



## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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# 2014 FORMULA EXPERIENCE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

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**[DP]** *denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the Protest Committee and may be less than disqualification.*

**[NP]** *denotes that a breach of this rule will not be grounds for a protest by a board.*

**[SP]** *denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the Race Committee without a hearing.*

#### 1. RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016(RRS)as amended by Appendix B - altogether called Windsurfing Competition Rules (WCR).

1.2 No national authority prescription will apply.

1.3 If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions the Sailing Instructions will take precedence. **This changes WCR 63.7.**

1.4 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.

1.5 **[DP] [NP]** The event lycra if supplied by the organiser shall be worn outside other clothing at all times when afloat, and for interviews and official photographs when ashore. Competitors shall not cut or alter the lycra, or the event sticker if supplied, in any way.

1.6 **[DP] [NP]** Competitors shall have their sail identification on both sides of the sail with the starboard side uppermost. **The changes WCR G.1.3(a).**

#### 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located near the Race office.

#### 3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board at least 60 minutes before it takes effect, except that any change affecting the schedule of races for the next day shall be posted not later than 60 minutes after the end of the last race of the day.

#### 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Official Flag Pole located near the equipment tent.

4.2 When a signal is displayed over a division flag, it applies to that division only.

4.3 **[DP] [NP]** When Flag Y is displayed WCR 40 applies at all times while afloat. **This changes WCR Part 4 preamble.**

4.4 When the AP Flag is displayed ashore '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes'.

**This changes WCR Race Signals.**

## 5. RACE SCHEDULE and FORMAT

5.1 The schedule of races will be as specified in the Notice of Race.

5.2 Three (3) races are required to validate the championship.

5.3 The Championship shall be a single discipline, course racing, "open entry" event; although the programme of races may include a long-distance race.

5.4 Men and women may race together.

5.5 Competitors shall race a maximum 4 races per day, in a maximum 15 race series.

5.6 To alert boards that a race or sequence of races will shortly begin, an Orange Flag may 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.

5.7 The warning signal for the last race of each day shall not be made later than 19:00, except on the last day when the last possible warning signal shall be at 16:00.

5.8 There may be a daily skippers meeting one hour before the scheduled first possible warning signal on that day.

## 6. TIME LIMITS & TARGET TIMES

6.1 The time limit for the first finisher in a course race is 40 minutes.

6.2 The time limit for the first racer in each race to reach the first mark is 12 minutes.

6.3 A race shall be abandoned if either of these time limits (above) is exceeded and anyway shall not count towards the official results.

6.4 Racers finishing more than 20 minutes after the first finisher in their respective race shall be scored **DNF** except those who are scored **DSQ, BFD, OCS, RAF, RDG, DGM or DNE**.

6.5 The target elapsed time for the winner in a race is: 5>8 minutes in a slalom race, and 15>20 minutes in a course race.

6.6 When racing back to back, the minimum interval between the closing of the finishing line and the new warning signal for that fleet/group shall be a minimum of 10 minutes.

## 7. CHANGING RIGS

When changing rigs, a racer shall return to the beach from which he/she launched to obtain the new rig. Caddies are not permitted.

## 8. DIVISION/GROUP FLAGS

**FE Men and FE Women groups will race together and the flag of the class will be the white flag with the insignia of the class**

## 9. RACING AREA

9.1 Races will be Miramar, sailed in front of Costanera.

9.2 The racing area is defined as an area extending 50m beyond the course including the starting line, the finishing line and their extensions, in which a board would normally sail while racing.

9.3 **[DP] [NP]** Boards not racing shall avoid the racing area.

## 10. COURSES AND MARKS

10.1 The course to be sailed including mark description is specified in the Attachment 1 (Race Course Diagram) to this **SI's**.

10.2 If a marathon race is scheduled the course and instructions will be published on the **ONB** and described at a skippers meeting.

## 11. THE START

11.1 Races will be started according to **WCR 26**.

11.2 The starting line will be between a staff on the **Race Committee** boat displaying an Orange flag at the starboard-end and the starting mark at the port-end.

11.3 **[DP] [NP]** Boards whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.

11.4 A board starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored **Did Not Start**. **This changes WCR A4 and A5.**

11.5 When an individual recall has been signaled, or a board breaks rule 30.3, the Race Committee will display the sail number(s) on a white board on the Race Committee Signal Boat before the first board has finished that race. Failure to display the sail number(s) shall not be ground for redress.

**This changes WCR 62.1(a) and A5.**

## 12. THE FINISH

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

12.2 **[DP] [NP]** After finishing, a board shall immediately clear the finishing line and marks and avoid boards still racing.

12.3 Flag "H" displayed at the **Race Committee** finish boat means no more back to back race, further signals will be made ashore.

## 13. PENALTY SYSTEM

13.1 **[DP] [NP]** A board that has taken a penalty or retired under WCR 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgement form at the Race Office within the protest time limit.

## 14. PROTESTS & REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

14.1 An International Jury may be appointed. The decisions of the International Jury shall be final in accordance with **Appendix N and WCR 70.5**.

14.2 Protest forms are available in the **Race Office**. Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered to the **Race Office** within the protest time limit.

14.3 The Protest Time Limit is 60 minutes after the Race Committee boat arrive at the Miramar marine.

14.4 List of hearings will be posted no later than 15 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors about hearings. Location of the **Protest Room** will be posted on the **Official Notice Board**.

14.5 Breaches of **WCR 77** and rules in the **Sailing Instructions** marked **[NP]** will not be grounds for a protest by a board. **This changes WCR 60.1(a)**. Penalties for breaches marked **[DP]** are at the discretion of the **Protest Committee** and may be less than disqualification if they so decide.

14.6 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 WCR 66.**

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

## 15. SCORING

15.1 Scoring will be according to the **WCR Appendix A**, and using the **Low Points Scoring System**, except discards which shall be according to **FEC Rules**.

15.2 Where there is more than one **“Division”** racing in a single fleet, competitors may score points equal to their finishing place in their **“Division”** in that race and **Official Results** may be published for each **“Division”**.

15.3 **In alteration to WCR Appendix A2** each board's series score shall be the total of her race scores with the number of her worst scores excluded as follows: 1-3 races, 0 excluded; 4-6 races, 1 excluded; 7-10 races, 2 excluded; 11-15 races, 3 excluded.

15.4 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 **Race Office**.

## 16. SAFETY REGULATIONS AND SAFETY SYSTEM

16.1 **[DP] [NP]** 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.

16.2 **[DP] [NP]** Competitors not leaving the site for the day's racing shall inform the **Race Office** prior to the first start.

16.3 **[DP] [NP]** Personal buoyancy is mandatory for all competitors .- Support boat crewmember, and competitors, shall wear a personal flotation device that shall conform to the minimum standard of **ISO 12402-5 (level 50)**.

16.4 **[SP] Safety System. The Safety System** is in force at all times.

Competitors **Sign Out** and **Sign In** at the desk located near the equipment tent.

When going out to race each board intending to race shall personally **Sign Out**. 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 division/fleet; or within 30 minutes of being instructed to go ashore by the **Race Committee**.

Failure to **Sign Out** will result in a **1 point penalty** for the first race sailed after the failure; failure to **Sign In** will result in a **1 point penalty** for the last race sailed before the failure. If failure to **Sign Out and In** penalties applies to the same race, only one **1 point penalty** will be used. A board shall not be scored worse than a disqualified board. Penalties will be applied by the **Race Committee** without a hearing. The scores of the other competitors shall not be changed.

**This changes WCR 60.1(a), 63.1 and A5.**

## 17. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION AND REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT

17.1 **[DP] [NP]** Equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the **Class Rules** and **Sailing Instructions**. Competitors shall comply at all times with the directions given by, or requests of, the **Equipment Inspectors**.

17.2 **[DP] [NP]** Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the **Race Committee**. Requests for substitution shall be made at the first reasonable opportunity, including a written request on the form provided.

## 18. **[NP] OFFICIAL BOATS**

Official boats will be marked as follows:

**Race Committee boats – ORANGE FLAG**

**Protest Committee boats - JURY FLAG**

**Media boats – PRESS FLAG**

## 19. **SUPPORT BOATS**

19.1 **Support Boats** and coaches must be registered at the **Race Office**. **Support Boats** and coaches must leave the racing area and starting line as soon as the warning signal is displayed and stay out of these zones (except when a boat is in danger and needs assistance) until after the last boat has finished the race.

19.2 Support boat has to comply with the following rules:

a) Support boat and its condition is not in conflict with any legal regulations.

b) The crew is authorized to operate the vessel.

c) Unless otherwise instructed by the **Race Committee**, support boats shall not be positioned:

- closer than 50 m to any board racing;

- within 50 m of the starting line and marks from the time of the preparatory signal until all boards have left the starting area or the **Race Committee** signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment;

- between any board racing and the next mark of the course.

- between the inner and outer trapezoid courses when boards are racing on both courses;

- within 50 m of any mark of the course while racing boards are in the vicinity of that mark; and

- within 50 m of the finishing line and marks while boards are finishing.

19.3 Coach boats should proceed around the race area in a way to minimize the effect of their wake on racing boats. Boats that are motoring above 5 knots shall remain at least 150 m from any racing boat.

19.4 Between sequences of races or when all racing for that course area has been postponed or abandoned, support boats may enter the course area to service their athletes, but shall restrict their speed to 5 knots.

19.5 When there is hoisted "Pennant No. 1" without sound signal on the starting vessel, support boats may enter the race area to rescue competitors. After "Pennant No. 1" is lowered without a sound signal, going to the race area by support boats is prohibited again.

19.6 Infringement of **Sailing Instruction 18** may result to withdrawal of the support boat permission.

## 20. **[DP] [NP] TRASH DISPOSAL**

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

## 21. **PRIZES**

21.1 Prizes will be awarded according to the **Notice of Race**.

21.2 All competitors and coaches are required to attend at the prize giving and closing ceremony. Prize winners not attending may forfeit their prize.

## 22. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See **WCR rule 4, Decision to Race**. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS - ATTACHMENT 1  
RACE COURSE DIAGRAM

