

2017

AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS WINDSURFER ONE DESIGN

Thursday 26 January to Sunday 29 January 2017
Balmoral Sailing Club Inc
The Esplanade, Balmoral, NSW, 2088
The Organising Authority is Windsurfing NSW

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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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Balmoral Sailing Club Inc, (BSC) in association with Windsurfing NSW (the Organising Authority) and the Windsurfer Class Association of Australia (WCAA), welcomes Windsurfer One Design sailors who are participating in the 2017 Windsurfer Class Australian National Championships.

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017 – 2020 including Appendix B, Windsurfing Competition Rules; except where they are changed by the Notice of Race (NOR) or by the Sailing Instructions (SIs). In the event of a conflict, the SIs will prevail.
- 1.2. The Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing will apply.
- 1.3. The Windsurfer Class rules will apply.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official Race Notice Board at BSC.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted at least 60 minutes before the scheduled start time of first race of the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on a club flagpole.
- 4.2. When flag **AP** is displayed ashore '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP instruction.
- 4.3. When Code Flag '**Q**' is displayed ashore, no boards are permitted to leave the shore.

5. SIGNALS MADE AFLOAT

- 5.1. In addition to the signals provided in the rules, the following signal will be used. International Pennant 'M' displayed on the finishing boat means, "Competitors should remain in the starting area. There will be another race starting in the current racing period as soon as the Race Officers deem practical."

6. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 6.1. The Championship is an 'On Call' regatta. The event/s for each day will be advised at that day's briefing.
- 6.2. However, it is anticipated that Slalom and Freestyle will be conducted on Thursday, Course Racing Friday to Sunday and Marathon on Sunday
- 6.3. No racing session will be started prior to 1100hours on Thursday, nor after 1600 hours on Sunday.
- 6.4. The competition schedule will be in accordance with the following, as well as notices to competitors

Thursday 26 th	Registration at BSC 0830-1030hrs	Briefing 1045hrs	
	Warning Signal not before 1100hrs		Welcome Dinner 1800hrs 4 Glencarron Ave, Mosman
Friday 27 th	Warning Signal not before 1000hrs		40 th Class Reunion 1800hrs Cala Luna, The Spit, Mosman.
Saturday 28 th	Warning Signal not before 1000hrs		Free Evening
Sunday 29th	Warning Signal not before 0930hrs		
	No warning Signal after 1600hrs		Presentation ASAP after last race.

7. CLASS FLAG

The Class Flag will be square, with a black Windsurfer symbol on a blue background. The Division Flags will be International Numeral Pennants 1 (Lightweight Division), 2 (Mediumweight Division), 3 (Heavyweight Division, which incorporates the Super Heavyweight Division), 4 (Women), 5 (Juniors).

8. RACING AREA

The competition areas will be in the waters of Balmoral.

COURSES

- 8.1. The diagrams in Attachment 1 show the course for Course Racing and the course for Slalom racing. The course for the Marathon shall be indicated at a briefing before that event.
- 8.2. For Course Racing all divisions will race on the same course. Divisions may race in one fleet, or may be divided into two fleets.
- 8.3. Course racing sessions may consist of up to three races back-to-back.
- 8.4. A maximum of 12 Course races will be conducted.

9. MARKS

9.1. Course Racing Course.

- Mark 1 will be a large yellow pyramid buoy.
- Marks 2a and 2b will be yellow pyramid buoys.
- The starting marks will be a flagstaff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Boat at the starboard end and a white pyramid buoy (mark 3)
- The finishing marks will be a blue flag on the Race Committee boat and a white pyramid buoy (mark 4)
- A clearance buoy may be streamed from the stern of the Race Committee start boat. Boards shall not pass between this buoy and the Race Committee start boat at any time.

9.2. Slalom Course.

- Marks will be described at the Slalom briefing.

9.3. Marathon Course.

- Marks will be described at the Marathon briefing.

9.4. Freestyle Competition Area.

- Marks will be described at the Freestyle briefing.

10. THE START

10.1. Course Races –

- Course races will be started by using rule 26 amended as follows:

<i>Minutes relative to starting signal</i>	<i>Flag Signal</i>	<i>Sound Signal</i>	<i>Means</i>
- 5	Class Flag or Numeral Flags	One	Warning signal
- 4	Code Flag P	One	Preparatory signal
- 1	Code Flag P removed	One Long	One minute
0	Class Flag or Numeral Flags removed	One	Starting Signal
+ 30 Seconds		One	Cease Pumping

- A board starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored 'Did Not Start'.

10.2. Slalom Races

- Slalom races will be started in accordance with the following procedure. This changes rule 26.

<i>Signal</i>	<i>Flag and sound</i>	<i>Seconds before starting signal</i>
Warning	Red flag; one sound	60
Preparatory	Red flag removed; one sound	30
Starting	Blue flag; one sound	0

- The number of the heat about to start will be displayed on the Race Committee boat at or before that heat's warning signal and will be removed at the starting signal for that heat. The number will also be displayed adjacent to the launching area
- Boards whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races. Competitors infringing this SI or interfering with racing competitors may be subject to protest by the Race Committee.
- A board starting later than 2 minutes after her starting signal will be scored 'Did Not Start'
- When a general recall is signaled, a new warning signal will be made 30 seconds after the general recall signal is lowered. This changes rule 29.2 and Race Signals.
- Subject to time and conditions, it is intended that the Slalom competition will be double elimination, conducted in heats, the number of competitors in each heat will be set dependent on entries.

A diagram of the Slalom elimination ladder advising competitors of the number of their first heat will be displayed on the Race Start Boat, as well as adjacent to the launching area, where possible. This diagram will be available not less than 15 minutes before the warning signal for the first heat. During competition, a competitor's status on the elimination ladder and the next heat they are entered, if relevant, will be displayed on the elimination ladder diagram.

10.3. Marathon Race

- The Marathon race will either be a *Le Mans* start on the beach or an on water start.
- ***Le Mans***
 - Start by a sound signal preceded by a verbal 30 second warning. This changes rule 26.
- ***On water start as per course racing***

11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1. To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing mark) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark. Except at a gate, boards shall pass between the Race Committee boat signaling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee boat to starboard. This changes rule 28.1.

12. PROPULSION

- 12.1. Rule 42 shall apply only when competitors are sailing to windward or on a close-hauled course from 30 seconds after the starting signal (changes rules 42). One long sound signal may be made to indicate 30 seconds after the starting signal.
- 12.2. Pumping shall be unrestricted for the Slalom and Freestyle events only.
- 12.3. A member of the race committee or a designated observer who sees a competitor infringing SI 3.1 may disqualify that competitor without a hearing.

13. PENALTIES

Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

14. TIME LIMIT COURSE RACING

- 14.1. The target time for the first board to complete the full course will be 25 minutes.
- 14.2. The time limit for the first board to complete the full course will be 40 minutes. If no board has finished within 40 minutes of the start of that race, the race will be abandoned.
- 14.3. Boards failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first board in their Division finishes the full course will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4, and A5.

15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1. Standard Course and Marathon Races.
- Protest forms will be available from the BSC Race Office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
 - The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last board has finished the last race of the day.

- Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the Race Office beginning at the time posted.
- Notices of protests by the Race Committee will be posted to inform competitors under Rule 61.1(b).
- Breaches of instructions 17, 19, 20, 21 will not be grounds for protest by a board. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the Protest Committee so decides. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this Instruction will be 'DPI'.
- On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered;
 - within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
 - no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day
 - This changes Rule 66.
- On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a Protest Committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes Rule 62.2.

15.2. Slalom Races

- Written protests are not required.
- Competitors shall hail "protest" at the time of the incident.
- A competitor intending to protest shall verbally inform the Race Committee boat upon finishing or retiring from the race of that intention giving the sail number(s) of the protested competitor(s) and witnesses involved.
- All parties to the protest shall immediately report to the starting area.
- The protest hearing shall be held as soon as possible
- At the protest hearing, each party to the protest shall have the opportunity to make two short statements, with the protester taking the first and third opportunities to speak.

16. SCORING

- 16.1. The Low Point System will apply for Course racing and the Marathon event.
- 16.2. The Slalom, Freestyle and Pentathlon events will be scored in accordance with class rules.
- 16.3. Three course races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.4. When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 16.5. When from 5 to 7 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score ("one drop").
- 16.6. When 8 to 10 races have been completed, a board's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores ("two drops").

17. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1. For each race or race session each board intending to race shall personally sign-on in the allocated area prior to the warning signal of the race or race session, and shall sign-off as soon as practicable upon returning to shore, but no later than the end of protest time for that day. Failure to comply with this Instruction may result in a board being penalized for one or more races of that day by the Race Committee. This changes Rule 63.1.
- 17.2. All competitors shall wear whilst racing, personal flotation devices which are in good condition and in accordance with the specifications issued or approved by Australian Sailing. Attention is drawn to Fundamental Rule 1.2. This instruction does not apply to the Freestyle event.
- 17.3. A competitor that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee before leaving the racing area, or if that is not possible, shall notify the race office as soon as possible after returning ashore and before the end of the protest time limit.

18. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 18.1. A board or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and Sailing Instructions. On the water, a board can be instructed by a Race Committee equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

19. SUPPORT BOATS

- 19.1. Support boats shall stay outside areas where boards are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boards have finished or retired or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 19.2. During any start sequence, support boats shall stay at least 50 metres below the starting line and its extensions.

20. BASIC PRINCIPLES

- 20.1. Environmental Responsibility - Participants are encouraged to minimize any adverse environmental impact for the event.
- 20.2. Sailors shall not put rubbish in the water. Rubbish may be placed aboard support and race committee boats.

21. BOARD STORAGE

- 21.1. Boards may be stored in the allocated area at the Club, from Thursday evening until Sunday afternoon
- 21.2. To promote efficient use of this facility, provided by the Club, competitors are encouraged to label equipment.

22. ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION

RADIO - Except in an emergency, a board shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boards. This restriction also applies to mobile phones.

23. RACE RESULTS

- 23.1. Race results will be posted on the official notice board when available.
- 23.2. Where mark rounding positions are posted they are indicative only, and are not included in race results.

24. PRIZES

- 24.1. Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority and WCAA.

25. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 25.1. Competitors who participate in competition / racing at BSC races do so entirely at their own risk and responsibility. Attention is drawn to Fundamental Rule 4 Decision to Race, which states "The responsibility for a board's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone".
- 25.2. Windsurfing NSW and WCAA, its officers, officials, members, servants and agents accept no liability with respect of loss of life, personal injury or loss or damage to property which may be sustained by reason of competitors' participation or intended participation in the event or howsoever arising in connection with the event.
- 25.3. ENTRY DISCLAIMER: It is the competitor's sole decision to enter this event and to start and or to continue to compete. By way of entering, competitors acknowledge and agree that participation in this event can be dangerous and accept that their participation is at their exclusive risk in every respect. In addition, by way of entering competitors shall hold harmless the organising authority, its officers, members, servants and agents and all other competitors in respect of all liability for injury to their person and or loss or damage to their property howsoever arising from their participation or intended participation in this event and acknowledge and accept that the organising authority, its officers, members, servants, agents and other competitors accept no responsibility in respect to loss of life, personal injury or loss or damage to property which may be sustained by reason of a competitor's participation or intended participation in this event or arising for whatever reason in connection with this event.
- 25.4. All competitors will be required to sign an entry form at registration that includes an entry disclaimer.
- 25.5. By way of entering, competitors also agree to compete in a spirit of good sportsmanship, which promotes safe, fair and inclusive sport. [Australian Sports Commission]

26. INSURANCE

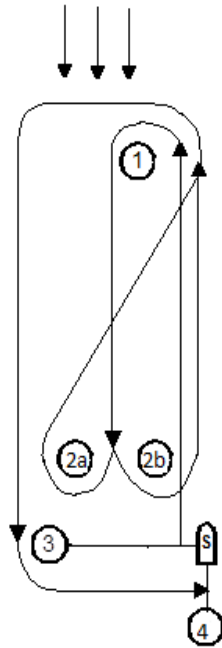
- 26.1. Every competitor shall have valid public liability insurance considered appropriate by the Organising Authority for not less than \$AUD10 million per event.
- 26.2. Every competitor who signs the Entry Form and enters the Championship is deemed to have confirmed that they have such insurance. Competitors found not to have such insurance shall have their entry revoked.

- 26.3. It is possible to gain third party liability insurance through Annual Membership of the Windsurfer Class Association of Australia via the following page:
<https://windsurferclassaustralia.tidyhq.com/public/events/7437-annual-membership-for-windsurfer-class-association>

ATTACHMENT 1 – COURSE DIAGRAMS

The following diagrams describe the course, the order in which the marks are to be passed and the side to which each mark is to be left. Courses for Marathon and Freestyle will be explained at their briefing.

COURSE RACING DIAGRAM



SLALOM COURSE DIAGRAM

Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – Start (Gate) – 1 – 2 – 3 – 4 – Finish

