NOTICE OF RACE AND SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Open Dutch Championship

Windsurfing class Slalom discipline

organised by Nederlandse Vereniging van Wedstrijdsurfers

under the auspices of the RNWA

DATES AND LOCATIONS

Dates	Location
1 st and 2 nd November 2025	Brouwersdam (Zeil- & Surfcentrum Brouwersdam)

[DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the Protest Committee [NP] denotes that a breach of this rule will not be grounds for a protest by a board. [SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee without a hearing"

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in <u>Windsurfing Slalom Racing Rules (WSRR)</u>.

 The Prescriptions of the RNWA can be found at: <u>Racing Rules of Sailing</u>.
- 1.2. The 'Rules for Championships Sailing, Windsurfing and Kiteboarding' (available at reglement-voor-kampioenschappen (watersportverbond.nl) will apply.
- 1.3. Under WSRR 87, rule(s) A.9.1 and D.1.2 and of the <u>Funboard class rules</u> (are) changed as follows:
 - A.9.1 Delete "and included on the relevant Funboard Production Board list."
 - B.1.2 Delete "WS Approved Series Production Funboard"
 - Class rule D 1.2: change max Hull beam in 1005.
- 1.4. If there is a conflict between languages the text in the English language will take precedence.
- 1.5. Every person on a board who has his domicile in the Netherlands shall have the appropriate licence.
- 1.6. The GDPR can be found on the website: wedstrijdsurfen.nl

2. **ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 2.1. The event is open to all boards of the Funboard class in the Foil or Fin division.
- 2.2. Boards may enter the event by registering at the online registration form before the 31th of October: link to the registration form.

- 2.3. To be considered an entry in the event, a board shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 2.1. Fin and foil race in separate eliminations.
- 2.2. Divisions race in separate eliminations. Subdivision will be mixed within divisions.
- 2.3. A minimum of 15 competitors are required for a subdivision to constitute as a separate division.
- 2.4. A minimum of 5 competitors are required to constitute a subdivision
- 2.5. The following subdivisions apply:
 - a. Men
 - b. Grandmaster over the age of 50 (born in or before 1975),
 - c. Junior U17 (born in or after 2009),
 - d. Junior U15 (born in or after 2011).
 - e. Junior U13 (born in or after 2013)

3. **FEES**

- 3.1. Early bird entry fee is: € 79 per weekend
- 3.2. Early bird deadlines are at least 1 week before the event:
- 3.3. Last minute entry fee is: € 95 per weekend

4. QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

4.1. Not applicable

5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1. All registered competitors shall report their participation on Saturday of a racing weekend between 9.00 and 9.30 at the Race Office.
- 5.2. Dates of racing:

Date	First possible warning signal
November 1st	11.00
November 2nd	9.00

5.3. Number of races:

Scheduled maximum eliminations per day	5
Scheduled maximum full fleet races per day	8

- 5.4. A daily skippers meeting will be 60 minutes before the first possible warning signal on that day.
- 5.5. To alert boards that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least 5 minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 5.6. On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 18:00.

6. CLASS FLAGS

6.1. The Class flags are:

a. Overall White flag with NVW logob. Women Pink flag with NVW logoc. Youth Blue flag with NVW logo

7. RACING FORMAT

- 7.1. The racing format is downwind slalom (view courses in Appendix A) either on Fin or Foil.
- 7.2. The decision to race on Fin or Foil will be made by the race committee. During the day there are two slots: Morning (before the midday break) and evening (after the midday break). When a discipline for a slot is chosen only that discipline will start. The race committee tries to finish an elimination once it is started before switching discipline.
- 7.3. For example: The wind is 21 knots, therefore the race committee decides to start with Fin races. After the lunch break the wind drops to 12 knots, therefore we start the next elimination with Foil races.
- 7.4. The decision for foil or fin will be posted at least 20 minutes before the first heat on the ONB.
- 7.5. [NP] There is no wind limit, the decision to start racing will be made by the race committee. The race committee will start racing when suitable foiling conditions are met (this will most likely be more than 7 knots for Foil and more than 15 knots for Fin).
- 7.6. [NP] The wind window that is persuaded is as follows:
 - a. 7-15 knots for the foiling discipline
 - b. 11 and higher for the foiling discipline
- 7.7. [NP] The decision of the race officer about suitable conditions are no ground for redress

8. SCORING AND JUDGING

8.1. There will be separate ranking for Foil and Fin.

9. VENUE AND RACING AREA

- 9.1. The normal opening hours of the race office are 09:00 17:00.
- 9.2. Unless otherwise directed by the organising authority, boards and equipment shall be launched and retrieved from the designated area at the event site.
- 9.3. The traffic rules, in particular those concerning parking will be strictly enforced.

10. OBSTRUCTIONS, RACING AREA AND COURSES

- 10.1. The areas which are designated as obstructions will be posted on the Official Online Notice Board.
- 10.2. The racing area is the area where competitors are racing in normal conditions.
- 10.3. Boards not racing shall stay approximately 75 metres outside the racing area.
- 10.4. The course diagram, as well as the order in which marks are to be rounded or passed and the way in which the course is designated from the race committee board, will be posted at least 20 minutes before the first warning signal of the relevant race.

11. MARKS

11.1. The marks of the course will be yellow triangular buoys.

11.2. The starting and finishing marks will be yellow cylindrical buoys.

12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

12.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark or the finishing line to a new position.

13. START AND FINISH

- 13.1. The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 13.2. Boards whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 13.3. A board that does not start within 1 minute after her starting signal may be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes WSRR A5.1 and A5.2.
- 13.5. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the finishing mark at the starboard-end and the course side of the port-end finishing mark.

14. TIME LIMITS [AND TARGET TIMES]

- 14.1. The Race Target time is between 3 and 4 minutes.
- 14.2. The Finishing Window is 3 minutes.
- 14.3. The Finishing Window is the time for boards to finish after the first board sails the course and finishes. Boards failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalised or given redress, will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. A board scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last board that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes WSRR 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.
- 14.4. Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes WSRR 62.1(a).

15. **COMMUNICATION AND SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 15.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located located at the race office. The notice board will be extended with an Whatsapp group to post updates:

 link to the Whatsapp group
- 15.2. [DP] From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a board shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boards. The use of gps sport watches is allowed, the GPS information may only be used as analyses when the race is over.
- 15.3. Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flagpole in front of the Race Office.
- 15.4. When flag AP •• is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 15 minutes' in the race signal AP.
- 15.5. If no class flags or racing area flags are shown the signals will apply to all classes and race courses.

16. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

16.1. Any change to the sailing instructions and the Local Sailing Instructions (LSI) will be posted before 09:00 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted

- within the protest time limit or
- before AP over A I is displayed whichever is later.
- 16.2. If oral instructions or changes to the sailing instructions will be given on the water, flag L

 shall be shown at least 5 minutes before the instructions or changes. Sufficient effort has to be made to inform all the competitors involved.

17. [NP][DP] SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1. [DP] A board that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity. Promptly after returning to shore.
- 17.2. [SP] Flotation devices: When flag "Y" is displayed, every competitor shall wear a personal flotation device that shall conform to the minimum standard ISO 12402-5 (Level 50).
- 17.3. [SP] If either one of the signals "N" over H" , "N over A" , "AP over H" over H" or "AP over A" is made on one or more RC vessels, boards shall return to the competitors area on the beach as soon as reasonably possible.
- 17.4. Competitors shall wear a helmet with the minimum standard EN1385 or EN1077 or equivalent with at least 300 square centimetres of the exterior surface in a high visibility colour at all times when afloat.
- 17.5. Competitors are strongly recommended to wear an impact vest

18. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION, CLOTHING, EQUIPMENT AND REPLACEMENT

- 18.1. Each board shall have an unique World Sailing registration number.
- 18.2. [SP] The Equipment inspectors will pay special attention to sail identification rule compliance. A penalty of 1 point may be imposed without a hearing for every race sailed with sail numbers that are not complying.
- 18.3. [DP] Boards shall also comply with WSRR 78.1 when presented for inspection.
- 18.4. Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee. Replacement of the responsible person is not allowed.
- 18.5. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race.
- 18.6. A board or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Class Rules, Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions.
- 18.7. [DP] When instructed by a race official on the water, a board shall proceed to a designated area for inspection.

19. **HEARING REQUESTS**

- 19.1. Protests and requests for redress shall be made orally to a member of the jury as soon as reasonably possible after the competitor finished the race.
- 19.2. The protestor shall make every reasonable effort to bring the protestee and the witnesses if any, to the jury.
- 19.3. The location of the jury on the beach near the competitors area will be indicated by a white flag with "JURY"
- 19.4. The right of appeal from a protest committee decision is denied as in WSRR 70.5

20. **ADVERTISING**

- 20.1. Boards may be required to] display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority while afloat.
- 20.2. The organising authority may provide bibs that competitors are required to wear while afloat as permitted by the World Sailing Advertising Code.
 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall place advertising provided by the organising authority with care, seamanship, in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.

21. **[DP] SUPPORT TEAMS**

21.1. Team leaders, coaches and other support persons shall stay outside areas where boards are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first start until all boards have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

22. TRASH DISPOSAL

22.1. Trash may be placed aboard support or race crew vessels.

23. PRIZES

- 23.1. The RNWA supplies for the winning Foil board in the division Open, Women, Youth and Masters shall receive a blue pennant.
- 23.2. The RNWA supplies for the winning Fin board in the division Open, Women, Youth and Masters shall receive a blue pennant.
- 23.3. For the division that is receiving a blue pennant there are medals for the first three boards.
- 23.4. Overall and other prizes will be given to subdivisions depending on the number of competitors. This will be done to the discretion of the organising authority.

24. **INSURANCE**

24.1. Each participating board shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of Euro 500.000 or the equivalent per incident.

25. RISK STATEMENT

- 25.1. WSRR 3 states: 'The responsibility for a board's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, board handling errors, poor seamanship by other boards, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.
- 25.2. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

26. **DATA PROTECTION**

26.1. By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the organising authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.

27. **ORGANISATION**

27.1. Officials

The race officer is: Wouter Wessels

The chairman of the protest committee . Eric Kling

is:

28. FURTHER INFORMATION

28.1. For further information please contact <u>wedstrijdzaken@wedstrijdsurfen.nl</u>.

ADDENDUM A - Examples of racing formats

DOWNWIND SLALOM

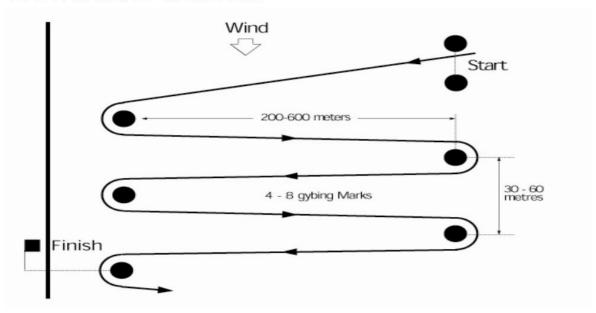


FIGURE OF EIGHT SLALOM

