

# UKWA FREESTYLE TOUR

## Sailing Instructions 2013.

### **1 Rules**

- i. The Tour Events will be governed by the ISAF Windsurfing Competition Rules 2009-2012 (WCR) as amended by the Sailing Instructions and by the Notice of Events (NoE).
- ii. Relevant rules and byelaws of the host sailing club or council will also apply.
- iii. In the case of any conflict between the NoE and these Sailing Instructions, these sailing Instructions will prevail.

### **2 Notices to Competitors**

- i. Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB) located at the Event Office.

### **3 Changes to the Sailing Instructions**

- i. Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the ONB at least 15 minutes before they take effect. In exceptional circumstances the Event Committee or Head Judge may announce such changes orally at a briefing

### **4 COMPETITION AREA & BEACH MARSHAL**

- i. The competition area will be illustrated on the ONB and/or described at the briefing.
- ii. When not competing, competitors shall not sail into the competition area and doing so repeatedly and after having warned may result in disqualification or a lesser penalty if the Event Committee so decides.
- iii. Competitors will only be scored in the competition area.
- iv. Sailors must report to the Beach Marshal prior to their heat and not go onto the water until he or she releases them, which will generally be after the previous heat has finished.
- v. Sailors must return as quickly as possible to the Beach Marshal immediately after their heat to hand in their streamer and to check their results. Repeated failures to return streamers in accordance with this rule may, after warnings have been given, result in disqualification or a lesser penalty if the Event Committee so decides.

## **5 Sailor Identification**

- i. 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.
- ii. Sail numbers are advisory for all other competitors. Competitors without a sail number may be allocated identification when they register.
- iii. In addition competitors will be required to show identifying streamers whilst taking part in heats. These streamers will be provided by the Event Committee.
- iv. All competitors need to show the identifying streamer either on the head or clew of their sail during heats, the colour required for each heat will be indicated on the elimination sheet posted on the ONB next to the competitor's name.
- v. Competitors may collect their streamer from the beach marshal no sooner than two heats before their own. The streamers must be returned immediately after their heat. Repeated failures to return streamers in accordance with this rule may, after warnings have been given, result in disqualification or a lesser penalty if the Event Committee so decides.

## **6 Signals Made Ashore And starting and finishing indicators**

This rule is in replacement of rule 26.2 of the WCR.

- i. The start and finish of a heat shall be signaled as follows.
  - Warning signal (normally 2 mins) – red flag displayed with 1 sound signal.
  - Preparatory signal (normally 1 min) – yellow flag displayed, with 1 sound signal
  - Start signal – green flag displayed, with 1 sound signal.
  - End of heat warning (1 min. remaining) – green flag lowered, with no sound signal
  - End of heat signal and warning signal for next heat – red flag displayed, with sound signal.
  - Heat abandoned - All flags lowered, the “N” flag, (blue and white chequered) shall be raised to signal the abandonment of a heat at least 1 minute before the heat end.
  - Programme Break. - All flags lowered, the answering pennant, (red and white stripes) shall be displayed with sound signal to indicate a break in the competition. It shall be lowered 1 minute before the next warning signal to restart competition.
  - Calling all sailors off the water before the start of competition or to change sailing instructions – All flags raised with three long sound signals. These flags shall be lowered 1 minute before re-starting the heat sequence, (next warning signal).

## **7 Judging of Heats**

- i. The Judging Panel appointed by the Event Committee shall be responsible for judging heats and scoring competitors as set out in the Notice of Events.

- ii. Freestyle heats shall be judged on a subjective basis, (Overall Impression). Each judge shall quantify his assessment of a sailor's performance with a position. If required, marks out of ten for difficulty, diversity and fluidity may be used by judges to further quantify that position.
- iii. The sailor with the best aggregate of the Judging Panel member's position scores wins the heat.
- iv. In the event of a tie the Head Judge's score will be the deciding factor.
- v. Competitors may only see their score sheets at the judge's convenience or at the end of a round.
- vi. At any event an alternative method of judging and scoring such as the "PWA Best Move" system may be used by the Judging Panel if approved by the Event Committee. Where an alternative system is adopted competitors will be advised of that system at a briefing.
- vii. Scoring decisions of the judges shall not be grounds for a request for redress.

## **8 Scoring**

- i. The Judging Panel will apply the scoring system set out in the NoE.

## **9 PROTESTS**

- i. A protest shall be made in accordance with the rules governing protests for competitors in heats i.e. RRS 61.2.b. Written protests are not required.
- ii. All parties to the protest must report immediately to the Protest Committee.
- iii. The Protest Committee will hear the protests as soon as is practicable.
- iv. Appeals. There shall be no appeal except against decisions under rule 69 – gross misconduct. RRS 70.6 applies.

## **10 Safety Regulations**

- i. All competitors under the age of 17 on 31<sup>st</sup> 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.
- ii. When the ICF "numeral 3" is displayed ashore all competitors shall wear wetsuits.

## **11 Disclaimer of Liability**

- i. 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.

- ii. 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.

## **12 Insurance**

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

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