

UKWA FREESTYLE TOUR Notice of Events 2013.

This Notice of Event applies to the following events:

Freestyle 1	West Kirby	13/14 April 2013	
Freestyle 2	West Wittering	4 – 6 May 2013	
Freestyle 3	Worthing	15/16 June 2013	With BSA/UKWA Fanatic/North Slalom
Freestyle 4	Eastbourne	13/14 July 2013	Part of Eastbourne Extreme Festival
Freestyle 5	Thorpe Bay	7/8 September 2013	
Freestyle 6	Weymouth and Portland	2 /3 November 2013	

The above events together constitute the UKWA Freestyle Tour 2013 (“the Tour”).

1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

- i. The Organising Authority is the United Kingdom Windsurfing Association (UKWA).

2 RULES

- ii. The Freestyle Tour Events will be governed by the ISAF Windsurfing Competition Rules 2009-2012 (WCR) as amended by the Sailing Instructions and by this Notice of Events (NoE).
- iii. Relevant rules and byelaws of the host sailing club or council will also apply.

3. ADVERTISING

- iv. ISAF Regulation 20 Advertising Code shall apply
- v. Competitors may be required to wear rash vests or to display UKWA or Event Sponsors branding and logos on their sails or boards.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- vi. The Events are open to men and women and the following fleets will be run:

- **The Pro Fleet** – There are no age, experience or sponsorship restrictions in this fleet. Entrants to the “Pro” fleet will generally be those sailors who are or have been paid to windsurf, or are full time sailors, or with equipment supplied by a shop, brand or outside sponsor. Sailors who have sufficient skill to compete at “Pro” level but are not sponsored may also enter this fleet. The Event Committee reserves the right to promote sailors from other fleets to this fleet.
- **Amateur Fleets** – Any sailor of any age can enter. Sailors should have purchased their equipment themselves and no sponsors branding apart from manufacturers original logos are allowed on sails or boards unless approved by the Event Committee. Within this fleet the following divisions may be recognized:
 - **Masters** – sailors should be aged 35 or over on the 1st January 2013.
 - **Youths** – sailors should be aged under 20 on the 31st Dec 2013
 - **Juniors** – sailors should be aged under 17 on the 31st Dec 2013.
 - **Minims** – sailors should be aged under 15 on the 31st Dec 2013.
 - **Women** – Subject to sufficient entries being received this division may be further sub divided into the age categories above. Women can elect to sail in the open fleet or division appropriate to their age instead of the Women’s division.
- vii. Dependent upon the number of entries the Event Committee may merge fleets and divisions for the purposes of competition.
- viii. Competitors may enter one fleet only, except with the express permission of the Event Committee.
- ix. All competitors must be members of the UKWA. Temporary membership is available on payment of the appropriate fee
- x. Entries should be made in advance through the UKWA website (ukwindsurfing.com) by downloading an entry form and following the instructions.
- xi. Entries can be made on the first scheduled day of an event but no entries will be accepted after 10.00 am on that day except at the discretion of the Event Committee.

4 FEES

- xii. Entry fees are set out on the UKWA website.
- xiii. Before competing each competitor shall pay the applicable entry fee and any applicable parking / camping charges or any other reasonable additional

charges levied by the host venue that are not covered by the entry fee. Failure to pay any fees due will result in disqualification.

5 REGISTRATION AND BRIEFING

- xiv. Before competing each competitor shall register for the event by signing on at the Event office and confirming entry details by no later than 10.00 am on the first scheduled day of the event
- xv. The briefing on the first day of the event will take place at or near the Event Office, not before 10.00 am. Likely timing of the first briefing will be advised upon registration. Further briefings may be held throughout the event as necessary.

6 EVENT SCHEDULE AND FORMAT OF THE COMPETITION

- xvi. Competition will not commence before 10.30 am on the first scheduled day of the event. The first possible Warning Signal will be 15 minutes after the Heat Schedule is posted on the ONB.
- xvii. The last possible start of an elimination round will be at the discretion of the Event Committee but will not be after 16.00 on the last scheduled day of the Event.
- xviii. Competition will take place by way of the sailing of a series of elimination heats, typically comprising between 2 and 6 competitors. A variety of elimination systems may be used including Repechage and Single / Double Elimination. This will be determined on the day of the competition and competitors will be informed of the system to be followed at the briefing.
- xix. Seeding for the first elimination of the first event will be based on the previous year's National UKWA Freestyle Tour results and the Event Committee's judgement and experience. Subsequent eliminations will be seeded on the results of the previous elimination. At subsequent events the Event Committee may take into account the Tour results to the date of the event.
- xx. The schedule and composition of heats shall be posted on the ONB at least 15 minutes before the start of competition. It shall be the sole responsibility of each competitor to know in which heat they will be competing.
- xxi. Heats may be of any length but are usually between 3 and 8 minutes depending upon time constraints and weather conditions. Transition time between heats is usually 2 minutes.
- xxii. Heat length and transition times will be advised at the briefing and may be changed during any break in competition. Where any change is made competitors will be advised by a further briefing by the Head Judge or other member of the Event Committee.

7 COMPETITION AREA

- xxiii. The competition area will be illustrated on the ONB and/or described at the briefing.

8 CONDITIONS

- xxiv. The intention is that all competition takes place in suitable conditions. The Event Committee shall be the sole judge of the suitability of the conditions. There is no minimum or maximum wind strength or sea state.
- xxv. If the Event Committee concludes there is insufficient wind at any point for competition to take place sailors will be made aware of this by way of a briefing. In such circumstances other sailing activity may be undertaken such as Jet Ski tow in surfing and/or light wind expression sailing. However any ranking or scoring for activities taking place in these conditions will not count towards the Event or Tour score for the competitors involved. Scoring in these circumstances will be as set out in paragraph 11(ix).

9 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- xxvi. Sailing Instructions can be downloaded from the UKWA events website, and the latest version will be posted on the Official Notice Board (“ONB”). Questions on the Sailing Instructions may be emailed to freestyle@ukwindsurfing.com. Questions at events should be written down and given to the Event Committee who will post answers on the ONB.

10 SCORING

- xxvii. The Event Committee will be responsible for appointing a Judging Panel for each Event. The Judging Panel will always include a Head Judge and at least one other judge.
- xxviii. The Sailing Instructions will set out how the judging of heats will be carried out by the Judging Panel at that Event.
- xxix. An elimination round will be deemed complete for a fleet provided the last 4 competitors have been identified and at least one heat has been completed.
- xxx. Each sailor in a completed elimination round shall be scored with points as follows. Scoring is on a low number best basis.

Position	=	Points
1	=	0.7
2	=	2
3	=	3
4 etc,	=	score as per position
DNF	=	number of entries in fleet

- xxxi. If any positions are tied points shall be aggregated and shared equally. (Ie; 5/6 position would be $5+6 = 11$, divided $\times 2 = 5.5$)
- xxxii. Each competitor’s event score shall be the total of their elimination series scores, with the number of their worst scores discarded as follows:
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| 1 - 3 elimination rounds; | No discards |
| 4- 7 elimination rounds; | 1 discard |
| 8 - 11 elimination rounds; | 2 discards |
| 12 elimination rounds | 3 discards |

- xxxiii. The maximum number of elimination series in any day is four.
- xxxiv. The maximum number of elimination series in any Event is 12.
- xxxv. A registered competitor's score in an event where there has been a completed elimination round will, for the purposes of that competitor's overall Tour ranking, be the points based on their position as set out in paragraph 9 iv. above.
- xxxvi. At any event where no elimination round is completed, all competitors who have registered to compete at that event in accordance with this Notice of Event and have paid the requisite entry fee shall be awarded an event score for the purposes of determining their overall Tour ranking as follows:
- In the case of the Pro Fleet, a score equivalent to a number comprising the total number of sailors who have registered to compete in the Pro Fleet at that event
 - In the case of the Amateur Fleets, as above but comprising the number of sailors who have registered to compete in their division at that event.
- xxxvii. Non entrants to any event, whether completed or not, shall for the purposes of determining their overall Tour ranking, receive a score equivalent to the maximum number of registered entrants in their fleet or division at any event in the Tour run in 2013. By way of example, say:
- a competitor fails to enter Event 1 in the Tour where there are 3 registered entrants in the division or fleet they normally compete in,
 - the competitor enters and registers at every other Event in the Tour that is run,
 - at Event 4 there are 12 competitors in the division the competitor normally competes in
- then the competitor will receive a score of 12 for Event 1 that they did not enter.

11 NATIONAL UKWA FREESTYLE TOUR SCORING

- xxxviii. Every event run in the Tour will count towards the National Championships, including those where no elimination round is completed.
- xxxix. If four or more Tour events are run a competitor's worst event score shall be discarded.
- xl. If six or more Tour events are run a competitor's two worst event scores shall be discarded.

12 SAILOR IDENTIFICATION

- xli. Sail numbers are mandatory for Pro Fleet competitors, however if a sailor is unable to comply and makes a representation to the EC in good time, giving good reasons this rule may be waived.
- xlii. Sail numbers are advisory for all other competitors. Competitors without a sail number may be allocated identification when they register.

- xliii. In addition competitors will be required to show identifying streamers whilst taking part in heats. These streamers will be provided by the Event Committee and instructions on their use will be set out in Sailing Instructions.

13 PRIZES

- xliv. Prizes may be awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd placed competitor in each fleet at each event, depending on the number of competitors. Division prizes may also be awarded depending upon the number of competitors entered in any particular division.
- xlv. At the final Event prizes will also be awarded to the top ranked competitor in each Fleet and Division in the overall Tour, using the scoring system set out in paragraph 12 of this NoE. Those competitors will be entitled to describe themselves as UKWA National Freestyle Champion 2013 of the relevant division. Subject to the number of competitors in each fleet and division, 2nd and 3rd placed competitors may also be awarded a prize.

14 SOCIAL PROGRAMME

- xlvi. Details of any social programme, including evening entertainment and/or food will be provided at registration. Payment of a deposit may be required at Registration to secure a booking for any such arrangements made.

15 RIGHTS TO USE NAMES AND LIKENESSES

- xlvii. Competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television of or relation to the event on any medium of its choosing.

16 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- xlvi. All competitors under the age of 17 on 31st December 2013 shall wear a buoyancy aid or life jacket to an appropriate standard at all times when afloat if so directed to do so by any member of the Event Committee or Judging Panel.
- xlix. When the ICF “numeral 3” is displayed ashore all competitors shall wear wetsuits.

17 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 1. Competitors are entirely responsible for their own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing reduces this responsibility. It is for competitors to decide whether their board is fit to sail in the conditions in which it will find itself. By launching or going to sea competitors confirm the board is fit for those conditions and that they are competent to sail and compete in them. Nothing done by the organizers can reduce the responsibility of the owners and/or competitors, nor will it make the organizers responsible for any loss, damage,

death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the board taking part in the event. The organizers encompass everyone helping to run the event. Any provision of patrol boats or safety boats does not relieve owners and competitors of their responsibilities.

- li. Parents or guardians of minors have an additional responsibility for their children and to make the decision as to whether he or she is fit to sail in the conditions that prevail or are forecast.

18 INSURANCE

- lii. Boards are required to be adequately insured including insurance against third party claims of at least £2,000,000.

19 EVENT MANAGEMENT

- liii. Each Event shall be managed by an Event Committee consisting of one or more of the following: the UKWA Head of Freestyle or his or her nominee, the Head Judge, the Local Organiser.

20 FURTHER INFORMATION

- liv. Please check the UKWA website and the UK Freestyle Windsurfing Facebook page for any further information required prior to the event. Alternatively please email freestyle@ukwindsurfing.com.

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