

SLALOM SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions for the NSW Slalom Windsurfing Titles 2023

1. RULES

The NSW Slalom Windsurfing Titles will be governed by the current Funboard Racing Rules (FRR) (Slalom), the Notice of Series, the Notice of Race for this heat and these Sailing Instructions except where altered by the Notice of Series, Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions.

2. COMPETITION FORMAT

2.1 The racing format for the events will be as per the Notice of Series nominated dates and format and subject to weather conditions on the day.

2.2 Subject to wind conditions, the organizing committee will advise on Seabreeze.com.au whether the event schedule has been changed or canceled. The organizing committee on the day may also decide whether the event will be cancelled due to lack of wind.

2.3 Depending on the number of competitors entered, racing may be conducted in one fleet or in multiple heats of a slalom table. If two or more heats are used then competitors will be systematically assigned to a Heat from their previous final position. Finals will be run in relation to the competitors finishing position in their allocated heat.

If circumstance prevail i.e. we have an off shore finish, random heat allocations may be used.

2.4 The Slalom Draw Sheet will be located with the scorer at the finishing line.

The first allocated heats of the day, will be made available 15 min before starting the first race.

2.5 It is the competitor's sole responsibility to determine the Heats they have been assigned.

OPEN DIVISION FIN AND FOIL means using a board with fin or foil as described in the notice of race rules.

FIN ONLY DIVISION means using a board with a fin not a foil as described in the notice of race rules.

FOIL ONLY DIVISION means using a board with foil only as described in the notice of race rules.

WINGDING DIVISION means using a wing sail any type of board or foil is allowed as per notice of race.

2.5 NSW GPS series round **3** will be ran in conjunction with the NSW slalom titles. Refer to the NSW GPS series sailing instruction and NSW slalom and GPS series notice of race.

3. MINIMUM WIND CONDITIONS

3.1 The sole judge as to suitable conditions for racing to commence and or to continue and the course to be sailed will be the principal race officer or race committee (alters FRR 91.5 and 91.8).

3.2 **FIN ONLY DIVISION** It is the intention of the race committee to conduct Slalom racing in wind strengths of no less than 12 knots (35 knot maximum at discretion of the race committee) using a figure 8 or downwind 'M' or long distance course type configurations.

3.3 **FOIL ONLY DIVISION** It is the intention of the race committee to conduct Slalom racing in wind strengths of no less than 8 knots (35 knot maximum at discretion of the race committee) using a figure 8 or downwind 'M' or long distance course type configurations

3.4 **OPEN FIN & FOIL DIVISION** It is the intention of the race committee to conduct Slalom racing in wind strengths of no less than 8 knots (35 knot maximum at discretion of the race committee) using a figure 8 or downwind 'M' or long distance course type configurations

4. EVENT SCHEDULE

4.1 Competitor registration and equipment checking will be conducted at the venue in accordance with the event schedule.

4.2 Event Schedule (subject to wind conditions) This can be altered the day before due to a change in conditions and notification will be posted on Seabreeze and the notice board.

Day 1

Registration	10.00 – 11.00 hrs
Briefing	11.00 hrs
First Possible Race	12.00 hrs

Day 2

Briefing	9.00 hrs
First Possible Race	10.00 hrs

Day 3

Briefing	9.00 hrs
First Possible Race	10.00 hrs

5. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

5.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board. The official notice board will be located adjacent to the registration area or as described at the Briefing.

5.2 Three sound signals will mean – ‘a notice to competitors has been posted on the official notice board’. No visual signal will be used (alters FRR Race Signals).

5.3 Repeated short sound signals (more than three) will mean – ‘a Briefing will be held adjacent to the registration area in 5 minutes’. No visual signal will be used (alters FRR Race Signals).

6. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

6.1 Changes to sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board not less than 30 minutes prior to the first race affected by such change.

7. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

7.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the official flag pole located adjacent to the registration area or as described at the Briefing.

7.2 Answering pendant (AP) displayed with two sound signals will mean – ‘racing postponed’. When the AP is lowered accompanied by one sound signal it will mean – ‘the warning signal for the next race will be made in not less than 15 minutes’ (alters FRR Race Signals).

8. SIGNALS MADE AFLOAT

8.1 When racing in Heats, the number for the next Heat to start will be displayed on the start boat no later than the warning signal for that Heat and will be removed at the starting signal for that Heat (alters FRR Race Signals).

9. THE COURSE

9.1 The course location, its configuration and marks to be used will be described at the relevant Briefing.

10. THE START

10.1 The starting line will be described at the relevant Briefing.

10.2 If wind is above 12 knots for fin or 8 knots for foil and it is the first start of a race period:

10.3 Races or Heats will be started in accordance with the following procedure (alters FRR 26)

4 min Red flag up with one sound signal

3 min Red flag down with one sound signal

2 min Yellow flag up with one sound signal

1 min yellow flag down with one sound signal

0 min GO green flag up with one sound signal

10.4 The interval between the starting signal of one race or Heat and the warning signal of the next race or Heat will be at the discretion of the race officer (RO) or race committee.

10.5 If there is a General Recall in the first start the entire sequence will begin again. If there is a General Recall THEN the preparatory signal for a new start shall be made one minute after the First Substitute is lowered

11. RECALLS

11.1 Recalls will be in accordance with FRR 29.1 and 29.3.

11.1.1 After a general recall, FRR 29.1 will apply if a black flag is displayed on the start boat at or before the warning signal for the next start of that race or Heat. The new warning signal will be made 30 seconds after the general recall signal is lowered (alters FRR 29.1 and 29.3). FRR 29.2 shall not apply in this case.

11.1.2 No individual recalls will be signaled. A competitor who is on the course side of the starting line at the starting signal shall be scored OCS (alters FRR 29.2).

12. THE FINISH

12.1 The finishing line will be described at the relevant Briefing.

12.2 Competitors shall not sail through the finishing line except when finishing.

13. TIME LIMIT

13.1 FRR35.3 applies. 5 minute limit

14. PROTEST

14.1 Competitors intending to protest shall inform the on-shore scoring official at the time of finishing or retiring of their intention giving the sail number(s) of the protested competitor(s) and witnesses involved. (alters FFR 61). Slalom protest shall be made verbally.

14.2 Time limit for lodging protests is 30 minutes after the last finisher in the last race of the day (alters FRR 61.3).

15. SCORING

15.1 The low point scoring system in accordance with FRR Appendix A will apply. One Slalom final race will constitute a result for the Slalom class.

15.2 There shall be one discard for every four races completed in each discipline. (amends FRR A2 b)). First place will be scored 0.75 points (amends FRR A2)

16. SAFETY

16.1 A competitor whilst racing who fails to wear as intended a buoyancy vest or harness complying with AS1499 or one which is approved by the race committee will be ranked as a non-starter. The requirement of FRR 40 to display flag Y will not apply.

16.1.1 IF foiling a helmet must be worn.

16.2 Clothing or equipment which is either designed to or can be used to increase a competitor's body weight shall not be used.

16.3. Each competitor intending to race shall personally sign-on for racing before the start of any racing period and shall personally sign-off from racing within 30 minutes of the last finisher in the last race of that racing period or as soon after retiring as possible.

16.4 Failure to sign-on will result in disqualification without a hearing (alters FRR 63.1) from the first race of the relevant racing period while failure to sign-off will result in similar disqualification from the last race of the relevant racing period. Failure to both sign-on and sign-off will result in disqualification from all races of the relevant racing period. A racing period may consist of one or more races.

16.5 The location of the sign-on/sign-off area will be adjacent to the registration area or as described at the relevant Briefing.

16.6 The race committee, at its discretion, may vary the time permitted to sign-off. Notice of such variations will be posted on the official notice board and the requirements of SI 6 will not apply.

16.7 Should the race committee abandon the race, all competitors shall sign-off as soon as possible.

17. PENALTIES

17.1 Rule 44 – 360-degree turns will apply.

18. ENTRY DISCLAIMER.

In accepting my entry, I agree to be bound by the rules governing this event. I acknowledge and accept that I am solely responsible for deciding to enter and continuing to participate in this event. I further acknowledge and agree that participation in this event can be dangerous and shall accept that my participation is at my exclusive risk in every respect. By way of my entry being accepted, I hold harmless the organising authority, its officers, members, servants, agents and all other participants in respect of all liability for injury to my person and or loss or damage to my property howsoever arising from my participation or intended participation in this event. I acknowledge and accept that the organising authority, its officers, members, servants, agents and other participants accept no responsibility in respect of loss of life, personal injury or loss or damage to property which may be sustained by reason of my participation or intended participation in this event or arising for whatever reason in connection with this event.