

DUTCH OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP 2008 Course Racing and Slalom

NOTICE OF RACE

Venue

The Dutch Open Championships 2008 in the windsurfing disciplines Course Racing and Slalom will be held on the following dates and locations in the Netherlands.

Location	Date	Remark
Scheveningen	May 10 th – 12 th 2008	Course racing and/or Slalom racing
Grevelingendam	June 28 th – 29 th 2008	Course racing and/or Slalom racing
Makkum	September 20 th – 21 th	Course racing and/or Slalom racing
Monnickendam	October 18 th – 19 th	Course racing and/or Slalom racing

Organisation authority

The organisation authority consists of Windsurfing Delft Plané in conjunction with the Watersportverbond (KNWV) and Nederlandse Vereniging van Wedstrijdsurfers (NVW).

Rules

The regatta will be governed by the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) including Appendix B, the prescriptions of the Watersportverbond, the Notice of Race and the Sailing instructions.

Classes and divisions

The Open Dutch Championship is open for the following classes and divisions

Discipline	Fleet	Division
Courserace	Gold	Formula Windsurfing men
		Formula Windsurfing women
		Formula Windsurfing youth (U 20)
	Silver	Formula Windsurfing
		Raceboard Techno 293OD
Slalom	Gold	Men
		Women
		Youth (U 20)
	Silverfleet	Overall

Gold fleet shall have the following possible subdivisions: Master

Silver fleet shall have the following possible subdivisions: Youth U17, Junior U15, Men, Women, Master. A minimum of 8 competitors are required to constitute a division or subdivision

Licence

Dutch competitors shall have a **valid licence** of the Watersportverbond. During the registration your licence will be checked.

Entree fee

The entree fee for **pre-inscription** will be:

GOLDFLEET

	Members NVW		Non-members NVW	
	Senior/Master	Youth/Junior	Senior/Master	Youth/Junior
Slalom AND Course	€ 150,00	€ 100,00	€ 175,00	€ 135,00
Slalom OR Course	€ 85,00	€ 60,00	€ 120,00	€ 95,00
Per day	€ 17,50	€ 12,50	€ 20,00	€ 17,50

SILVERFLEET

	Members NVW		Non-members NVW	
	Senior/Master	Youth/Junior	Senior/Master	Youth/Junior
Slalom AND Course	€ 75,00	€ 50,00	€ 90,00	€ 75,00
Slalom OR Course	€ 45,00	€ 35,00	€ 60,00	€ 45,00
Per day	€ 17,50	€ 12,50	€ 20,00	€ 17,50

Payments and inscription have to be made before april 26th. The forms and the account for the payment can be found on the event website www.wedstrijdsurfen.nl.

Note: There will be an additional charge of € 15,- on the entrée fee for the whole event (Slalom and/or Course), and € 2,- per day inscription for payments later then april 26th.

Registration

Competitors shall register on every location by completing an official registration form. The opening hours of the registration office;

Date	Hours
May 10 th 2008	09.30 – 11.00
May 11 th 2008	09.00 – 09.30
May 12 th 2008	09.00 – 09.30
June 28 th 2008	09.30 – 11.00
June 29 th 2008	09.00 – 09.30
September 20 th 2008	09.30 – 11.00
September 21 st 2008	09.00 – 09.30
October 18 th 2008	09.30 – 11.00
October 19 th 2008	09.00 – 09.30

Classrules

Formula Windsurfing classrule A.6.2 will apply for the Formula windsurfing Silverfleet.

Measurement

It is the responsibility of each competitor to ensure that his/her equipment is confirm to the class rules. The measurers will pay special attention to the sail identification. The sailnumbers have to comply with RRS rule 77.

Sailing instructions

The sailing instructions will be available at the registration office at time of registration.

Racing schedule

Date	First possible start	Last possible start		Course race Fleet
		Course race	Slalom elimination	
May 10 th 2008	12.00	18.00	17.00	Gold
May 11 th 2008	10.30	18.00	17.00	Gold and Silver
May 12 th 2008	10.30	18.00	17.00	Gold and Silver
June 28 th 2008	12.00	18.00	17.00	Gold
June 29 th 2008	10.30	18.00	17.00	Gold and Silver
September 20 th 2008	12.00	18.00	17.00	Gold
September 21 st 2008	10.30	18.00	17.00	Gold and Silver
October 18 th 2008	12.00	18.00	17.00	Gold
October 19 th 2008	10.30	18.00	17.00	Gold and Silver

A minimum of two registered competitors are required to start a race.
A maximum of 5 course races per day.

Discipline

The discipline for the Dutch Championships will be Course Racing or Slalom.

Coursereaces shall not be started in windspeeds over 20 knots or under 8 knots. Slalomraces shall not be started in windspeeds under 15 knots. During the race the conditions have to be suitable. The decision to start, postpone, abandon or shorten a race in a discipline is at the discretion of the principal raceofficer and cannot be protested.

Scoring

The low point scoring system of Appendix B (RRS rule B8.3) will apply. In contrary to RRS rule A11 all competitors will considered DNS, when not finished or not started. All not registrated competitors will be considered DNC. To constitute a championship it is required to complete four course races or one slalom elimination.

The discard profile of RRS rule B8.2 is changes in;

Sailed races / eliminations	Worst scores excluded
1 – 3	0
4 – 6	1
7 – 10	2
11 – 15	3
16 – 20	4
21 – 25	5
26 – 30	6
31 – 35	7
36 – 40	8

Prizes

Course racing:

Winners of the overall scoring in the Gold Fleet divisions will be awarded “Dutch Champion Course Racing 2008”, provided the division “women” and “youth” have eight or more competitors, and “men” has sixteen or more competitors. They will receive the “Watersportverbond pennant” and a medal.

Slalom racing:

Winners of the overall scoring in the Gold Fleet divisions will be awarded “Dutch Champion Slalom Racing 2008”, provided the division “women” and “youth” have eight or more competitors, and “men” has sixteen or more competitors. They will receive the “Watersportverbond pennant” and a medal.

For each discipline and division applies:

1 - 4 competitors	1 prize
5 - 7 competitors	2 prizes
8 or more competitors	3 prizes.

Fines

The Principal Race Officer can give fines for the following reasons;

- Sailing in the Course/Competition area when not competing
- Littering
- Audible and visible obscenity
- Verbal and physical abuse
- Unsportmanlike conduct
- Other abusive or aggressive behaviour

Competitors shall not be allowed to compete further in any race or heat until the fine is paid.

The maximum fine will be € 50,--

All fines are payable to the NVW representative.

Rights to use name and likeness

In participating with this championship, a competitor automatically grants the Organising Authority and the sponsor of the Event, the right in perpetuity, to make, use and show, from time to time and at their discretion, any motion pictures, live and still pictures, tapes or films for television and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the competition in which the competitor participates and all material related to the event without compensation

Drug testing

Competitors are reminded of the ISAF rules and regulations concerning the use of banned methods and substances. Drug testing may take place during the event.

Liability

Participation in this event, supporting events and in each race in them is the sole discretion of the competitor and at his/her own risk. The organisation authority or any other party involved in the organisation of the regatta are not responsible, under any circumstances, for any damage, loss or injury either ashore or on the water either to persons or equipment, which may result.

Insurance

For every competitor at least a valid third-party liability insurance shall exist with a minimum cover of € 500.000,-- per event or the equivalent in the currency of the country of registration of the competitor.

Information

For more information about the racing contact:
NVW (Nederlandse Vereniging van Wedstrijdsurfers)
Email: info@wedstrijdsurfen.nl