



# **RULEBOOK 2022**

## **GWA Wingfoil World Tour Rulebook 2022**

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## CHAPTER 1: GENERAL RULES

### 1. INTRODUCTION

The GWA Wingfoil World Tour Rulebook is published by the GWA Sport Committee in September 2020. This Rulebook will be revised and published every year by the GWA Sport Committee.

GWA Wingfoil World Tour competitions are sanctioned and approved by the Global Wing sports Association.

All GWA Wingfoil World Tour competitions shall be managed under the GWA Wingfoil World Tour Event Organisers Manual and the GWA Wingfoil World Tour Rulebook.

### 2. FUNDAMENTAL RULES



## **2.1. Language**

English is the official language of the GWA Wingfoil World Tour, which will henceforth be referred to as WWT.

## **2.2. Rule Intentions**

The event rules are designed to allow the best competitor to win because of their high level of skill, good use of equipment and good fortune. The rules are not designed to allow a winner to prevail because of certain procedures or raising arguments over legalities. All disputes surrounding rules should be carried out with regard to this principle.

## **2.3. Responsibility of Competitors**

Each competitor is responsible to decide whether or not to start or to continue the competition and to provide for their safety.

## **2.4. Safety**

The most important aspects of competition are safety and fair play. Unsafe competitors will be warned, fined or disqualified.

Riding in a manner that can be considered to be dangerous or a threat to the safety of other competitors will not be tolerated. All disputes under the rules shall be conducted on this principle.

When in a position to do so, each competitor must render every possible assistance to a competitor in danger and assist organisers with any rescue information in the event of a rescue being needed.

## **2.5. Safety Systems.**

Safety leashes that ensure the wing remains secured to the rider are compulsory for all competitors. Competitors will be disqualified from the event if they ride without a safety leash. The board leash will be mandatory or not depending on the conditions, this will be determined by the Race director before the competition starts.

The use of a helmet is mandatory.

Unless included in the Race Notice or the specific event instructions, personal flotation devices are optional. If a Race Notice of a specific event does require personal buoyancy, then every rider / competitor must wear a personal flotation device that conforms to the minimum ISO 12402-5 (Level 50) standard requirement. (A Race Notice may however allow for alternative or additional standards).



Starting areas for competitors' equipment will be defined by the event organiser and that zone must be respected. Spectator access will be restricted and any media representatives will need to be authorised by the Race Director to access this area - and they will do so at their own risk.

### **3. DEFINITIONS**

#### **3.1. Abandonment**

An abandoned heat is one which the Race Committee declares void at any time after the starting signal, and which may be rerun at its discretion.

#### **3.2. Capsize**

A competitor is capsized if:

- 3.2.1. their wing is getting detached in the water.
- 3.2.2. there is catastrophic damage on the quiver unable to ride away.
- 3.2.3. their wings are tangled with another competitor's equipment, or the competitor has, clearly by accident and for a significant period of time:
  - (a) fallen into the water or
  - (b) become disconnected from the board.





### **3.3. Clear Astern / Clear Ahead / Overlap.**

A board is clear astern of another when its board and wing are abaft an imaginary line projected abeam from the aftermost point of the other's board and rig. The other board is clear ahead. The boards overlap when neither is clear astern.

### **3.4. Competing.**

A rider is competing from the starting signal of the heat until the finishing signal, or until crossing the finishing line or until the heat has been postponed or abandoned. If the competitor starts jumping or surfing before the finishing signal and finishes after the finishing signal, it will count towards his final score.

### **3.5. Keep Clear.**

A competitor keeps clear of a right-of-way competitor

3.5.1. if the right-of-way competitor can ride his/her course with no need to take avoiding action and,

3.5.2. when the competitors are overlapped, if the right-of-way competitor can also, without immediately making contact, change course in both directions or move their board in any direction.

### **3.6. Leeward and Windward**

A competitor's leeward side is the side that is or, when they are head to wind, was away from the wind. However, when riding by the lee or directly downwind, their leeward side is the side on which their wing flies

in a normal riding position (not holding the wing backwind). The other side is their windward side. When two competitors on the same tack overlap, the one whose board is on the leeward side of the other's board is the leeward competitor. The other is the windward competitor.



### **3.7. Mark**

A mark is any object specified in the Sailing Instructions which delimits the competition area.

### **3.8. Overtaking**

A board is overtaking from the moment it gains an overlap from clear astern until the moment it achieves a position clear ahead of the overtaken board.

### **3.9. Postponement**

A postponed heat is one which is not started at its scheduled time and which may be run at any time the Race Committee may decide.

### **3.10. Representative**

Any individual with a power authorised under this Rulebook and designated on the Race Notice or Sailing Instructions.

### **3.11. Riders Representative**

A nominated individual by the competitors. This representative is to be nominated amicably between the competitors present or available for a certain time that can be a full season, part of a season or an event only. If this decision cannot be made, the highest-ranking competitor per discipline will make a unilateral decision on the Representative provided the competitor accepts the decision.

### **3.12. Room**

The space a competitor needs in the existing conditions, including space to comply with her obligations under right-of-way rules, while manoeuvring promptly in a seamanlike way.

### **3.13. Rule**

The rules in this Rulebook, including the Definitions, Race Signals, Introduction or announcements posted in the Official Notice Board together with any update as published in

- I. the GWA Website;
- II. the Rulebook;
- III. the Race Notice;
- IV. the Sailing Instructions; and



- V. any other documents that govern the event.

### **3.14. Sport Commission**

An appointed commission by the GWA Board members formed by the Sports Director and minimum two GWA Management and Sports Crew members (e.g. Tour Manager, Head judge, Race Director) who decide on the most relevant WWT competition aspects.

### **3.15. Tack, Starboard or Port**

A competitor is on a tack, starboard or port, corresponding to the competitor's hand that would be forward if the competitor were in normal riding position (riding heel side with both hands on the wing and arms not crossed). A competitor is on starboard tack when the competitor's right hand would be forward and is on the port tack when the competitor's left hand would be forward.

### **3.16. Tangle**

Two or more competitors shall be considered as tangled when the wing of at least one competitor is wrapped around the equipment of another competitor.

It is not considered a tangle when wings or boards bump into each other nor when the wing tip catches the equipment of another rider without wrapping around. Even if both riders capsize (wings in the water) as a result of the contact, this is not a tangle (unless tangled as a result of above action).

If both wings remain in the air and are quickly separated, this is not considered a tangle even if there is a slight wrap-around.

### **3.17. Transition**

A board in transition is one that is changing direction either tacking or gybing or performing a manoeuvre specifically designed to change tacks. A transition starts when the competitor changes course and finishes when is riding on the new tack.



### **3.18. Surf-Freestyle discipline**

The Wingfoil Surf-Freestyle discipline combines freestyle tricks together with the surf/carving manoeuvres. All tricks, jumps and manoeuvres performed out of the wave will be counted as freestyle tricks. On the other hand, all the carvings, turns and manoeuvres performed in the swell or waves will count in the wave score.

### **3.19. Surf-Slalom discipline**

The Wingfoil Surf-Slalom discipline covers all competitions with a start and finish line, run around a defined race course marked with buoys, that includes a downwind section where competitors should use the energy of the waves or pumping, not being able to use the power of the wing.

### **3.20. Wingfoil board.**

The unidirectional board used by a wingfoil competitor. The board's hull is fitted underneath with shaped vanes (foils) which lift the hull clear of the water at speed.

### **3.21. Wing**

The wing is the rig that is used to be pulled by the wind. It has the same principle of an aviation wing. A wing has an inflatable leading edge. Along the chord can have an inflatable strut with handles or a boom to control the rig.

### **3.22. Hydrofoil**

A hydrofoil is a lifting surface, or foil, that operates in water. They are similar in appearance and purpose to aerofoils used by aeroplanes. As a hydrofoil craft gains speed, the hydrofoils lift the board's hull out of the water, decreasing drag and allowing greater speeds.

## **4. EVENT DISCIPLINES AND DIVISIONS**

### **4.1. Event Disciplines**

An event can include one or more of the following disciplines:

- (i) Surf-Freestyle
- (ii) Surf-Slalom



The rules of which can be found in the relevant discipline section of this Rulebook.

Other Special or Show Disciplines may be scheduled in an event. All scheduled disciplines at the events shall be announced in the Race Notice.

#### **4.2. Divisions**

A WWT event may include one or both from the following divisions:

- (i) Pro Men: any age (Minimum 14 years old within the year of competition).
- (ii) Pro Women: any age. (Minimum 14 years old within the year of competition).

Divisions may be created or merged if there are less than six (6) competitors registered per division.

Competitors can only compete in one division per competition.

All scheduled divisions at the events shall be announced in the Race Notice.

### **5. SUITABLE CONDITIONS**

- 5.1. The competition must take place in suitable conditions. This decision shall be made by the Race Director, WWT Representative and / or the Head Judge.
- 5.2. When assessing if the conditions are suitable for competition in all disciplines, the event organising team will take into account the wind speed, wind direction, temperature, incoming and current weather, wave size and ocean currents.
- 5.3. Shelter on the beach and sensible provisions such as hot food and drinks must be provided by the event organiser if the air temperature drops below 10° Celsius during the competition.
- 5.4. Competition will not run if the water temperature is not at least 8° Celsius or above.
- 5.5. The ruling on conditions is final. Protests surrounding the suitability of the conditions will not be heard / taken into account.



## **6. ORGANISERS AND NATIONAL AUTHORITIES**

### **6.1. Event Organisers, National Authorities and Race Committee**

WWT recognised and sanctioned events will be run and organised by an individual or group that is recognised by the WWT. From here on they shall be recognised and referred to by the term 'Event Organizer'. The GWA Event Guidebook and GWA WWT rulebook will form the basis and protocol for judging and organisation of all WWT competition.

#### **6.1.1. National Authorities**

The WWT may recognise all legally constituted National Wing sports Bodies.

#### **6.1.2. Race Committee**

Subject to such direction as the GWA and WWT may exercise, all competitions shall be conducted and judged by the Race Committee in conformity with the terms and conditions published in the Race Notice. The term "Race Committee", whenever it is used, shall include any person or committee responsible for carrying out any of the designated duties or functions of the Race Committee. The head of the Race Committee should be the Race Director, Head Judge or any other person named in this document as the head of the Race Committee

### **6.2. Event Officers**

The WWT events shall have the following:

- (i) A Race Director.
- (ii) A Head (Protest) Judge.
- (iii) A Principle Race Officer for the Surf-Slalom discipline.
- (iii) At least 3 Judges.
- (iv) A WWT Representative

## **7. ELIGIBILITY AND REGISTRATION OR MEMBERSHIP WWT**

### **7.1. Eligibility**

A competitor is eligible for any WWT event if he meets the following conditions:

7.1.1. The competitor holds a valid membership with the GWA WWT.

7.1.2. The competitor has a personal medical insurance with worldwide coverage. A valid membership card or certificate, or other



satisfactory evidence of worldwide medical coverage may be requested.

- 7.1.3. The competitor cannot hold responsible the WWT, the GWA or the event-organiser for any claims for damages as a consequence of the competitor not having sufficient personal medical insurance.
- 7.1.4. The WWT Representative will look after all entries. Although allocated wildcard positions can be awarded by the Event Organizer or the National Association.
- 7.1.5. The Rulebook specifies the maximum number of 48 competitors registered for a WWT Surf-Freestyle discipline, and 80 competitors in the Surf-Slalom discipline, including the wildcards, though these may be modified in the Race Notice.
- 7.1.6. The Race Notice will give the specifications and information regarding registration.
- 7.1.7. In order to enter the event, parental consent / authorisation must be received for all competitors who are under the age of 18 years old at the registration date.
- 7.1.8. The right to refuse the registration of any individual whose participation is not in the best interest of the event or the sport is reserved by the WWT.

## **7.2. Entry procedure and Registration**

- 7.2.1. All competitors planning to enter a WWT event shall pre-register online through the registration page linked to the GWA website or by other means to be specified by the GWA Sports Commission, no later than the published closing date for entries for that specific event.  
Ultimately it is the competitors' responsibility to pre-register or to apply for an entry for an event and to ensure that the application has been received timely and correctly.
- 7.2.2. A pre-registered and/or qualified competitor failing to show at the event without advance notice may be given a fine according to rule 11.2 fine schedules and may have his next events entry applications cancelled.
- 7.2.3. Entry forms for event registration must be signed and completed by the time stated in the Race Notice. Exceptions can only be



granted by the WWT Representative.

- 7.2.4. If a competitor is unable to complete registration at the published time and place in the Race Notice for reasons beyond their control, then the competitor should contact the WWT Representative with details of their delay, and must gain consent for their registration period to be extended. Evidence must be supplied to support reasons showing that the circumstances are out of the competitors control. Failure to comply with the above will prohibit a competitor from entering the event.

### **7.3. Membership**

- 7.3.1. All competitors who compete in WWT sanctioned or recognised events, or trials of sanctioned events must be WWT registered members.
- 7.3.2. The duration of a WWT membership is from the first to the last event of the WWT season.
- 7.3.3. Membership fees shall be determined by the WWT at the start of the year and may be changed at any notice during the course of the year.
- 7.3.4. Membership fees payments must be made via credit card before or at the same time as the confirmation of participating at the respective event.
- 7.3.5. Membership fee payments can also be made by bank-transaction.
- 7.3.6. Bank transaction-costs are paid by the rider.
- 7.3.7. Membership fee payments made via bank-transaction must show the rider's full name followed by Membership Fee.
- 7.3.8. As a guideline below is an indication of the various levels of membership.

GWA Wingfoil World Tour Competitors Membership: 100 Euros per season. (To be paid 50 Euros at the first event entered and 50 Euros at the second event entered. The total amount of 100 Euros can also be paid in once at the first event for the complete year. Membership fees are excluding event fees.)





#### **7.4. Entry restrictions**

- 7.4.1. Entry-fee payments must be made no later than the end of the registration-time at the respective event.
- 7.4.2. In the case that the full amount of the entry fee is not paid by the end of the announced registration-time, the rider will not be allowed to compete.
- 7.4.3. Payments must be made via credit card online at the registration for the respective event.
- 7.4.4. Exceptional onsite cash-payments will only be accepted in Euros (€) or USD (\$) currency.
- 7.4.5. In the case that the entry fee payment is not made by credit card but in cash an amount of 40,- Euro processing fee will be added to the regular entry-fee.

### **8. EQUIPMENT**

- 8.1. The leading edge from the wing must be inflatable.
- 8.2. To be eligible for competition, boards and foils must work and be powered independently to the wing.
- 8.3. Only the power of wind in the wing or the power of water on the board and foil can propel the competitor. Other than that the competitor must remain unassisted. The board should not make significant progress by swimming, paddling or walking with it.
- 8.4. If the Race Director deems that certain equipment could cause injury to any riders / competitors / public, then it must be prohibited.
- 8.5. Every competitor must take responsibility with regard to having their equipment checked by the Race Director. Failure to obey instructions may lead to a penalty / fine under rule 11.2.
- 8.6. In the interests of safety and maintaining high standards of fair play, the WWT reserves the right to impose further restrictions on equipment. Prohibition will not be made without being announced in the Race Notice.



## **9. ADVERTISING**

### **9.1. Requirement to carry advertising**

9.1.1. For the entire event, including registration day, whether competing, riding as part of an exhibition or other fun event, warming up in the designated area, being interviewed by event media or official press teams, or at any presentations or when on any podiums, all riders, if required by the Race Notice or Race Director, shall:

- (i) Wear a standard WWT specification, Event or Tour advertising vest over all other clothing, including harness and life jacket and / or
- (ii) Carry Event / Tour advertising stickers in the correct position on the board and wing.

9.1.2. Instructions from the Race Notice, Sailing Instructions, the Race Director or WWT Representative must be followed by competitors in regard to the proper placement of advertising.

9.1.3. Advertising that is provided must all be in good taste and well represented as judged by the WWT Representative or Race Director. Any branding not deemed to be in good taste by the Race Director or WWT Representative must be replaced with immediate effect.

9.1.4. Each competitor must take sole responsibility to correctly wear their competition vest at all times during the event.

9.1.5. Competitors shall make every effort to guarantee that event and sponsor branding is appropriately respected and neatly arranged on their board, and wing. If advertising / branding stickers are lost during competition because of adhesion problems, then a rider will not be held responsible for that.

9.1.6. Competitors can be subject to a fine if they fail to comply with any of the above rules according to rule 11.2 fine schedules. Future event entry applications may also be cancelled as a result.

## **10. GENERAL ATTITUDE AND RESPONSIBILITY AT EVENTS**

### **10.1. Attitude**

10.1.1. All members must, by their actions and general attitude, during all events and at all times while within the boundaries of



the recognised WWT site or sanctioned events, promote the image of the sport, the sponsors of the event, the WWT and themselves in a professional manner.

- 10.1.2. Any failure to do so immediately prior to, during and immediately after a WWT event may result in appropriate fines being levied by the WWT. More severe cases of bringing the sport into disrepute may result in the suspension or expulsion of a competitor from the WWT after due consideration by the WWT Sports Commission.

## **10.2. Social Media**

- 10.2.1. Any post on social media channels made by any member, competitor or Event Official will be considered a public statement. A post considered abusive or detrimental to the best interests of the WWT and the sport in general, or that could be considered to bring the WWT or the sport into disrepute shall be considered as an unsportsmanlike conduct and may be penalised under rule 11.2 fine schedules.
- 10.2.2. Any post from a competitor on social media about a sanction imposed under this Rulebook shall be done with the consent of the WWT Representative.

## **10.3. Exhibition events**

- 10.3.1. An exhibition event does not count towards the official result. If instructed by the Race Director, all registered competitors must compete in exhibition events. The Race Director must first obtain the WWT Representative's permission to hold exhibitions in which the competitors are required to participate.
- 10.3.2. Failure by a competitor to participate without the WWT Representative's prior permission may lead to a penalty under rule 11.2 fine schedules. Future event entry applications may also be cancelled.

## **10.4. Official attendance**

- 10.4.1. Mandatory competitor's meeting  
A mandatory meeting for all competitors at least half-an-hour before the start of the first heat will take place on the first day of official competition. All competitors will receive an announcement as to the official time and location for the meeting at registration.



#### 10.4.2. Media conference and interviews

All competitors may be required to attend a post heat media conference or interview immediately after the end of the heat or at any reasonably possible time, taking into kindness the commitments of competition, whether he / she is the winner or the loser. Competitors must wear the event sponsors' advertising vest or a suitable substitute supplied by the Event Organizer or WWT Representative during this conference as required.

#### 10.4.3. Official ceremonies and events

It is mandatory for all competitors to ensure their punctual attendance at all scheduled official events or ceremonies announced in the Race Notice or Sailing Instructions.

#### 10.4.4. Presence on site

All riders / competitors are required to stay within the event site boundaries for the entire duration of the event, as published in the Race Notice. Permission in writing must be obtained from the WWT Representative by any rider / competitor wishing to be made exempt from this rule for a particular event.

#### 10.4.5. If any competitor fails to comply with any of the above rules they may be penalised under rule 11.2 fine schedules. Future events entry applications may also be cancelled / dismissed.

### 11. **DISCIPLINARY CODE OF CONDUCT AND FINES**

#### 11.1. **General codes and fines**

11.1.1. The rules set forth under this section apply to the conduct of each competitor, caddies, coaches, Event officials, WWT staff or competitors' relatives while within the event site boundaries, except where the specific offences described therein are considered to bring the sport into disrepute or are directed towards an Event Organizer, sponsor, the WWT or WWT staff.

11.1.2. Fines that are applied for breaking this code are payable to the WWT. Any applied fines must be paid before any competitor will be allowed to compete in any further event or heat recognised or sanctioned by the WWT.

11.1.3. The WWT Representative, Race Director or Head Judge may discipline and fine competitors. In all cases the Race Director and / or Head Judge shall consult with the WWT Representative before imposing any fines or penalties under the code of conduct.



- 11.1.4. The Event committee will consider the seriousness of the offence, the current ranking of the competitor and if the rule violation is a repetition when imposing a fine or penalty.
- 11.1.5. Fines may be imposed for each individual rule violation. If different rules have been broken / violated during a single incident, each individual violation of the rules may be penalised accordingly.
- 11.1.6. The WWT will notify any competitors in writing of fines levied against them. Any competitor wishing to appeal against a fine may submit a written appeal to the WWT. This appeal will be considered by a committee consisting of the Head Judge, a WWT Representative and a GWA Sports Commission representative. Where it is not possible for an appeal to be heard by this committee i.e. after an event has finished, then the appeal may be heard by the GWA Sports Commission.

## **11.2. Fines and disqualifications**

- 11.2.1. Failure to obey written or verbal instruction
  - If a competitor or relative fails to follow clear written or verbal instructions at an event, they may be subject to a fine of not more than \$500 per violation and / or a warning or disqualification from the series or event.
- 11.2.2. Riding in the competition area when not competing
  - Breaches of conduct under this rule will incur a fine of no more than \$300 per violation and / or a warning or disqualification from the series or event.
- 11.2.3. Failure to return the coloured advertising vest after the heat
  - Any competitor failing to return their coloured lycra vest after their heat when returning to the beach will incur a fine of no more than \$50 per violation.
- 11.2.4. Failure to attend an event that a competitor has entered
  - Any pre-registered and / or qualified competitor who fails to attend the event without personal advance notice and / or has an adequate excuse (as determined by the WWT Sports Commission) will incur a fine of no more than \$1,000 and / or may have their next event entry applications cancelled / dismissed. If a competitor / rider fails to attend events on multiple occasions, the loss of seeding rights shall be increased by one event for each no-show.



#### 11.2.5. Failure to compete

Any competitor failing to show at their heat before the end of the heat without advance notice and with it being due to any extenuating circumstances, including injury, will incur a fine of no more than \$200 per violation.

#### 11.2.6. Littering

Members found to be littering or causing any other environmental damage within the boundaries of the event site will incur a fine of no more than \$200 per violation.

#### 11.2.7. First day competitor's meeting

Any competitor failing to attend the first day competitor's mandatory meeting as prescribed in Rule 10.4.1 will incur a fine of no more than \$200.

#### 11.2.8. Media conference

Any competitor failing to attend a media conference as prescribed in Rule 10.4.2 will incur a fine of no more than \$500.

#### 11.2.9. Official ceremonies or events

Any competitor failing to attend an Official ceremony or event as prescribed in Rule 10.4.3 will incur a fine of no more than \$250.

Any competitor finishing in the top 3 positions who fails to attend the awards ceremony on time - without being justified by a force of major circumstance - will incur a fine equal to their earned prize money for the event.

#### 11.2.10. Presence on site

Any competitor failing to remain present on site as prescribed in Rule 10.4.4 will incur a fine of no more than \$300 and / or a warning or disqualification from the series or event.

#### 11.2.11. Advertising

All competitors are required to abide by the advertising rules as laid out in Rule 9.1. Breaching the rules of the various categories of this section will incur a fine of no more than \$300 for each violation and / or warning or disqualification from the series or event.

#### 11.2.12. Audible obscenities

Any competitor using an audible obscenity in any language will incur a fine of no more than \$500 for each violation. For the verification of this rule, audible obscenities are defined as words commonly known and understood to be profane and uttered clearly and loudly enough to be heard by any officials in the



proximity.

#### 11.2.13. Visible obscenities

Any competitor making an obscene gesture of any kind will incur a fine of up to \$500 for each violation and / or warning or disqualification from the series or event. For the verification of this rule, a visible obscenity is defined as the making of signs or gestures by a competitor using his hands, body, or equipment that is commonly understood to have an obscene meaning or message.

#### 11.2.14. Verbal abuse

Any competitor heard to be verbally abusive towards an official, opponent, spectator, member of the media or any other person will incur a fine of no more than \$500 for each violation and / or warning or disqualification from the series or event. For the verification of this rule, verbal abuse is defined as a statement directed at an official, opponent, spectator, member of the media or any other person that implies dishonesty, or is derogatory, insulting or otherwise abusive.

#### 11.2.15. Abuse of event equipment

Any competitor abusing or damaging event equipment, violently or dangerously or with anger, will incur a fine of no more than \$300 plus the costs of repairing or replacing any damaged equipment and / or warning or disqualification from the series, event or elimination.

#### 11.2.16. Physical abuse

Any competitor found to have been physically abusive to an official, opponent, spectator, member of the media or any other person will incur a fine of no more than \$500 for each violation, and / or disqualification from the series or event. For the verification of this rule, physical abuse is the unauthorised touching an official, opponent, spectator, member of the media or any other person.

#### 11.2.17. Unsportsmanlike conduct

Any competitor failing to conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner at all times, and / or to give due regard to the authority of officials and the rights of opponents, spectators, members of the media or other persons will incur a fine of no more than \$5,000 for each violation and / or disqualification from the series or event and / or may have their next event entry applications cancelled / dismissed. For the verification of this rule, unsportsmanlike conduct is defined as any misconduct that is clearly abusive or detrimental to the sport, but does not fall within the prohibition of any specific on site offence contained in these rules. In addition,



unsportsmanlike conduct shall include, but not be limited to, the use of illegal drugs, gambling, bribery, sexual harassment or abuse, giving, making issuing, authorising or endorsing any public statement, having, or designed to have, an effect that is prejudicial or detrimental to the best interests of the WWT, the event or the wingfoiling sport in general.

If the Head Judge believes that a competitor is abusing or misusing the protest system, then he / she may propose that a fine be levied in the category of unsportsmanlike conduct.

#### 11.2.18. Coaches, team managers and family relatives

Competitors take responsibility for the presence of their coaches, managers, representatives, family relatives and any ancillary staff. The violation of any WWT Code of Conduct rules by any of these individuals will result in the appropriate penalty being applied to the competitor.

#### 11.2.19. Future disciplinary action

When the WWT Representative, Race Director or Head Judge excludes a competitor from further participation in an event, or takes further disciplinary action against the competitor after a gross breach of good manners or unsportsmanlike conduct, their action shall be reported to the GWA Sports Commission, who may reconsider the matter after further investigation and impose further penalties, including the recovery of costs for any damage caused to property and equipment.

#### 11.2.20. Hotel Accommodation

The good name of WWT and the competitive preparation of competitors should not be compromised by competitors causing damage, inconvenience to other guests or boorish, rowdy behaviour in official hotels or other accommodation. Such behaviour may result in the WWT disallowing a competitor from residing in official hotel accommodation and may result in further action under the Code of Conduct.

Competitors must officially check out of the hotel when involved in a Championship and must pay their room bill (if applicable) and their own hotel extras (e.g. phone, drinks, food). They will be liable for a fine up to \$500 failing to settle a room account and for a fine up to \$250 if they should leave the hotel without paying all they hotel extras.

#### 11.2.21. Non-payment of membership fees

Non-payment of membership fees may result in the disqualification from the event. Membership fee must be paid





before entering the event.

## 12. ANNUAL RANKING LIST

### 12.1. Ranking points

12.1.1. Competitors will be awarded points according to the table in each Discipline Scoring subsection of this rulebook.

12.1.2. Incomplete elimination series

12.1.3. Competitors will be awarded 30 points on events where there was not a valid result.

12.1.4. The number of scores counting towards the WWT Ranking of each discipline depends on how many times the respective disciplines have been completed. The Ranking begins when the first elimination of a series has been completed for that discipline. The number of discards shall be in accordance with the table below:

Number of events completed	Number of events discarded
1 – 3	0
4 – 6	1
7 – 9	2
10 or more	3

12.1.5. The competitor with the highest total score at the end of the year is the Champion. In 2022 the Champion will be called GWA Surf-Freestyle World Champion (Surf-Freestyle discipline), GWA Surf-Slalom World Champion (Surf-Slalom discipline).

12.1.6. Ties in annual ranking lists

When there is a tie in total points of a WWT annual ranking list, the tie shall be broken as follows:

(i) In favour of the competitor who has beaten the other in more events in the relevant discipline including all discarded events results.

(ii) If a tie remains between two or more competitors, each



competitor's event discipline results shall be listed in order of best to worst, and at the first point(s) where there is a difference the tie shall be broken in favour of the competitor(s) with the best result(s) including all discarded events results.

(iii) If a tie still remains between two or more competitors, they shall be ranked in order of their results in the last event. Any remaining ties shall be broken by using the tied competitors' results in the next-to-last event results and so on until all ties are broken. These results shall be used even if some of them are excluded results.

### **13. PRIZE MONEY**

#### **13.1. Prize money**

13.1.1. Event Organisers and WWT contracts will take precedence when it comes to prize money levels as set by the WWT sports commission and the GWA.

13.1.2. The total prize money amount at the event for each discipline and division shall be announced in the Race Notice or entry form.

13.1.3. Any competitor who, in the opinion of the Race Director, causes any unnecessary delay in the smooth running of an event (e.g. not attending the prize giving ceremony on time), or violates any part of the WWT Code of Conduct, may be excluded from this prize split. The Race Director's decision may not be appealed, although they may be required to give their reasons for the decision in writing.

13.1.4. Any rider is responsible by himself or herself for paying the applicable taxes for the prize money received. The rider keeps the WWT, the GWA, the event-organiser and any third party free from the riders' personal tax liabilities. The WWT, the GWA and the event-organiser have the right to inform the tax-authorities about the name of the rider and the amount of prize money received by him or her, if required by the tax-authorities.

13.1.5. Event Organisers and WWT contracts will take precedence when it comes to prize money levels as set by the WWT sports commission.



## 13.2. Prize money distribution

13.2.1. The full amount of the advertised prize money shall be payable when a valid result stands as specified in the relevant subsections of this Rulebook.

13.2.2. The WWT, the GWA and/or the event organiser have got the right to subtract the competitors' individual withhold-tax from the prize-money to be paid out. The WWT, the GWA and/or the event organiser have got the right to pay the individual withhold-tax on behalf of the competitor to the national tax-authorities of the country in which the event takes place. The WWT, the GWA and/or the event organiser shall give all necessary information and documents of the tax-payment made to the competitor for his personal disposal.

13.2.3. Ten per cent (10%) of the available prize money per event may be allocated to the overall ranking.

13.2.4. The prize money distribution per event between genders will be done equally until 4th position. After that, the prize money will be distributed between genders based on the number of participants. The prize money distribution of each discipline for a valid and completed WWT event is specified in the relevant subsections of this Rulebook.

13.2.5. The price money distribution for the overall ranking will be evenly split between gender and distributed according to the following table.

MALE		FEMALE	
Position	Percentage	Position	Percentage
1	25%	1	25%
2	15%	2	15%
3	10%	3	10%
<b>Total</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>50%</b>

13.2.6. The prize money distribution for the overall end of the year ranking will be evenly split between gender and distributed to the top 3 accordingly to the following table:



### 13.3. Surf-Freestyle prize split

13.3.1. The prize money distribution for a valid and completed WWT event will be done according to the following:

13.3.1.1. if there is 16 or more competitors in one gender and less than 16 competitors in the other gender then the prize split will be as followed:

13.3.1.1.1. 40% of total prize money are split between Top 4 women

13.3.1.1.2. 40% of total prize money are split between Top 4 men

13.3.1.1.3. 20% of total prize money are split between Positions 5-8 of the gender with more than 16 competitors (4 riders in equal 5th place)

gender with 16 or more		gender with less than 16	
position	percentage (%)	position	percentage (%)
1	15	1	15
2	10	2	10
3	8	3	8
4	7	4	7
<b>Total 1- 4</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>Total 1- 4</b>	<b>40</b>
5	5		
5	5		
5	5		
5	5		
<b>Total 5-8</b>	<b>20</b>		

13.3.1.2. if there is 16 or more competitors in both genders the prize split will be as followed:



13.3.1.2.1. 50% of total prize money are split between  
Top 8 women

13.3.1.2.2. 50% of total prize money are split between  
Top 8 men

16 or more women		16 or more men	
position	percentage (%)	position	percentage (%)
1	14	1	14
2	9	2	9
3	7	3	7
4	6	4	6
5	3,5	5	3,5
5	3,5	5	3,5
5	3,5	5	3,5
5	3,5	5	3,5
<b>Total</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>50</b>

13.3.1.3. if there is less than 16 competitors in both genders  
the prize split will be as followed:

13.3.1.3.1. 50% of total prize money are split between  
Top 4 women

13.3.1.3.2. 50% of total prize money are split between  
Top 4 men

Less than 16 women		Less than 16 men	
position	percentage (%)	position	percentage (%)
1	19	1	19
2	14	2	14
3	10	3	10
4	7	4	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>50</b>



#### 13.4. Surf-Slalom prize split.

13.4.1. The prize money distribution for a valid and completed WWT event will be done according to the following:

13.4.1.1. if there is 16 or more competitors in one gender and less than 16 competitors in the other gender then the prize split will be as followed:

13.4.1.1.1. 40% of total prize money are split between Top 4 women

13.4.1.1.2. 40% of total prize money are split between Top 4 men

13.4.1.1.3. 20% of total prize money are split between Positions 5-8 of the gender with more than 16 competitors.

gender with 16 or more		gender with less than 16	
position	percentage (%)	position	percentage (%)
1	15	1	15
2	10	2	10
3	8	3	8
4	7	4	7
<b>Total 1- 4</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>Total 1- 4</b>	<b>40</b>
5	6,5		
6	5,5		
7	4,5		
8	3,5		
<b>Total 5-8</b>	<b>20</b>		



13.4.1.2. if there is 16 or more competitors in both genders the prize split will be as followed:

13.4.1.2.1. 50% of total prize money are split between  
Top 8 women

13.4.1.2.2. 50% of total prize money are split between  
Top 8 men

16 or more women		16 or more men	
position	percentage (%)	position	percentage (%)
1	14	1	14
2	9	2	9
3	7	3	7
4	6	4	6
5	5	5	5
6	4	6	4
7	3	7	3
8	2	8	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>50</b>

13.4.1.3. if there is less than 16 competitors in both genders the prize split will be as followed:

13.4.1.3.1. 50% of total prize money are split between  
Top 4 women

13.4.1.3.2. 50% of total prize money are split between  
Top 4 men

Less than 16 women		Less than 16 men	
position	percentage (%)	position	percentage (%)
1	19	1	19
2	14	2	14
3	10	3	10
4	7	4	7



<b>Total</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>50</b>
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### **13.5. Incomplete Events**

13.5.1. An event is considered incomplete when there is no official result and no points are awarded as specified in the relevant subsections of this Rulebook.

13.5.2. The prize money for any incomplete event is divided into two parts:

13.5.2.1. Up to twenty per cent (20%) will be returned to the Event Organizer and

13.5.2.2. Ten per cent (10%) of the available prize money per event may be allocated to the overall ranking.

13.5.2.3. Seventy per cent (70%) will be evenly distributed to all officially registered competitors in the relevant event that are still in the competition.

13.5.2.4. Should it be decided to unofficially run competition for the incomplete discipline - up to 10% of the 50% allocated to the competitors at an event, may be offered as unofficial prize money.

### **13.6. Shared positions**

13.6.1. When a number of competitors share a single position and their ranking order is not determined, the payment for those competitors shall be distributed as follows:

The prize money for the occupied position and the following unoccupied positions (equal in number to the competitors that end up in a single position) shall be added together, then divided by the number of the group of competitors being paid in this manner.

## **14. RACE NOTICE**

### **14.1. Publication and content of the Race Notice**





14.1.1. The Race Notice is a document that must be published by the WWT thirty (30) days before the first day of the event. Exceptions to this rule may only be made with the approval of the WWT Sports Commission and/or the GWA.

14.1.2. Contents of the Race Notice

The document shall include this information:

- (i) Name of the Event Organizer, the title, place and dates;
- (ii) That the competition is sanctioned by the GWA and governed by the WWT Rulebook;
- (iii) the discipline(s) offered and the schedule;
- (iv) maximum number of elimination series;
- (v) entry conditions and numbers of entries;
- (vi) time and place of registration and conditions for advance registration;
- (vii) registration fees;
- (viii) changes to any rules of the WWT Rulebook;
- (ix) prize money to be awarded and any additional prizes;
- (x) names of the members of the technical committee (Race Director, Head Judge and Judges).

15. **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS AND OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD**

15.1. **Publication and content of the Sailing instructions**

15.1.1. The WWT Rulebook may be supplemented by written Sailing Instructions, which have the same status as rules.

The Sailing Instructions may alter a rule by specific reference to it, but they shall not alter any rule without prior publication in the Race Notice, after written authorisation from the WWT Sports Commission. The Sailing Instructions shall be posted on the Official Notice Board and any extraordinary instructions may be distributed to competitors.

15.1.2. Contents of the Sailing Instructions

The document shall include this information:

- (i) that the WWT Rulebook, the Race Notice and the Sailing Instructions will be the documents that shall govern the event;
- (ii) the schedule of the event;
- (iii) the competition area;
- (iv) the time limit for finishing;
- (v) the judging criteria and scoring system;
- (vi) the maximum number of eliminations;



- (vii) any changes to the rules.
- (viii) prize money to be awarded and any additional prizes;
- (ix) any special safety information;
- (x) the names of the Race Director, Head Judge, Judging panel and WWT Representative.

#### 15.1.3. Changes to the Sailing Instructions

Any changes of Sailing Instruction must be approved by the WWT Sports Commission or its Representative and shall be posted a notice on the Official Notice Board at least 30 minutes before the start of the heat in which they are to apply.

### 15.2. Official Notice Board (ONB) and Official Flag Pole (OFP)

15.2.1. All official announcements shall be posted in writing on the Official Notice Board. All competitors' attention will be drawn to all important announcements, such as changes to Sailing Instructions.

15.2.2. The information posted on the Official Notice Board must be checked periodically by all competitors.

15.2.3. At least 15 minutes before the start of the heat, the schedule of event, competition area diagram, and heat duration shall be posted at the official Notice Board. Competitors shall check the Notice Board to know in which heat they will be taking part.

15.2.4. Official Flag Pole (OFP).

All signals shall be made from the place indicated in the Sailing Instructions or in the way indicated in the Sailing Instructions.

15.2.5. The Race Director shall announce the weather forecast for the day, the schedule for the day and any other relevant information at the daily competitor's meeting.

### 15.3. Oral Instructions

15.3.1. Oral instructions may only be given if the procedure is stated in the Sailing Instructions.



## 16. PENALTIES AND REDRESS

### 16.1. Penalties

16.1.1. A competitor may be disqualified from the event by the Race Committee - even without a hearing if they hinder another competitor while competing.

16.1.2. The Race Committee may disqualify a competitor from the event for infringing the WWT Rulebook, Sailing Instructions or any governing document as described in the Sailing Instructions.

### 16.2. Redress

16.2.1. A request for redress, or a Head Judge decision to consider redress, shall be based on a claim or possibility that a rider / competitor's score in an elimination series has been, or may be, through no fault of their own, made significantly worse by:

(i) crashing, injury or physical damage caused as a result of the action of another rider / competitor that was breaking a right-of-way rule, or of a vessel not racing that was required to keep clear;

(ii) giving help (except to themselves) in compliance with rule 2.4.3; or

(ii) an action of a rider / competitor, or a member of their crew, that resulted in a penalty under rule 2.4, or a penalty or warning under WWT disciplinary code of conduct rules.

16.2.2. Requests for a redress shall be made in writing, identifying the reason for making the redress request. If the request is based on an incident in the contest area, it shall be delivered to the race office before the start of the next heat concerned by the redress within the protest time limit or two hours after the incident, whichever is later. Other requests shall be delivered as soon as reasonably possible after learning of the reasons for making the request. The head judge shall extend the time if there is good reason to do so.

16.2.3. If the Head Judge decides the score has been materially prejudiced in any of the circumstances set out above, they shall make as fair an arrangement as possible for all competitors concerned. The Head Judge may take action by themselves without a hearing. This may be to let the results of



the heat stand, to adjust the score of the prejudiced competitor, to abandon and re-run the heat, to have a sail-off between certain competitors in the heat, to cancel the heat, to add some more time to the original heat or to adopt some other means. The Head Judge may overrule the Judge's decision if there is evidence that a competitor lost their heat because of a Judges' mistake.

## **17. ENTRY ALLOCATION, SEEDING, AND INJURY WILDCARD**

### **17.1. Entry Allocation**

17.1.1. Anyone wishing to compete in WWT sanctioned events, recognised events or trials of sanctioned events must be WWT members and may only compete with the approval of the WWT.

17.1.2. There is a maximum number of 48 competitors per gender in a WWT event entering in the Surf-Freestyle and 80 per gender entering in the Surf Slalom discipline.

17.1.3. If the amount of registered competitors exceeds the maximum number of competitors, the WWT Sports Commission will select competitors based on their participation and ranking in other events and / or wing-foil merits. Video footage may be requested and used for selection.

17.1.4. Two weeks before an event, Local Organiser Wildcards shall be approved by the WWT Sports Commission.

17.1.5. The GWA will publish the wildcard allocation and participants list 14 days before an event.

### **17.2. Seeding**

17.2.1. Competitors will be seeded in the elimination ladder based on their current WWT ranking or by draw if there is no ranking available.

17.2.2. Points shall be awarded according to rule 12.1.1.

17.2.3. If there is a tie in total points for an individual discipline, the tie shall be broken as follows:

- (i) In favour of the competitor who has beaten the other in more race/elimination scores in the relevant discipline including all discarded race/elimination results.



- (ii) If a tie remains between two or more competitors, each competitor's race/elimination scores shall be listed in order of best to worst, and at the first point(s) where there is a difference the tie shall be broken in favour of the competitor(s) with the best scores including all discarded scores.
- (iii) If a tie still remains between two or more competitors, they shall be ranked in order of their scores in the last race/elimination. Any remaining ties shall be broken by using the tied competitors' results in the next-to-last race/elimination scores and so on until all ties are broken. These results shall be used even if some of them are excluded results.
- (iv) If a tie still remains between two or more competitors in the surf-freestyle discipline, the competitor(s) with the best elimination score in their last round in the last event will win. In case of tie, it will be broken in favour of the competitor with the highest single score. If a tie remains, each competitor's individual scores shall be listed in order of best to worst, even if some of them are excluded scores, and at the first point where there is a difference the tie shall be broken in favour of the competitor with the best individual score.

## **18. COMPETITION FORMAT AND PROCEDURE**

### **18.1. General Competition Format**

- 18.1.1. After the competitor has completed his/her heat, the coloured lycra vest shall be returned to the Beach Marshall when returning to the beach. Competitors failing to return their coloured lycra vest after their heat may be penalized as specified under rule 11.2 fine schedules.
- 18.1.2. Under rule 11.2 fine schedules, competitors failing to show at their heat to compete without prior notification to the Race Director may be penalized.
- 18.1.3. When a competitor does not show at a heat, the other competitor(s) must compete the heat alone(s) in case the opponent turns up late. Only if the Race Director is informed and confident that the competitor will not be competing in their scheduled heat, the daily schedule can be adjusted to reduce the event's running time.
- 18.1.4. Competition area:



- (i) The competition area shall be defined in the Official Notice Board at least fifteen (15) minutes before the start of the heat.
- (ii) Each competitor shall perform their freestyle tricks inside the designated competition area. The Head Judge can announce if competitors can perform their waves outside of the competition area.
- (iii) A competitor shall not ride in the competition area while competition is going on, other than during her own heat. A competitor infringing this rule may be penalised as specified under rule 11.2 fine schedules.
- (iv) In some occasions offset marks may be used. These marks have to be rounded or passed by the competitors before attempting a trick inside the competition area.

#### 18.1.5. Outside assistance:

Each competitor's efforts on the water shall be individual with only the following means of outside assistance being allowed:

- (i) Competitors that during their heat end up downwind of the competition area will be allowed to make their way back to the competition area by walking upwind on the beach by themselves or getting assistance from another competitor, coach or caddy.
- (ii) During the heat, a competitor could get assistance inside the competition area only from a competitor competing in the same heat. A competitor could get assistance from anybody only when out of the competition area.
- (iii) If a competitor gets assistance inside the competition area from the rescue boat, press boat, Jet ski, or any other craft, they will be disqualified from that heat. The Race Director can make changes to this rule at certain events.
- (iv) If a competitor loses his wing or board during the heat from equipment failure, he will be allowed to replace his wing or board only outside of the competition area. The competitor has to get out from the competition area by his own means. If he is not wearing a leash, he will not be scored from the point he loses his wing.
- (v) Any non-permitted outside assistance in the heat shall be penalized by a warning or disqualification if in the opinion of the Head Judge or Race Director, such assistance materially



prejudiced the result.

## **18.2. General Competition Procedure**

### **18.2.1. Signal**

#### **(i) Starting Signals:**

Warning/preparatory    Red flag displayed.

Starting:                    Red flag removed, green flag displayed.

Finishing:                  Green flag removed for the last minute of the heat, at the end of the heat the red flag will be displayed starting a new cycle.

(ii) Each visual signal may be accompanied by a sound signal, but times shall be taken from the visual signals and mistiming or failure of a sound signal shall be disregarded.

(iii) "N" and "AP" flag definitions are in rule 31.5.

### **18.2.2. Heat duration**

The heat duration shall be from 5 up to 35 minutes. The transition intervals shall be posted on the Official Notice Board.

## **18.3. Postponing and abandoning a heat**

### **18.3.1. The Race Director may:**

- (i) postpone or abandon a heat for any reason before the starting signal.
- (ii) abandon a heat after the starting signal because of insufficient wind, or foul weather, or an error in the starting procedure, or because a mark is missing, for other reasons directly affecting the fairness of competition.
- (iii) Postpone or abandon a heat at any time for safety reasons.

### **18.3.2. Postponement:**

A postponement shall be signalled by the raising of the "Answering Pendant", accompanied by two (2) sound signals. After a postponement the ordinary starting signals shall be used according to rule 18.2.1. The postponement signal shall be



lowered, accompanied by a sound signal, one minute before the first warning signal is made.

**18.3.3. Abandonment:**

The raising of code flag “N”, accompanied by three (3) sound signals, shall signal that the present heat is abandoned.

The Race Director may decide to restart the heat on the moment where it was abandoned or from the beginning.

**19. GENERAL RIGHT OF WAY RULES**

**19.1. Right of Way Rules**

19.1.1. The choice of right-of-way criteria for each of the following possible situations is the responsibility of the WWT Head Judge, race director or the senior available touring WWT Judge in that order.

19.1.2. A competitor has the right of way over another competitor when the other competitor is required to keep clear of them. However, some rules limit the actions of a right-of-way competitor.

19.1.3. A competitor riding out towards the wave shall keep clear of a competitor that is riding a wave / surfing.

19.1.4. On opposite tacks  
When competitors are on opposite tacks, a port-tack competitor shall keep clear of a starboard-tack competitor.

19.1.5. On the same tack, overlapped  
When a competitor is on the same tack and overlapped, a windward competitor shall keep clear of a leeward competitor.

19.1.6. On the same tack, not overlapped  
When competitors are on the same tack and not overlapped, a competitor clear astern shall keep clear of a competitor clear ahead.

19.1.7. When a competitor changes tack, gaining upwind position, they shall keep clear of other competitors until they are moving on an upwind course. During that time rules 19.1.3, 19.1.4 and 19.1.5 do not apply.





If two competitors are subject to this rule at the same time, the one on the other's port side or the one astern shall keep clear.

19.1.8. A competitor making a transition shall keep clear of a competitor on a tack.

19.1.9. If two competitors converge while riding downwind and it is not possible under rules 19.1.3, 19.1.4 and 19.1.5 to determine which one has right of way:

- (i) if they are overlapped, the one on the other's starboard side shall keep clear.
- (ii) if they are not overlapped, the one clear astern shall keep clear.

19.1.10. Avoiding contact

A competitor shall avoid contact with another competitor if reasonably possible. However, a right-of-way competitor or one entitled to room or mark-room:

- (i) need not act to avoid contact until it is clear that the other competitor is not keeping clear or giving room or mark-room,
- (ii) shall be exonerated if they break this rule and the contact does not cause damage or injury.

19.1.11. Acquiring right of way

When a competitor acquires right-of-way, they shall initially give the other competitor room to keep clear, unless they acquire right of way because of the other competitor's actions.

19.1.12. Changing course

When a competitor with right-of-way changes course, they shall give the other competitor room to keep clear.

19.1.13. A windward competitor shall not jump when a leeward competitor is in close proximity.

19.1.14. A jumping competitor shall keep clear of a competitor that is not.

19.1.15. Competitors shall not change course to obstruct another competitor (blocking).

19.1.16. Competitors shall stay clear of the competition area when not competing.

19.1.17. Competitors shall not land jumps on the beach, and shall stay clear of any natural obstructions near the competition



area.

- 19.1.18. If possible, a competitor shall avoid a competitor who has crashed or who is trying to help a person or vessel in danger.
- 19.1.19. A competitor who has crashed or run aground shall not interfere with another competitor. If a competitor against the capsized competitor is being affected, limiting their chances of winning the heat, the heat may be re-run. The Race Director will decide whether the heat will be re-run from the beginning or from the moment of interference.
- 19.1.20. During a tangle or collision, if an affected competitor is not competing against the competitor at fault and the action penalises the competitor's performance, limiting their chances of winning the heat, the affected competitor's heat may be re-run. The Race Director will decide whether the heat will be re-run from the beginning or from the moment of the tangle or collision.
- 19.1.21. From the warning signal to the starting signal, a competitor returning to the shore after competing has to keep clear of a competitor who is entering the competition area to compete.
- 19.1.22. If reasonably possible, a competitor that is not competing shall not interfere with a competitor that is competing.
- 19.1.23. In the case of a deliberately unsportsmanlike action by the competitors in the heat, dangerous action, interference, tangle or collision, as a result of the infringement of any of the above rules, an interference, a warning and / or disqualification from the heat / competition could be awarded at the discretion of the Race Director or Head Judge.

## **20. GENERAL INTERFERENCE RULES**

### **20.1. Interference Rules**

A competitor shall not interfere with another competitor's right-of-way. Interference may be called if:

- 20.1.1. a competitor hinders the scoring potential of a competitor deemed to have right of way.
- 20.1.2. a competitor doesn't make all assumptions necessary about their jump length, duration and direction to avoid contact with



other competitors.

20.1.3. there is deliberate unsportsmanlike conduct during a heat and an interference during an event was intentional, unsportsmanlike and of a serious nature, notwithstanding any penalty available under rule 11.2.17 (which may include disqualification from the events and / or have their next event entry applications cancelled / dismissed).

## **20.2. General Interference penalty procedure**

20.2.1. Only if the majority of the judges called the interference the Head Judge shall call an interference penalty.

20.2.2. Video evidence may be used to prove the interference.

20.2.3. To call an interference penalty a black flag together with a colored flag corresponding to the competitor's competition lycra vest colour in the water will be used when possible. The flag colour code used will be posted in the Official Notice Board.

20.2.4. The penalty procedure of each discipline is specified in the relevant subsections of this Rulebook.

20.2.5. With two heats on the water simultaneously, if judges call an interference between two riders of different heats, the heat will be stopped and may be re-started. The Race Director will decide whether it will be a re-run from the beginning, from the moment of the interference, or with additional time.

## **21. QUALIFYING SERIES**

The GWA Wing-foil World Tour Qualifying Series (QS) will establish a progressive, supporting structure for athletes, national associations and youth development programs around the World.

There will be run several Qualifying events in different countries, each qualifier will be valid to get a spot on 2023 GWA World Cup onwards.

### **21.1. General Rules**

21.1.1. All the general rules and competition format will be applied from the current GWA Rulebook 2022, excepts the ones mentioned on this Qualifying Series Section (Rule 21).



21.1.2. There are no limitations in the participants also in the nationalities of the riders.

21.1.3. Only the three best results of the Qualifying Series events count towards the QS final ranking.

21.1.4. Riders could freely choose to participate in any kind of Qualifying Series events no matter the country.

## **21.2. Entry allocations for Surf-Freestyle 2023 World Cups**

21.2.1. In 2023 World Cups the Surf-Freestyle discipline:

(a) The top 20 from the current seeding list will automatically qualify for next event from the start of 2023. The first event of 2023 will use the end of year rankings from the 2022 season.

(b) The top 5 ranked riders from the 2022 Qualifying Series in both disciplines will pre-qualify for the 2023 World Tour.

(c) The top 5 rated video entries will pre-qualify in the Surf-Freestyle discipline.

(d) 3 x GWA World Tour wildcards.

(e) 3 x local wildcards awarded by the local GWA World Cup event organiser.

## **21.3. Entry allocations for Surf-Slalom 2023 World Cups**

21.3.1. In 2023 World Cups the Surf-Slalom discipline:

(a) The top 30 from the current seeding list will automatically qualify for next event from the start of 2023. The first event of 2023 will use the end of year rankings from the 2022 season.

(b) The top 5 ranked riders from the 2022 Qualifying Series in both disciplines will pre-qualify for the 2023 World Tour.

(c) 5 x wildcards applications

(d) 4 x GWA World Tour wildcards

(e) 4 x local wildcards awarded by the local GWA World Cup event organiser.



#### **21.4. Ranking Points.**

21.4.1. The ranking points are as the one used on the GWA Rulebook, Rule 23.5.3 for the Surf-Freestyle and Rule 30.6 for the Surf-Slalom.

#### **21.5. Awards and prize money split**

21.5.1. The price money will be variable depending on the local organiser.

## **CHAPTER 2: WINGFOIL SURF FREE-STYLE DISCIPLINE**

This expression discipline format will be kept as open as possible for the beginning to allow the competitors to express themselves with their own style of riding. The Surf-Freestyle discipline will be scored either trick by trick and wave by wave or by the overall impression of the competitors performance including:

- Surfing waves/swell
- Air-tricks
- Carving



## **22. WINGFOIL SURF-FREESTYLE EQUIPMENT**

- 22.1. Only Hydrofoil boards are eligible for use in competition. There are not any restrictions on the size, length and width of the quiver.
- 22.2. Foot-straps, pads and wax are allowed.
- 22.3. The use of a safety wing leash and helmet are mandatory.
- 22.4. The use of a board leash could be mandatory depending on conditions. It will be announced by the Race Director and posted in the Official Notice Board at least thirty (30) minutes before the start of the heat.

## **23. ELIMINATION PROCEDURE AND SCORING**

### **23.1. Elimination procedure**

23.1.1. The Elimination procedure shall be:

- (i) Competitors' names shall be entered on the appropriate elimination ladder according to the event seeding and the heat distribution table below.
- (ii) Competitors with no ranking will be distributed in the WWT ladder according to the name drawing that shall be done by the Race Director at the first day mandatory meeting for all competitors before the competition starts.
- (iii) "Byes," if any, shall be positioned so that they are allocated to the most highly ranked competitors.
- (iv) Competitors shall ride one against one, or in groups of up to 4. The declared winners shall advance on the elimination ladder. Once a round is started, the format shall stay the same until that round is completed.



## 23.2. Heat Distribution

48 Competitors Dingle		24 Competitors Dingle		12 Competitors Dingle	
Heat No.	Competitor	Heat No.	Competitor	Heat No.	Competitor
1	11 vs 22 vs 38	1	2 vs 16 vs 23	1	2 vs 8 vs 11
2	6 vs 27 vs 43	2	8 vs 10 vs 17	2	4 vs 6 vs 9
3	14 vs 19 vs 35	3	3 vs 13 vs 22	3	1 vs 7 vs 12
4	3 vs 30 vs 46	4	6 vs 12 vs 19	4	3 vs 5 vs 10
5	10 vs 23 vs 39	5	1 vs 15 vs 24		
6	7 vs 26 vs 42	6	7 vs 9 vs 18		
7	15 vs 18 vs 34	7	4 vs 14 vs 21		
8	2 vs 31 vs 47	8	5 vs 11 vs 20		
9	12 vs 21 vs 37				
10	5 vs 28 vs 44				
11	13 vs 20 vs 36				
12	4 vs 29 vs 45				
13	9 vs 24 vs 40				
14	8 vs 25 vs 41				
15	16 vs 17 vs 33				
16	1 vs 32 vs 48				

## 23.3. Elimination ladders

23.3.1. The elimination ladder used for the WWT Surf-Freestyle events shall be Dingle Elimination.

23.3.2. WWT 48 Riders Dingle Elimination:



ROUND # 1			ROUND # 2			ROUND # 3			ROUND # 4			ROUND # 5			SEMI FINALS			FINALS		
Heat	Seed	Name	HEAT # 17			HEAT # 18			HEAT # 19			HEAT # 20			HEAT # 21			HEAT # 22		
1	12		JNDW5			W1			HEAT # 48											
	20		JNDW6			W2														
	8		JNDW3			W3														
3	27		JNDW4			W4														
	45			HEAT # 18					HEAT # 24											
5	14		JNDW11			W5			HEAT # 25											
	22		JNDW8			W6														
	30		JNDW7			W7														
7	38		JNDW9			W8														
	46			HEAT # 23					HEAT # 26											
9	54		JNDW13			W9			HEAT # 27											
	62		JNDW10			W10														
11	70		JNDW14			W11			HEAT # 31											
	78		JNDW1			W12														
13	86		JNDW2			W13			HEAT # 32											
	94			HEAT # 33					HEAT # 36											
15	102		JNDW15			W14			HEAT # 37											
	110		JNDW12			W15														
17	118		JNDW16			W16			HEAT # 40											
	126		JNDW17			W17														
19	134		JNDW18			W18			HEAT # 41											
	142		JNDW19			W19														
21	150		JNDW20			W20			HEAT # 42											
	158		JNDW21			W21														
23	166		JNDW22			W22			HEAT # 43											
	174		JNDW23			W23														
25	182		JNDW24			W24			HEAT # 44											
	190		JNDW25			W25														
27	198		JNDW26			W26			HEAT # 45											
	206		JNDW27			W27														
29	214		JNDW28			W28			HEAT # 46											
	222		JNDW29			W29														
31	230		JNDW30			W30			HEAT # 47											
	238		JNDW31			W31														
33	246		JNDW32			W32			HEAT # 48											
	254		JNDW33			W33														
35	262		JNDW34			W34			HEAT # 49											
	270		JNDW35			W35														
37	278		JNDW36			W36			HEAT # 50											
	286		JNDW37			W37														
39	294		JNDW38			W38			HEAT # 51											
	302		JNDW39			W39														
41	310		JNDW40			W40			HEAT # 52											
	318		JNDW41			W41														
43	326		JNDW42			W42			HEAT # 53											
	334		JNDW43			W43														
45	342		JNDW44			W44			HEAT # 54											
	350		JNDW45			W45														
47	358		JNDW46			W46			HEAT # 55											
	366		JNDW47			W47														
49	374		JNDW48			W48			HEAT # 56											
	382		JNDW49			W49														
51	390		JNDW50			W50			HEAT # 57											
	398		JNDW51			W51														
53	406		JNDW52			W52			HEAT # 58											
	414		JNDW53			W53														
55	422		JNDW54			W54			HEAT # 59											
	430		JNDW55			W55														
57	438		JNDW56			W56			HEAT # 60											
	446		JNDW57			W57														
59	454		JNDW58			W58			HEAT # 61											
	462		JNDW59			W59														
61	470		JNDW60			W60			HEAT # 62											
	478		JNDW61			W61														
63	486		JNDW62			W62			HEAT # 63											
	494		JNDW63			W63														
65	502		JNDW64			W64			HEAT # 64											
	510		JNDW65			W65														
67	518		JNDW66			W66			HEAT # 65											
	526		JNDW67			W67														
69	534		JNDW68			W68			HEAT # 66											
	542		JNDW69			W69														
71	550		JNDW70			W70			HEAT # 67											
	558		JNDW71			W71														
73	566		JNDW72			W72			HEAT # 68											
	574		JNDW73			W73														
75	582		JNDW74			W74			HEAT # 69											
	590		JNDW75			W75														
77	598		JNDW76			W76			HEAT # 70											
	606		JNDW77			W77														
79	614		JNDW78			W78			HEAT # 71											
	622		JNDW79			W79														
81	630		JNDW80			W80			HEAT # 72											
	638		JNDW81			W81														
83	646		JNDW82			W82			HEAT # 73											
	654		JNDW83			W83														
85	662		JNDW84			W84			HEAT # 74											
	670		JNDW85			W85														
87	678		JNDW86			W86			HEAT # 75											
	686		JNDW87			W87														
89	694		JNDW88			W88			HEAT # 76											
	702		JNDW89			W89														
91	710		JNDW90			W90			HEAT # 77											
	718		JNDW91			W91														
93	726		JNDW92			W92			HEAT # 78											
	734		JNDW93			W93														
95	742		JNDW94			W94			HEAT # 79											
	750		JNDW95			W95														
97	758		JNDW96			W96			HEAT # 80											
	766		JNDW97			W97														
99	774		JNDW98			W98			HEAT # 81											
	782		JNDW99			W99														
101	790		JNDW100			W100			HEAT # 82											
	798		JNDW101			W101														
103	806		JNDW102			W102			HEAT # 83											
	814		JNDW103			W103														
105	822		JNDW104			W104			HEAT # 84											
	830		JNDW105			W105														
107	838		JNDW106			W106			HEAT # 85											
	846		JNDW107			W107														
109	854		JNDW108			W108			HEAT # 86											
	862		JNDW109			W109														
111	870		JNDW110			W110			HEAT # 87											
	878		JNDW111			W111														
113	886		JNDW112			W112			HEAT # 88											
	894		JNDW113			W113														
115	902		JNDW114			W114			HEAT # 89											
	910		JNDW115			W115														
117	918		JNDW116			W116			HEAT # 90											
	926		JNDW117			W117														
119	934		JNDW118			W118			HEAT # 91											
	942		JNDW119			W119														
121	950		JNDW120			W120			HEAT # 92											
	958		JNDW121			W121														
123	966		JNDW122			W122			HEAT # 93											
	974		JNDW123			W123														
125	982		JNDW124			W124			HEAT # 94											
	990		JNDW125			W125														
127	998		JNDW126			W126			HEAT # 95											
	1006		JNDW127			W127														
129	1014		JNDW128			W128			HEAT # 96											
	1022		JNDW129			W129														
131	1030		JNDW130			W130			HEAT # 97											
	1038		JNDW131			W131														
133	1046		JNDW132			W132			HEAT # 98											
	1054		JNDW133			W133												</		





### 23.3.5. WWT 6 Riders Dingle Elimination

ROUND #1

ROUND #2

SEMI FINALS

FINAL

Heat	Seed	Name
1	2	
	3	
	6	
2	5	
	4	
	1	

HEAT #3

2NDH2	
3RDH1	
2NDH1	
3RDH2	

HEAT #4

HEAT #5

1ST #1	
1STH2	
1STH1	
1STH4	

HEAT #6

WINNERS FINAL

HEAT #7

W13	
W14	

L13

L14

HEAT #8

SMALL FINAL

10	
26	
37	
00	



(i) 48 Riders:

Finishing position	Position	Points
Heat 63 - 1st, 2nd	1, 2	1000, 870
Heat 64 - 1st, 2nd	3,4	770, 700
Heats 57 - 60	5	580
Heats 49 - 56	9	420
Heats 33 - 48	17	140
Heats 17 - 32	33	40

(ii) 24 Riders:

Finishing position	Position	Points
Heat 31 - 1st, 2nd	1, 2	1000, 870
Heat 32 - 1st, 2nd	3,4	770, 700
Heats 29 - 30	5	580
Heats 25 - 28	9	420
Heats 17 - 24	17	140
Heats 9 - 16	33	40

(iii) 12 Riders:

Finishing position	Position	Points
Heat 9A - 1st, 2nd	1, 2	1000, 870
Heat 9B - 1st, 2nd	3,4	770, 700
Heats 7 - 8	5	580
Heats 5 - 6	9	420



#### 23.5.4. Scoring of incomplete elimination series

When the minimum number of heats for a valid WWT elimination series has been completed but not all places have been determined, competitors qualified for heats which have not been run shall be awarded as follows:

(i) Dingle 48:

<b>Finishing Position</b>	<b>Position</b>
Heat 63	1.5
Heat 64	3.5
Heats 61 - 62	2.5
Heats 57 - 60	4.5

(ii) Dingle 24:

<b>Finishing Position</b>	<b>Position</b>
Heat 32	1.5
Heat 31	3.5
Heat 29 - 30	2.5
Heats 25 - 28	4.5

(iii) Dingle 12:

<b>Finishing Position</b>	<b>Position</b>
Heat 16	1.3
Heat 15	3.5
Heat 13 - 14	2.5



(iv) Dingle 6:

Finishing Position	Position
Heat 8	1.3
Heat 7	3.5
Heat 5 -6	2.5

## 24. SURF-FREESTYLE JUDGING RULES

### 24.1. General Judging Rules

#### 24.1.1. Selection of judges

- (i) Only the WWT Sports Commission can make appointments and substitutions for an event.
- (ii) An attempt shall be made to ensure that no judge has a vested interest. There should not be family tie with a competitor.

### 24.2. Individual Scoring procedure

24.2.1. Judging Criteria are applied to score individual waves or tricks performed.

24.2.2. In order to bring the variety criteria into effect, the judges won't count a repeated manoeuvre.

24.2.3. The maximum of attempts per wave or trick will be up to the Head Judge. A notice must be made on the Official Notice Board 30 minutes before the heat starts.

24.2.4. One or two panels of judges, each panel comprising an odd number of judges, no less than three (3) in number, shall score each heat. When there are five (5) judges, the highest and the lowest scores per wave or scoring category will be withdrawn and the average scores of the other three (3) judges will be counted as the final wave or category score.



24.2.5. If a judge misses a wave or a trick they should place an “M” and that score will be given points equal to the average to the nearest thousandth of a point (0.005 to be rounded upward) of the other judges’ scores.

24.2.6. The judges shall award each competitor’s wave or trick or judging category points on a scale from 0.1 to 10.0, broken into one-hundredths increments (e.g 6.444).

24.2.7. Each individual score is rounded to the nearest hundredths place. The rounded scores are added to calculate the final score.

24.2.8. The scores of the respective competitors shall be tabulated together to determine the winner: highest points wins.

24.2.9. The weight given to waves, tricks and judging categories will be announced by the Head Judge and in the Official Notice Board at least thirty (30) minutes before the start of the heat.

24.2.10. If a competitor lands the trick wet and doesn’t lose the board, the judges will still give some credit to the trick. It’s at the discretion of each judge to consider if it’s a crash or a wet landing and to consider how much credit they will give to the trick, based on the commitment, technical difficulty, height, and time spent going up to the board.

24.2.11. The credit given to wet trick landings is directly related to the risk factor involved in the execution of the trick. For tricks with a high degree of risk factor, judges won’t deduct points for a wet landing.

24.2.12. A trick is a crash only if the majority of the judges consider it as a crash. If the minority of the judges consider a trick as a crash, those crashes will be withdrawn and the judges will reconsider the trick in the other scoring categories

24.2.13. A crash will be considered when:

(i) a competitor finishes the trick by pulling the leash to get the wing back.

(ii) when landing a trick, a competitor is capsized, losing control of the board or wing.

(iii) a competitor lands a jump but loses the wing.

(iv) a competitor lands a jump but crashes the wing into water and



completely stops.

24.2.14. Judges may give credit to a landed trick that is not a crash when:

(i) a competitor lands a jump and crashes the wing into the water, but manages to relaunch it and keep riding without completely stopping.

(ii) The credit given to such a trick is directly related to the risk factor and technicality involved in the execution of the trick.

It's at the discretion of each judge to consider how much credit they will give to the trick.

### **24.3. Overall Impression Scoring procedure**

24.3.1. An overall impression score may be used in addition to the trick scores counting towards the final heat result. Criteria of variety, "wow" factor, smoothness, innovation, tricks landed vs crashes, and commitment impact the Overall Impression score. The points awarded to the Overall Impression score counting towards the final result per competitor during a heat will be announced by the Head Judge and posted in the Official Notice Board at least thirty (30) minutes before the start of the heat.

### **24.4. Other judging rules**

24.4.1. A flag out system may be used to eliminate the competitor with the lowest scores and continue the heat keeping the current heat scores from the remaining competitors on the heat. In case of tie, it will be broken in favour of the competitor with the highest single score. If a tie remains between two or more competitors, each competitor's individual scores shall be listed in order of best to worst, even if some of them are excluded scores, and at the first point where there is a difference the tie shall be broken in favour of the competitor with the best individual score.

24.4.2. The judging marks and scores of each individual judge shall be shown only to competitors in that heat, on their request.

24.4.3. Competitors are not allowed to stay in the judge's tower. If a competitor wants to check his judging marks and scores, he shall ask for consent from the Head Judge to enter the judge's tower.



24.4.4. The scores and the decisions of the judges shall not be appealed.

24.4.5. The Head Judge must be sure that the judges do not discuss scores.

24.4.6. Judges may not change their scores. If there are any mistakes the judge should have the Head Judge make the correction for them.

24.4.7. The Head Judge may re-run a heat if there is strong evidence that there is a major discrepancy in the judging scores from each individual judge, or that all judges missed a trick that had a scoring potential that may change the final result.

If it is possible, the decision to re-run shall be made before announcing a winner of the heat in question.

#### **24.5. Ties in the individual scoring format**

24.5.1. In case of tie in the individual score format, it will be broken in favour of the competitor with the highest single wave or trick score. If a tie remains between two or more competitors, each competitor's individual scores included in the total score only, shall be listed in order of best to worst, and at the first point where there is a difference the tie shall be broken in favour of the competitor with the best individual score. If a tie remains between two or more competitors, each competitor's individual trick scores shall be listed in order of best to worst, and at the first point where there is a difference the tie shall be broken in favour of the competitor with the best individual score.

#### **24.6. Ties in the Overall Impression format**

24.6.1. In case of tie, it will be broken in favour of the competitor with the highest Technical Difficulty score. If a tie remains between two or more competitors, each competitor's individual scores shall be listed in order of best to worst, even if some of them are excluded scores, and at the first point where there is a difference the tie shall be broken in favor of the competitor with the best individual score.

### **25. JUDGING CRITERIA.**

#### **25.1. Judging criteria for the waves**

Judging Criteria are applied to score individual waves ridden. Each



judge analyses the following major elements when scoring a wave :

- (i) Degree of difficulty of the manoeuvres performed.
  - (ii) Commitment in the manoeuvres performed and the risk taken to perform them.
  - (iii) Variety and combination of manoeuvres within the same wave.
  - (iv) Speed and power.
  - (v) Flow and linking of manoeuvres.
  - (vi) Size of the waves ridden, directly linked to the degree of difficulty of manoeuvres performed in each wave.
  - (vii) Innovative and progressive manoeuvres.
- It's important to note that the emphasis of certain elements is contingent upon the location and the conditions on the day, as well as changes of conditions during the day.

Competitors must combine the major key elements in order to be awarded scores in the excellent range

(viii) The following scale may be used to describe a wave ridden that is scored:

- 0 – 1.9 = Poor;
- 2.0 – 3.9 = Fair;
- 4.0 – 5.9 = Average;
- 6.0 – 7.9 = Good;
- 8.0 – 10.0 = Excellent.

## 25.2. Judging criteria for Freestyle tricks

- (i) **Height and amplitude** – The combination of height and amplitude of the tricks completed during the heat. As the wind conditions increase, this aspect will exponentially become more and more into consideration, but only when the height and amplitude are achieved along with risk factor and technical difficulty.





- (ii) **Technical Difficulty** – The technical difficulty of tricks completed during the heat.
- (iii) **Power** – The power during the execution of the tricks. Power will be considered as a combination of speed into the trick to pop and speed out during the landing, height and amplitude during the trick.
- (iv) **Risk factor** – The risk factor is directly linked to the power, height, amplitude and technical difficulty of the jump, but also to the commitment of the competitor and physical challenge during the execution, duration of the critical moment, and energy on the execution.
- (v) **Smoothness** – Smoothness and fluidity during the execution and landing of tricks completed during the heat.
- (vi) **Innovation** – Tricks that have never been landed in competition before.

## 26. RIGHT OF WAY RULES IN THE WAVES

### 26.1. Wave Priority with Side-Shore conditions

- 26.1.1. With side-shore winds and only one available direction on any given wave, the heat priority works in the following manner:
- 26.1.2. the competitor who has first turned on a swell shall have unconditional priority over the other competitors for the entire duration of that wave.
- 26.1.3. If two or more competitors turn at the same time, with no clear interpretation of which competitor turned first, then the competitor windward has right of way for the entire duration of that wave.
- 26.1.4. Video evidence shall be used to prove that one rider has turned on a swell before the other.



## **26.2. Waves Priority with On-shore conditions**

With on-shore winds and multiple random peaks wave possession may vary slightly according to the nature of an individual wave.

26.2.1. There will be cases where one swell will have two separate, defined peaks far apart that eventually meet at some point. The competitor who makes the first turn shall be deemed to have wave possession and the second competitor must give way by turning or kicking out before hindering the right of way rider.

26.2.2. If two competitors turn at the same time on two separate peaks that eventually meet, then:

- (i) If they both give way by turning or kicking out, so that neither is hindered, there will be no penalty.
- (ii) If they collide or hinder one another, a competitor will be penalized by the judges if either or both indicate aggression at the point of hindrance.
- (iii) If neither competitor gives way by exiting the ride and both share responsibility for the confrontation, then a double interference will be called. Both competitors will score a zero for that wave, and each of their best scoring waves are halved.

## **27. INTERFERENCE IN THE WAVE**

### **27.1. Rules for waves**

27.1.1. a competitor deemed to have possession of a wave has unconditional right of way for the entire duration of that ride. This rule prevails in case of conflict with other(s) 19.1 right of way rule(s).

27.1.2. any one who stands up in front of a competitor with right of way has the chance to ride or kick out of the wave without being called interference, unless they hinder the scoring potential of the competitor with right of way by any means. These include excessive hassling, including with their wing from behind, or breaking down a section.

27.1.3. if a second competitor surfs another section of the same wave, upwind or downwind, but has not hindered the



original competitor with right of way by taking the same wave then the judges may choose not to penalise them even though they don't have right of way, and will score both competitor's surfs.

if in the opinion of the judges, the second competitor has interfered with the original competitor with right of way, by causing them to pull out or lose the wave, then interference may be called on the second competitor, even though they were on another section upwind or downwind of the first when the interference was called.

27.1.4. if a competitor with right of way misses or falls off their wave, they shall keep clear of the following wave if another competitor has possession on that wave, if reasonably possible. If a competitor cannot complete their wave due to another competitor being capsized in the wave, causing possible loss of scoring potential, the affected competitor's heat may be re-run and an interference may be called. The Head Judge and Race Director will decide whether it is an interference and whether the heat will be re-run from the beginning, from the moment of the interference, or if extra time will be added if there is a re-run.

27.1.5. If a competitor who remains in the water after their maximum number of waves will be penalised for interference if they ride any extra wave that obviously deprives another competitor of a potential wave.

## **27.2. Interference penalty procedure for Overall impression scoring**

27.2.1. If an interference penalty is called on a competitor, then the competitor's final score will be penalised with a loss of 50% of their "Technical Difficulty" scoring.

If a competitor incurs a second interference penalty during the heat, they must immediately leave the competition area and won't be scored from that point, losing 100% of their "Technical Difficulty" scoring

27.2.2. With two heats on the water simultaneously, if there is an interference between two riders of different heats, the heat will be stopped and may be re-started. Interference penalty may be called and the Race Director will decide whether it will be a re-run from the beginning, from the moment of the interference, or with additional time.



### 27.3. Interference penalty procedure for individual scoring

27.3.1. If an interference penalty is called on a competitor, then the competitor's final score will be penalised with a loss of 50% of their second best wave or trick score.

If a competitor incurs a second interference penalty during the heat, he must immediately leave the competition area and won't be scored from that point, losing 100% of their second best wave or trick score.

27.3.2. Same rule applied as 25.2.2.

## CHAPTER 3: WINGFOIL SURF-SLALOM DISCIPLINE.

### 28. DEFINITIONS

28.1. **Abandonment:** An abandoned race is one which the Race Committee declares void at any time after starting signal, and which may be re-sailed at its discretion

28.2. **Beach Starting:** When the start line is on the beach, or so close to the beach that the competitor must stand in the water to start, it is a Beach Start.

28.3. **Capsized:** A sailboard shall rank as capsized when is not under way due to the wing being in the water and/or the competitor is water starting or up-hauling.

28.4. **Hearing:** A protest committee holds a hearing to decide a protest or to consider giving redress.



- 28.5. **Interested Party:** A person who may gain or lose as a result of a protest committee's decision, or who has a close personal interest in the decision.
- 28.6. **Mark:** A mark is any object specified in the Sailing instructions which a board must round or pass on a required side.
- 28.7. **On a tack:** A board is on a tack except when it is capsized, tacking or gybing. A board is on the tack (starboard or port) corresponding to its windward side.
- 28.8. **Outside/Inside/Overlap:**  
Outside. The outside board is the board furthest from the mark.  
Inside. The inside board is the board closest to the mark.  
Overlap. Boards overlap when the nose of the board is in front of the stern of the other.
- 28.9. **Overtaking:** A board shall rank as overtaking from the moment it gains an overlap until it gains right of way. If an overlap between two sailboards exist when approaching the starting line to start. The windward sailboard shall be considered to be overtaking. In downwind course you can overtake in windward and leeward.
- 28.10. **Postponement:** A postponed race is one not started at its scheduled time and which may be sailed at any time the Race Committee may decide.
- 28.11. **Proper course:** A course a board would sail to finish as soon as possible in the absence of other boards referred to in the rule using the term.
- 28.12. **Racing:** A board is racing from its preparatory signal until it has either finished and cleared the finishing line or retired, or until the race has been postponed, abandoned, or a general recall has been signalled.
- 28.13. **Right of way:** Unless Direct Referring is to be used.
- i) Outside board: A board on the outside gains right of way when its hull and rig are ahead of the right of way line of the inside board.
  - ii) Inside Board: A board on the outside gains right of way when its right of way line is ahead of the right of way line of the inside board.
  - iii) If there is a reasonable doubt that a board has gained right of way, it shall be presumed that it did not.



- 28.14. **Right of Way Line:** A right of way line is an imaginary line projected abeam from the nose of the board.
- 28.15. **Room:** The space a board needs in the existing conditions while manoeuvring promptly in a seamanlike way.
- 28.16. **Room to Pass:** When boards are overlapped, a board required to keep clear shall give a board with right of way room to pass a mark.
- 28.17. **Rule.**
- i) The rules in this book including definitions, race signals, preambles, the rules of an appendix when it applies (but not titles)
  - ii) the prescriptions of the national authority concerned, when they apply:
  - iii) the Sailing Instructions and Notice of Race;
  - iv) any other document governing the event.
- 28.18. **Set.** A course is considered set when all marks and starting/finishing vessels are anchored in their correct position and the Race Committee is ready to start a race.
- 28.19. **Starting:** A board starts when, after its starting signal, any part of its hull, rig or crew first crosses the starting line the direction of the course to the first mark.
- 28.20. **Finishing:** a board finishes when any part of its hull, rig or crew first crossed the finish line in a controlled sailing position.
- 28.21. **Tacking:** Is a transitional manoeuvre of changing tack with the wind ahead. A Tack begins when the turn is started and it ends when the board has borne away to a proper course.
- 28.22. **Gybing:** Is a transitional manoeuvre of changing tack with the wind astern. A gybe begins when the turn started and it ends when the board is underway on a proper course.
- 28.23. **An upwind race:** Where over 20% of the course is upwind.
- 28.24. **Dangerous Sailing:** Sailing in a manner then can be considered as dangerous or a threat to the safety of the other competitors.



#### 28.25. **Conditions:**

For all races the Minimum wind conditions is 7 knots or considered suitable conditions by the call of the Race Director.

From the starting procedure until the end of the race should be abandon if the wind drops 7 knots or the conditions are not suitable in any part of the course area.

On all cases the Race Director shall ensure that the wind is measured in all the course area; close to the marks, starting line, finishing line... It is recommended to have boats in all the parts of the course.

Protests regarding wind strength and suitability of wind direction or wind conditions shall be disallowed.

28.26. **DNF:** Did not Finish. The competitor did not make to the finish line.

28.27. **PMS:** Premature start. The competitor crossed the starting line before green flag is up.

28.28. **DSQ:** Disqualified. The competitor has been disqualified directly by the referee. There are several reasons to disqualify a competitor.

28.29. **DNS:** Did not Start. The competitor did not cross the starting line.

#### 28.30. **Event officers.**

GWA Surf-racing events shall use the following:

A GWA approved Race Director.

A GWA approved Principal Race Officer (PRO)

A GWA approved Head Protest Judge

At least 4 GWA approved Judges.

A GWA Representative.

A GWA approved Scorer.

Exceptions may only be made in advance by the GWA management board.

### 29. **HYDROFOIL SURF-SLALOM EQUIPMENT**

29.1. Only hydrofoils are eligible for use in competition.

29.2. The leading edge from the wing must be inflatable.

29.3. The use of a safety leash to secure the wing is mandatory.



29.4. The use of a helmet and protection vest it is mandatory.

29.5. The use of a board leash could be mandatory depending on the conditions. It will be announced by the Race Director and posted in the Official Notice Board at least thirty (30) minutes before the start of the heat.

### **30. ELIMINATION PROCEDURE.**

#### **30.1. Elimination procedure**

30.1.1. The Elimination procedure shall be:

- (i) Competitors' names shall be entered on the appropriate elimination ladder according to the event seeding and the heat distribution table below.
- (ii) Competitors with no ranking will be distributed in the WWT ladder according to the name drawing that shall be done by the Head Protest Judge at the first day mandatory meeting for all competitors before the competition starts.
- (iii) "Byes," if any, shall be positioned so that they are allocated to the most highly ranked competitors.
- (iv) Competitors shall ride all versus all, in several surf-slalom/heats. The declared winners shall advance on the elimination ladder.
- (v) If a division has less than 20 competitors, it can be run as a full fleet race with all the competitors at once. The Full fleet can be only used in the long distance format. It is recommended to don't run heats with a bigger fleet of 15 competitors.





80 Competitors Single		48 Competitors Single		20 Competitors Single	
Heat No.	Competitor	Heat No.	Competitor	Heat No.	Competitor
1	6,11,22,27,38,43,54, 59,70,75	1	6,11,22,27,38,3,14, 19,30,35,43,46	1	6,11,19,3,14,7,10,2, 15,18
2	3,14,19,30,35,46,51, 62,67,78	2	7,10,23,26,39,2,15, 18,31,34,42,47	2	5,12, 4,13,20, 8, 9, 1 , 16, 17
3	7,10,23,26,39,42,55, 58,71,74	3	5,12,21,28,37,4,13,20,29,36,44,45		
4	2,15,18,31,34,47,50, 63,66,79	4	8,9,24,25,40,1,16, 17,32,33,41,48		
5	5,12,21,28,37,44,53, 60,69,76				
6	4,13,20,29,36,45,52, 61,68,77				
7	8,9,24,25,40,41,56, 57,72,73				
8	1,16,17,32,33,48,49, 64,65,80.				

## 30.2. Elimination ladders

30.2.1. The elimination ladder used for the WWT Surf-Slalom events shall be Single Elimination. Depending of the size of the fleet the number of heats and size of the heats it can be adjusted.

30.2.2. WWT 80 Riders Single Elimination:



	ROUND 1	ROUND 2	ROUND 3	SMALL FINAL	WINNER FINAL
	SEED				
#1	6				
	11				
	22				
	27				
	36				
	43				
	46				
	70				
#2	3				
	14				
	19				
	30				
	35				
	49				
	61				
	67				
#3	7				
	10				
	23				
	40				
	42				
	46				
	71				
	72				
#4	2				
	15				
	19				
	31				
	34				
	47				
	49				
	63				
#5	5				
	12				
	21				
	28				
	37				
	45				
	53				
	69				
#6	4				
	13				
	20				
	29				
	36				
	44				
	52				
	61				
#7	8				
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	16				
	24				
	32				
	41				
	48				
	62				
#8	1				
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	33				
	40				
	48				
	64				
#9	10				
	11				
	25				
	26				
	38				
	43				
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#10	12				
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#11	13				
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#12	16				
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#13	17				
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#40	44				
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	74				
	82				
	93				
#41	45				



### 30.2.3. WWT 48 Riders Single Elimination:

ROUND 1

ROUND 2

SMALL FINAL

WINNER FINAL

#1

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11		
22		
27		
38		
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14		
19		
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35		
43		
46		

#5

1st #1		
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3rd #1		
4th #1		
5th #1		
1st #2		
2nd #2		
3rd #2		
4th #2		
5th #2		

#2

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#7

6th #5		
7th #5		
8th #5		
9th #5		
10th #5		
6th #6		
7th #6		
8th #6		
9th #6		
10th #6		

#8

1st #5		
2nd #5		
3rd #5		
4th #5		
5th #5		
1st #6		
2nd #6		
3rd #6		
4th #6		
5th #6		

#3

5		
12		
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28		
37		
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13		
20		
29		
36		
44		
45		

#6

1st #3		
2nd #3		
3rd #3		
4th #3		
5th #3		
1st #4		
2nd #4		
3rd #4		
4th #4		
5th #4		

1st #7 = 11th

2nd #7 = 12th

3rd #7 = 13th

4th #7 = 14th

5th #7 = 15th

6th #7 = 16th

7th #7 = 17th

8th #7 = 18th

9th #7 = 19th

10th #7 = 20th

1st #8 = 1st

2nd #8 = 2nd

3rd #8 = 3rd

4th #8 = 4th

5th #8 = 5th

6th #8 = 6th

7th #8 = 7th

8th #8 = 8th

9th #8 = 9th

10th #8 = 10th

#4

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24		
25		
40		
1		
16		
17		
32		
33		
41		
48		



### 30.2.4. WWT 20 Riders Single Elimination:

ROUND 1

SMALL FINAL

WINNER FINAL

#1

6		
11		
19		
3		
14		
7		
10		
2		
15		
18		

#3

6th #1		
7th #1		
8th #1		
9th #1		
10th #1		
6th #2		
7th #2		
8th #2		
9th #2		
10th #2		

#4

1st #1		
2nd #1		
3rd #1		
4th #1		
5th #1		
1st #2		
2nd #2		
3rd #2		
4th #2		
5th #2		

#2

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12		
4		
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20		
8		
9		
1		
16		
17		

1st #3 = 11th

2nd #3 = 12th

3rd #3 = 13th

4th #3 = 14th

5th #3 = 15th

6th #3 = 16th

7th #3 = 17th

8th #3 = 18th

9th #3 = 19th

10th #3 = 20th

1st #4 = 1st

2nd #4 = 2nd

3rd #4 = 3rd

4th #4 = 4th

5th #4 = 5th

6th #4 = 6th

7th #4 = 7th

8th #4 = 8th

9th #4 = 9th

10th #4 = 10th

## 30.3. Elimination and scoring

30.3.1. When Surf-Slalom is run using an elimination system, competitors will score points based on the following principle. Competitors in the final shall score their finishing position (0.7 for 1st place). Competitors in a small final shall score their finishing position plus the number of competitors in the final. Competitors in previous heats shall score the average of the positions covered by all sailors who finished in the same position in the other heats in that round of the elimination.

30.3.2. When a rider is PMS, DNS, DNF or DSQ will get the total points of the number of competitors of the heat plus one.

30.3.3. If the number of sailors in a heat, for any reason, is equal to or less than the number of sailors advancing to the next round the heat may not be re-sailed and all sailors shall advance.



#### 30.3.4. Example in a ten men single 80 elimination.

Finishing Position	Points
<b>FINAL</b>	
1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th	0.7, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10
<b>SMALL FINAL</b>	
1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th	11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20
<b>ROUND 2</b>	
6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th	21, 25, 29, 33, 37
<b>ROUND 1</b>	
6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th	41, 49, 57, 65, 73

#### 30.3.5. Example in a single 48 elimination.

Finishing Position	Points
<b>FINAL</b>	
1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th	0.7, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10
<b>SMALL FINAL</b>	
1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th	11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20
<b>ROUND 1</b>	
7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th	25, 29, 33, 37, 41, 45



### 30.3.6.Example in a ten men single 20 elimination

Finishing Position	Points
<b>FINAL</b>	
1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th	0,7, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10
<b>SMALL FINAL</b>	
1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th	11, 12 ,13 ,14, 15 ,16, 17, 18, 19, 20

## 30.4. Scoring of Incomplete Heats

30.4.1. Where the minimum number of heats for a valid surf-slalom/ elimination series has been completed but not all places determined, competitors qualified for heats which have not been run shall be awarded the total of the points for all the positions not decided, divided by the number of competitors in the remaining heats.

30.4.2. An elimination needs to be completed including the finals to be scored for the event ranking.

30.4.3. If the first elimination is completed including until the semi-finals it will count as a valid race for the event ranking.

30.4.4. All riders that qualified for the final which is incomplete will get rewarded the average points from positions 1st to 10th, and all the riders that qualify to the small finals which are incomplete will get the average points from 11th till 20th.

## 30.5. Discards

30.5.1. Depending upon the number of discards permitted, the highest then second highest scores are discarded. The lowest total score, with discards, if any, taken into account, wins. Scores may be discarded as set out in the following table.

30.5.2. Discards in a single elimination should be:



Number of events completed	Number of events discarded
1 – 3	0
4 – 6	1
7 – 9	2
10 or more	3

### 30.6 Event ranking points

Position	Points	Position	Points	Position	Points	Position	Points
1	1000	21	498	41	262	61	105
2	960	22	486	42	254	62	100
3	920	23	474	43	246	63	95
4	890	24	462	44	238	64	90
5	860	25	450	45	230	65	85
6	830	26	438	46	222	66	80
7	800	27	426	47	214	67	75
8	770	28	414	48	206	68	70
9	740	29	402	49	198	69	65
10	710	30	390	50	190	70	60
11	690	31	378	51	182	71	55
12	670	32	366	52	174	72	50
13	650	33	354	53	166	73	45
14	630	34	342	54	158	74	40
15	610	35	330	55	150	75	35



16	590	36	318	56	142	76	30
17	570	37	306	57	134	77	25
18	550	38	294	58	126	78	20
19	530	39	282	59	118	79	15
20	510	40	270	60	110	80	10

### 31. **EQUIPMENT RESTRICTIONS.**

There won't take in consideration any kind of restrictions on the equipment.

### 32. **THE FORMAT.**

- 32.1. An event can run these different formats counting for the same event ranking;
  - (i) Long distance.
  - (ii) Down-wind start to up-wind and finish down-wind.
  - (iii) Up wind start to down-wind finish.
  - (iv) Pure downwind (Classic Slalom).
- 32.2. There is a course with three or more different marks, one starting line and one finishing line.
- 32.3. Every course may have a surf/pumping leg where competitors have to make a certain section without using the power of the wing but only riding the swell or pumping.
- 32.4. The number of laps and disposition of the marks will be determined by the Race Director accordingly the conditions and the competition timing. The call must be made at least 20 minutes before the race starts.
- 32.5. There will be a minimum of 4 minutes of period in between the start of the heat and the start of the sequence of the next heat, or when the top five competitors crossed the finishing line, (with the exception of the finals).





32.6. There will be a three minutes countdown, signal procedure in rule 18.2.1

32.7. There is a maximum of 11 races per event.

32.8. Any part of the equipment must cross over the starting and finish line first in order to be valid in sailing position.

A board starts when after the starting signal any parts of his equipment crosses the starting line in the direction of the course to the first mark.

A board finishes when any part of his equipment crosses the finish line in a control riding position.

32.9. For starting a race it must be at least a minimum of 7 knots, however it will be up to the Race Director to decide if the conditions are suitable to run the competition.

### 33. **GENERAL RULES.**

#### 33.1. **Direct refereeing**

33.1.1. Protests may be conducted using 'Direct Refereeing'. Competitors will be informed in the Sailing Instructions for the event that Direct Refereeing may be used. The principle of Direct Refereeing is that the protest committee, normal protest and redress process and normal right of way rules are replaced by an instant and non-appealable protest made by the protest committee on the offending sailor based on :

(i) Dangerous sailing.

33.1.2. The priority of right of way rule will be applied only on the upwind leg. Starboard tack will always have priority over Port Tack.

33.1.3. The decision of the Principle Race Officer can't be appealed. He can use devices to improve the quality of his work. The evidences registered could never be appealed in a protest.

33.1.4. A Black Flag will be raised at the finish line. If the Black Flag is raised then all sailors must consult the Official Notice Board immediately after their heat. The ONB will display the competitors name of disqualified sailors and any redress awarded. All protest decisions are final and may not be appealed. Any competitor who fails to check the Official Notice



Board and competes when disqualified will be fined according to Rule 11.2.2

33.1.5. If all the riders that qualifies for the next round finishes the heat in suitable conditions, the race should be valid.

When 50% of the riders registered in the final finishes the heat in suitable conditions, the race shall be valid and other competitors shall be scored up to the time limit.

33.1.6. A competitor must sail the course so as to round or pass each mark on the required side in correct sequence according to the course diagram, and so that a string representing his/her wake from the time he/she starts until he/she finishes would, when drawn taut, lie on the required side of each mark, touching each rounding mark. A competitor shall not correct a course error or re-enter the course area after crossing through the finishing line.

There is no penalty for touching a mark, but competitors shall not hold on to a starting mark.

### **33.2. Penalties and redress**

33.2.1. In addition a competitor might be disqualified when:

(i) Surpassing the starting line before the green flag is up (OCS or over the line). In this case there will be a general recall and the same heat will be restarted without the disqualified riders. Competitor/s will be disqualified (DSQ) from the race, scoring one point plus the number of competitors in the race.

In case half of the fleet is disqualified, (not the final), the remaining riders automatically advance to the next round.

(ii) Not leaving clear the triangle in the Starting line the last minute before the race starts. The triangle is an imaginary line in between the committee boat, the start buoy and the buoy/mark number one.

(iii) Riding in a manner that can be considered as dangerous or a threat of safety for other competitors. The competitor will be scored one point plus the number of the competitors in the race.

(iv) A competitor competes in the wrong heat. The competitor will be scored one point plus the number of the competitors in



his heat.

#### 33.2.2. A competitor will be warned when:

(i) Using the power of the wing during the surfing/pumping leg will be penalised with a warning. When receiving a second warning will be disqualified from the heat. Additionally the warnings can be used to notice competitors that are riding in a potential dangerous manner.

Other fines:

(i) A competitor doesn't show up to the race. (DNC)  
Competitors that did not come to the course area shall score two points plus the number of competitors in the race.

(ii) A competitor couldn't make it over the starting line. (DNS)  
Competitors that did not cross the start line shall score two points plus the number of competitors in the race.

(iii) A competitor did not cross the finishing line. (DNF)  
Competitors that did not cross the finish line shall score the number of competitors in the race.

### 33.3. Redress

33.3.1. A Competitor who alleges that his/her finishing position has been materially prejudiced through no fault of his/her own by:

(i) An action or omission of the Race Committee, or

(ii) being infringed by a competitor against whom a penalty has been imposed under Rule 11.2.17 (Unsportsmanlike Contact).

33.3.2. If the Judges decide that the finishing position was materially prejudiced in any of the circumstances set out above, they shall make as equitable an arrangement as possible for all competitors concerned. This may be to let the results of the heat stand, to adjust the point score of the prejudiced competitor, to abandon and eventually re-sail the heat or to have a sail-off between certain competitors in the heat or to adopt some other means.

33.3.3. Before a race or heat is abandoned the protest committee shall consult the GWA representative and race director. It is advised that also before abandoning a race the protest



committee wait 12 hours where possible in making the final decision. This way the protest committee have time to consider all evidence to make an informed decision as a decision like this can have a huge impact on the final results and needs to be taken very seriously.

33.3.4. Competitors may not request redress for incidents that have been judged using Direct Refereeing

### **33.4. Compensation**

33.4.1. Give to the sailor the position he had during the moment he was prejudiced.

33.4.2. Reward it with the position of the average of numbers of competitors in the heat.

### **33.5. Recalls**

#### **33.5.1. Elimination**

For races comprising 4 or more heats in the first round when at his/her starting signal, and one minute prior, any part of one or more competitor's board, rig or body is identified in a triangle between the two ends of the start line and the first mark, the race committee shall as soon as possible give a general recall by displaying the code flag "First Substitute". The identified sailor (s) shall be disqualified for that heat. These disqualified competitors must be hailed or listed on a board and must leave the course area immediately. They are prohibited to join a re-start of the heat/race. If the heat/race is subsequently recalled, postponed or abandoned and is sailed later, these competitor(s) may not start and remain disqualified. Premature starts shall not be protested by the competitors.

### **33.6. Abandonment**

33.6.1. If the Race Committee is not able to identify, even with the help of a recording device, the premature starter/s, then the heat/race may also be abandoned and re-sailed. This abandonment may be announced at any time after the start, i.e. even after finish of the heat/race. The abandonment shall be signalled by the N-flag and/or by announcement ashore.



- a) An abandoned heat/race shall be re-sailed immediately or rescheduled.
- b) Any sailors in that heat/race shall have to accept these circumstances, even though some may have started correctly.
- c) Following a general recall and exactly one minute after the recall flag "First Substitute" has been lowered, accompanied by a sound signal, a new preparatory signal (Yellow Flag) shall be given.

### **33.7. Postponing and abandoning a race**

#### **33.7.1. The Race Committee may**

- (a) before the starting signal, postpone a race for any reason
- (b) after the starting signal, abandon a race or heat because of insufficient wind, or because a mark is missing or has shifted, or because the course is incorrectly laid, or for other reasons directly affecting the fairness of the competition. The time limit for any such abandonment is 15 minutes after the first finisher.
- (c) postpone or abandon a race at any time for safety reasons.

#### **33.7.2. Postponement**

A postponement must be signalled by the raising of the "Answering Pendant" over the committee boat or station, accompanied by two sound signals. After a postponement the ordinary starting signals in accordance with Rule 18.2.1 are used. The postponement signal shall be lowered, accompanied by a sound signal, one minute before the new preparatory signal or warning signal (Rule 18.2.1) is made.

#### **33.7.3. Abandonment**

- (a) Raising of code flag "N," accompanied by three sound signals, means: "Present race(s) is/are abandoned."
- (b) Raising of code flags "N" over "X" with three sound signals, means: "Present race(s) is/are abandoned and will shortly be re-sailed. The warning signal will be made one minute after this signal is lowered."
- (c) The raising of code flag "N" over "F," accompanied by three



sound signals, shall mean: "Only the present women's race is abandoned."

(d) The raising of code flag "N" over "G," accompanied by three sound signals, shall mean: "Only the present men's race is abandoned."

(e) Raising of code flags "N" over "Answering Pendant," with three sound signals, means: "Present race(s) is/are abandoned, return to shore immediately to receive information regarding further activity."

(f) Raising of code flags "N" over "Fun Flag," with three sound signals, means "Present race(s) is/are abandoned and you shall continue racing and finish the race(s) for fun, training and press/spectator purposes."

(g) The Race Committee must notify all competitors concerned by signal or otherwise when a postponed or abandoned heat will be sailed.

## **34. THE COURSE**

### **34.1. Courses**

34.1.1. Any form of downwind and up wind slalom, figure eight slalom or long distance course may be used for ...

The starting line and finishing lines shall be:

(a) An imaginary straight line between the objects indicated on the course diagram/description. This line shall be taken between those points of the indicated objects which are facing the course side most. If one of these objects is on the beach, it shall be marked by a blue flag, prominently displayed, or

(b) A line between two marks,

(c) Any other line specified in the Sailing Instructions or course diagram.

34.1.2. The course diagram shall be posted on the official notice board at least 20 minutes before the start or before the Z flag is hoisted, or before sending all competitors to the committee boat.



34.1.3. The course could be adaptive depending on the conditions and the spot.

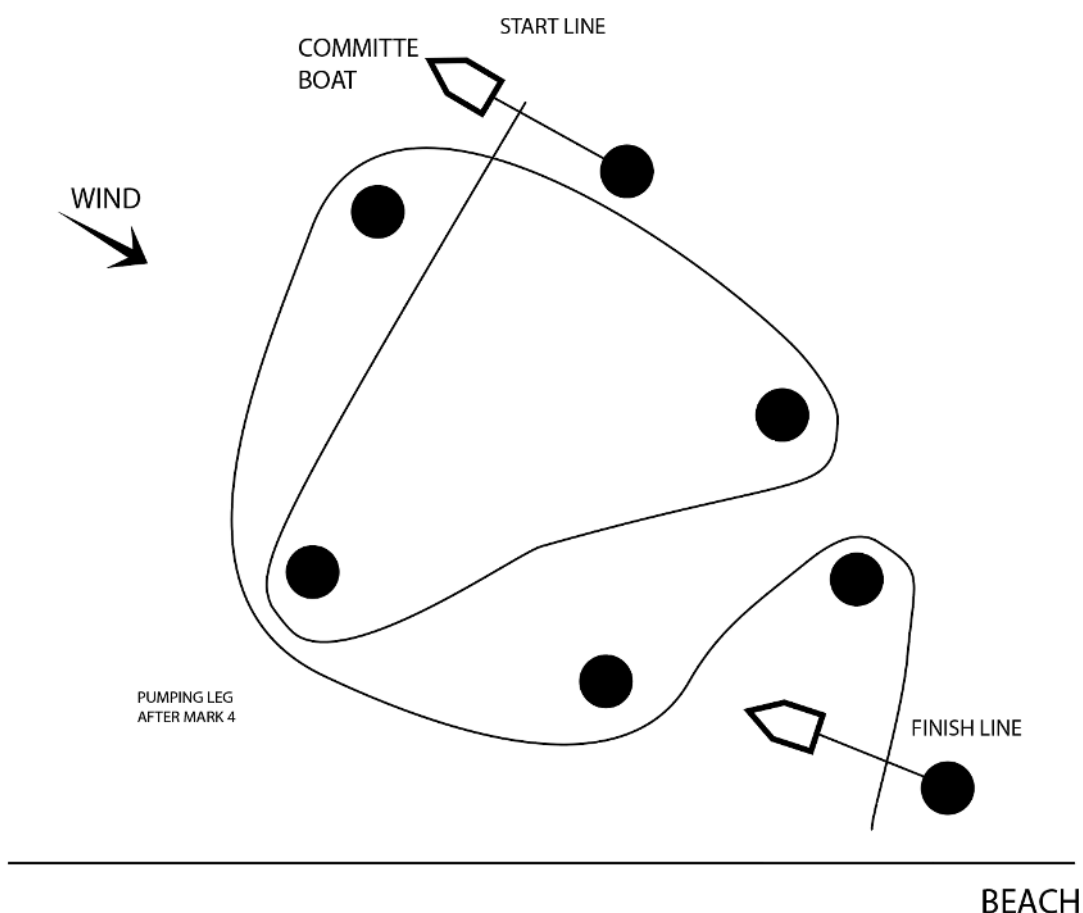
## 34.2. Sailing in the Course Area when not competing

34.2.1. If reasonably possible, a board not racing shall avoid interfering with a board that is racing.

34.2.2. A competitor may not sail in the course area indicated on the course diagram/description while races are taking place other than during his/her own race(s). A competitor infringing this rule shall be penalized as specified under Rule 11.2.2.

## 34.3. Course Diagrams

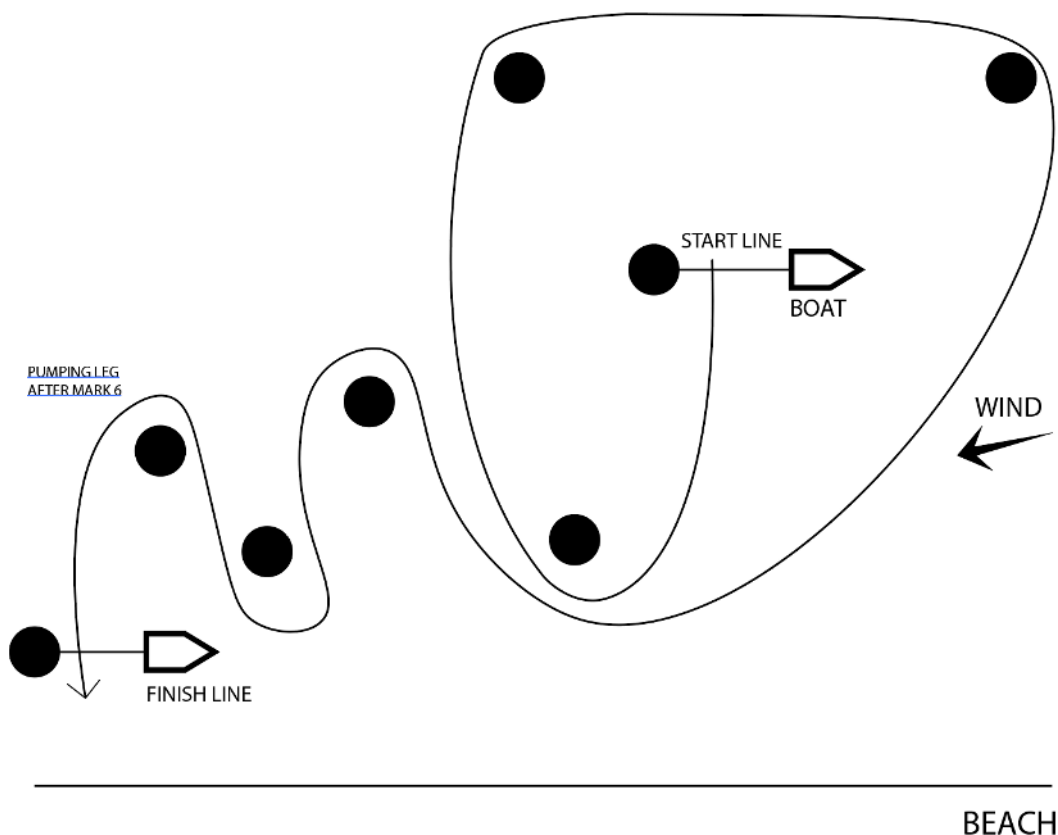
34.3.1. Example of a Surf-Slalom course downwind to upwind:







### 34.3.3. Example of a Surf-Slalom course:






### 34.4. Surf/pumping leg.


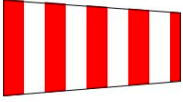
34.4.1. A course can include a surfing or pumping leg if the conditions are suitable for it. The surfing/pumping leg will start with a control gate, the power of the wing won't be allowed to be used after passing through the imaginary line in between the two marks until the next buoy of the course or the finish line (in case the downwind leg is at the final section of the course). Competitors will have to make this section performing their glide on the swell or pumping by themselves holding the wing on the neutral handle of the leading edge.

34.4.2. In case a competitor can't make the whole downwind section without the power of the wing and comes down off the foil, he is only allowed to use the power of the wing again if the board stands still until he gets back up to the foil and then he has to grab it from the neutral handle again.



### 34.5. Signal procedure.

MEANING	FLAG
"WARNING SIGNAL"	
"PREPARATORY SIGNAL"	
1 MINUTE LEFT	NO FLAG
"STARTING SIGNAL"	

MEANING	FLAG	SOUND SIGNAL	PROCEDURE
"GENERAL RECALL" (OCS)		2	ALL THE RIDERS MUST GO TO THE START LINE. WILL BE LOWERED WITH 1 SOUND SIGNAL 1' BEFORE THE YELLOW FLAG.
"POSTPONEMENT"		2	THE CURRENT RACE IS POSTPONED. WILL BE LOWERED WITH 1 SOUND SIGNAL 1' BEFORE THE RED FLAG.



<b>"ABANDONMENT"</b>		<b>3</b>	THE CURRENT RACE IS ABANDONED. WILL BE LOWERED WITH 1 SOUND SIGNAL 1' BEFORE THE RED FLAG.
<b>"CHANGE OF SOME RULE"</b>		<b>1</b>	ALL THE RIDERS MUST GO TO THE OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD (ONB) TO CHECK ANY CHANGE ON THE RULES.
<b>"PROCEED BACK TO BEACH"</b>		<b>1</b>	ALL THE RIDERS MUST GO TO BACK TO BEACH.
<b>"FINISH LINE"</b>		<b>1</b>	
<b>DISQUALIFIED</b>			ALL THE RIDERS MUST GO TO THE OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD (ONB) TO CHECK THE NUMBER OF DISQUALIFIED.



# APPENDIX A

## SURF-FREESTYLE TRICK FAMILY

TRICK NAME	ABBREVIATION	AVERAGE SCORE
UPWIND 360	UW360	
DOWNWIND 360	DW360	
TS UPWIND 360	TSUW3	
FOOT DRAG	FD	
SEAT RIDING	SR	
AIR	AIR	
RALEY	R	
TOESIDE AIR	TSAIR	
TOESIDE RALEY	TSR	
ONE FOOT	OF	
FRONTSIDE 360	FS3	
FRONTSIDE 720	FS7	
FRONTSIDE 360 SPIN	FS3SP	
BACKSIDE 360 SPIN	BS3SP	
FOILSLIDE FRONTSIDE 360	FSFS3	
AIR JIBE	AJ	
BLIND AIR JIBE	BAJ	
BLIND FRONTSIDE 360	BFS3	
BLIND FRONTSIDE 540	BFS5	
TOESIDE BLIND AIR JIBE	TSBAJ	
TOESIDE BLIND FRONTSIDE 360	TSBFS3	
TOESIDE BLIND FRONTSIDE 540	TSBFS5	
CLEW FIRST AIR JIBE	CFAJ	
CLEW FIRST FRONTSIDE 360	CFFS3	
CLEW FIRST FRONTSIDE 540	CFFS5	
BACKWIND AIR JIBE	BWAJ	
BACKWIND FRONTSIDE 360	BWFS3	
BACKWIND FRONTSIDE 540	BWFS5	

TRICK NAME	ABBREVIATION	AVERAGE SCORE
BACKSIDE 360	BS3	
TOESIDE AIR JIBE	TSAJ	
TOESIDE FS 360	TSFS3	
TOESIDE FS 540	TSFS5	
TOESIDE BS 360	TSBS3	
BACK LOOP	BL	
BACK LOOP 7	BL7	
BACK FLIP	BF	
DOUBLE BACK FLIP	2BF	
BACK FLIP TO TOE SIDE	BFTS	
TOESIDE BACKFLIP	TSBF	
BODY BACK FLIP	BBF	
TOESIDE BODY BACK FLIP	TSBBF	
BACKFLIP FRONTSIDE 360	BFFS3	
FRONTFLIP FRONTSIDE 360	FFFS3	
FRONT LOOP	FL	
FRONT FLIP	FF	
FRONT TO BACK	FRTB	
FRONTSIDE 360 WING PASS	FS3WP	
BACKSIDE 360 WING PASS	BS3WP	
TS FS 360 WING PASS	TSFSWP	
RADICULO 540	RAD5	
RADICULO 720	RAD7	
RADICULO 900	RAD9	
INNOVATION	INNO1	
INNOVATION 2	INNO2	
INNOVATION 3	INNO3	

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