is defined as an area extending 75m beyond the course including the starting line, the finishing line and their extensions, in which a board would normally sail while racing.

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8. COURSES

- 8.1. The courses will be published on the ONB at least 30 minutes before the scheduled start of Race 1 of the Regatta. The diagrams of the courses will show the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2. When there is a gate, boards shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark.
- 8.3. Courses will not be shortened; **this changes RRS 32.**
- 8.4. Legs of the course will not be changed after the preparatory signal; **this changes RRS 33.**
- 8.5. Competitors in the Free Formula division may sail shortened courses.

9. MARKS

- 9.1. Marks of the course will be inflatable triangular red & cylindrical pink buoys.
- 9.2. The starting marks will be the Race Committee Signal Boat at the starboard end and a cylindrical pink inflatable buoy at the port end.
- 9.3. The finishing marks will be a Race Committee Signal Boat at the windward end and an orange teardrop buoy at the leeward end.

10. THE START

- 10.1. Races will be started using WCR 26, except that the P and Z flags shall not be used.
- 10.2. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat and the port end mark.
- 10.3. A board starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start.
- 10.4. When an individual recall has been signalled, or a board breaks rule 30.3, the Race Committee may display the sail number(s) on a white board on the back of the Race Committee Signal Boat before the first board has finished that race. Failure to display the sail numbers(s) will not be grounds for redress. **This changes RRS 62.1(a).**

11. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the Race Committee Boat and the finishing buoy.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1. A board that has taken a penalty or retired under RRS Appendix B 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgement form at the Race Office within the protest time limit.
- 12.2. Penalties for breaches of RRS 77, and Sailing Instructions 16, 17 & 20 may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.

13. TIME LIMITS, TARGET TIMES & REST PERIODS

- 13.1. The time limits and target times for the leading competitor are as follows:

Time limit	40 minutes
Target time	15 - 20 minutes
Mark 1 time limit	12 minutes
- 13.2. A race shall be abandoned if either of the time limits is exceeded
- 13.3. 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.

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- 13.4. The time limit for the Men's fleet shall be applied to competitors in Free Formula Division sailing the shortened course
- 13.5. A maximum of 3 races may be sailed back to back.
- 13.6. If the race committee intends to run another race in a series of back to back races, it will display the pennant 2 flag (with no sound signal) on the Finish Vessel while boards are finishing.
- 13.7. 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 3 minutes.
- 13.8. 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 30 minutes.

14. PROTESTS & REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 14.1. Protest forms are available at the Regatta Office. Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered to the Race Office within the appropriate time limit.
- 14.2. The Protest Time Limit is 45 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.
- 14.3. 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.
- 14.4. Breaches of RRS 77 and Sailing Instructions 16, 17 and 20 will not be grounds for a protest by a board.
- 14.5. 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;
 - b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day.**This changes RRS 66.**
- 14.6. 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 RRS 62. 2.**

15. SCORING

- 15.1. 3 races are required to be completed to constitute a Championship.
- 15.2. Scoring will be according to the WCR Appendix A, and using the Low Points Scoring System, except discards shall be as follows: 1-3 races, 0 excluded; 4-6 races, 1 excluded; 7-10 races, 2 excluded.
- 15.3. To request correction of an alleged error in the posted races or series results, a board shall complete a scoring enquiry form available at the Regatta Office.

16. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 16.1. Sign OUT and Sign IN sheets will be provided by the Race Committee at the Regatta Office.
- 16.2. When going out to race each board intending to race shall personally sign out.
- 16.3. On returning ashore each board shall personally sign in, to confirm that she has returned to shore, 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, for that class; or within 30 minutes of being instructed to go ashore by the Race Committee.
- 16.4. Failure to sign out will result in a 5 point penalty for the first race sailed; failure to sign in will result in a 5 point penalty for the last race sailed. If only one race is sailed, failure to sign out and in will result in only one 5 point penalty. A board shall not be scored worse than a disqualified board. Penalties will be applied by the Race Committee without a hearing. **This changes RRS 63.1.**

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- 16.5. 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.
- 16.6. Competitors not leaving the shore for the day's racing shall inform the Regatta Office.
- 16.7. Every competitor and support boat crewmember shall wear a personal flotation device that shall conform to the minimum standard of ISO 12402-5 (level 50), or meets AUS Standards AS1499 & AS1512, at all times while afloat. **This changes RRS 40 and Part 4 preamble.**

17. REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT

- 17.1. 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.
- 17.2. **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 Regatta Office area.

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.