



NOTICE OF RACE

2012 DOWNUNDER PRO FORMULA WINDSURFING CHAMPIONSHIP

31st January to 4th February 2012

TO BE HELD AT

Jimmy's Beach, Hawks Nest, NSW, Australia

www.fw-australia.com

Organised by:

Australian Windsurfing Association

in co-operation with the

International Formula Windsurfing Class Association

An International Windsurfing Association sanctioned event *including*

2012 OCEANIC FORMULA WINDSURFING CHAMPIONSHIPS

2012 AUSTRALIAN FORMULA WINDSURFING CHAMPIONSHIPS



1 RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing – Windsurfing Competition Rules (WCR).
- 1.2 The International Formula Windsurfing Class (IFWC) Championship Rules shall apply.
- 1.3 No national prescriptions will apply.
- 1.4 If there is conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions (SI's), the SI's will take precedence.
- 1.5 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2 ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Sailors may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority. ISAF Regulation 20 'Advertising Code' shall apply.
- 2.2 Event branding shall be worn at all times when afloat, and as requested by the organisers during media interviews and during the prize giving.

3 DIVISIONS

- 3.1 **Gender Divisions:** Men and Women.
- 3.2 **Age Divisions:**
 - 3.2.1 A Youth shall be under the age 20 (born in or after 1993 and not later than 1999).
 - 3.2.2 A Master shall be over the age of 35 (men born 1976 or earlier) or 30 (women born 1981 or earlier).
 - 3.2.3 A Grand Master shall be over the age of 45 (men born 1966 or earlier) or 40 (women born 1971 or earlier).
- 3.3 **Weight Division:** Lightweight is a competitor who weighs less than 75kg throughout the event.
- 3.4 Free Formula
 - 3.4.1 Competitors in the Free Formula division may sail shortened courses. Equipment conforms to the IFWC Class Rules.
- 3.5 A minimum of 3 competitors is required to constitute a division.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 All entries shall meet the requirements of ISAF Regulation 19 - Eligibility Code.
- 4.2 Competitors shall be members of a National Class Association which is a paid up member of the relevant international class association, or of the IWA. Australian competitors shall be a member of an Australian Windsurfing Club or State Association. Membership formalities can be completed on site.
- 4.3 Eligible competitors may enter online at: <http://www.fw-australia.com>
The following shall be presented upon registration:
 - [Original Entry Form](#)
 - Evidence of valid third party insurance
 - Proof of age
 - [Parental/legal Guardian Assent](#) *for those under age of 18*
 - [Medical Treatment Permission](#) - *for those under age of 18 or on their parents medical insurance policy*

5 FEES

- 5.1 The required entry fee: is \$180 AUD; except Youth entry fee is \$150 AUD.
- 5.2 Entry fees paid at registration shall be paid in cash (\$AUD)

6 RACE FORMAT

- 6.1 The Downunder Pro shall be a single discipline, *course racing*, “open entry” event.
- 6.2 Men and women shall race together.
- 6.3 Competitors shall race a maximum 4 races per day, in a maximum 15 race series.
- 6.4 Three races are required to validate the event.
- 6.5 Free Formula competitors may sail a shortened course.

7 SCHEDULE

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| 7.1 | Monday 30 Jan | | Early arrivals & Training |
| | Tuesday 31 Jan | 1300-1700 | Registration & Training |
| | Wednesday 1 Feb | 0800-1230 | Registration |
| | | 1300 | Welcome & Skippers Meeting |
| | | 1400 | Racing |
| | Thursday 2 Feb | 1230 | Racing |
| | Friday 3 Feb | 1230 | Racing |
| | Saturday 4 Feb | 1230 | Racing |
| | | 1700 | Last possible warning signal |
| | | 2000 | Prize giving, dinner & party |
- 7.2 The first possible warning signal will be made each day at 1230hrs, except the first day when the first possible warning signal will be displayed at 1400hrs.
 - 7.3 There may be a daily skippers meeting on racing days at 12.00hrs, except on the first day when it is scheduled for 13.00hrs.

8 EQUIPMENT & EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 8.1 An Equipment Inspection Form, which will be available at registration, shall be returned to the Event Equipment Inspector before the start of competition.
- 8.2 Equipment inspections may be made at any time during the event.
- 8.3 Sail Numbers. WCR Appendix G applies; alternatively national letters and sail numbers, in a colour contrasting with the body of the sail, may be placed on both sides of the sail, with those on the starboard side uppermost.
- 8.4 Unless otherwise directed by the organising authority, boards and equipment shall be launched and retrieved from the designated area at the event site.

9 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions (SI's) will be available upon registration. Any changes to the SI's shall be approved by the Principle Race Officer and Class Representative at the event

10 COURSES

Courses will be as described in the sailing instructions.

11 PROTEST COMMITTEE

A Protest Committee will be appointed in accordance with WCR 91(a).

12 SCORING

- 12.1 Scoring will be according to the WCR Appendix A, and using the Low Points Scoring System, except discards which shall be according to IFWC Rules.
- 12.2 The finishing positions for the Women, Youth, Master, Grand Master and Lightweight Divisions will be determined by their respective finishing position in the overall ranking.
- 12.3 Free Formula competitors will be scored separately, and ranked according to their position in the division.

13 COACHES & SUPPORT BOATS

Coaches and support boats shall be registered with the organiser. Support boat drivers shall have a valid boat licence and third party liability insurance.

14 SAFETY

Every competitor and support boat crewmember shall wear a personal flotation device that shall conform to the AUS Standards AS1512 (Type 1) or AS1499 (Type 2) or AS2260 (Type 3) while afloat.

15 PRIZES

- 15.1 Prizes will be awarded to the first three competitors of each properly constituted division. Properly constituted divisions will be posted on the official notice board after the completion of the registration.
- 15.2 The first Oceanic man and woman will be declared - **“2012 Oceanic Formula Windsurfing Champion”**.
- 15.3 The first Australian man and woman will be declared - **“2012 Australian Formula Windsurfing Champion”**.

16 OFFICIAL CEREMONIES

Competitors are requested to attend the event’s social functions; however, the organising authority may refuse entry to those whose standard of attire is not commensurate with the occasion. **Prize winners may forfeit prizes for non attendance at the prize giving ceremony.**

17 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk, see WCR 4 - Decision to Race. The organising authority or any of their officials or representatives or the sponsors or their officials or representatives will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the event.

18 INSURANCE

Each participating competitor/support boat driver shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$1,000,000 AUD per event or the equivalent.

19 RIGHT TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

In registering for the event, competitors automatically grant to the Organising Authority 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 reproduction of them, taken during the period of the event, for the said Event as defined in the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions in which he/she participates without compensation.

20 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 20.1 Registration will be in the race office at the beach, adjacent to the race area.
- 20.2 For further information please contact: Sean O'Brien
Tel: + 61 (0) 402 467 857 Email: seanobrien@aus120.com
- 20.3 Competitors are also invited to attend the 'warm up' event –
Heat 5 of NSW Windsurfing Series –
that takes place at the same venue on 28/29th January 2012.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION SHEET

The following information is not part of the rules for the Event.

A ACCOMMODATION

There is a variety of holiday-rental accommodation, caravan parks and camping available in the areas directly adjacent to the race site and in the surrounding town. More information about accommodation for the event will be updated on the FW-Australia website: www.fw-australia.com

The organiser will endeavour to provide assistance for accommodation and gear storage in Sydney.

B AIR TRAVEL/TRANSPORTATION/TRANSFERS

Hawks Nest Beach is 56km north of Newcastle Airport, the nearest domestic airport and 234km north of Sydney International Airport, the nearest international airport.

The organiser will endeavour to arrange help with transport to and from Sydney or Newcastle airport for equipment, competitors and support personnel for those travelling from interstate/overseas. It would assist the organiser if the competitors, requiring this service, could advise their flight details as early as possible prior to the first day of the event.

For enquiries re travel, transportation or accommodation assistance, please contact :

Tammy Ting – mobile : +61 (0) 414 638 242 email: tam@vmgblades.com

C PREVAILING CONDITIONS

Wind: 10 to 25 knots; sideshore and onshore.

Water temperature: 25⁰C. Air temperature: 25 – 35⁰C.

D VENUE

Jimmy's Beach (*Beach Road/Coorilla Street Carpark*) Hawks Nest, NSW 2324, AUS.