



## **AWA Slalom Series Sailing Instructions**

### **1 Rules**

1.1 The Racing will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2009 – 2012 including appendix B (Windsurfing competition Rules), and these Sailing Instructions.

1.2 In case of conflict with the Notice of Race these sailing instructions shall take preference.

### **2 Notices to Competitors**

2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board, located at the Race Office.

### **3 Changes to Sailing Instructions**

3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board at least 30 minutes before the advertised warning signal of the race or races concerned.

### **4 Schedule of Races**

4.1 Racing is scheduled as follows: the first warning signal on day one will not be before 10.00, and on the last day not before 10.00.

4.2 Races which are not separated by lunch will start as soon as practically possible after the finish of the previous race. The race officer may indicate the imminent start of the next race sequence by repeated short sound signals

4.3 No warning signal will be made after 18.00 on the last day of the regatta.

### **5 Heats and heat indicators**

5.1 Competitors shall be allocated to heats by the Race Committee, who shall take into account: seeding based on results in previous or current year, and known ability or experience. The Race Committee decision is final and cannot be protested.

5.2 The start boat will endeavor to display heat numbers.

5.3 It shall be the sole responsibility of each competitor to ascertain in which heat they are to compete, and to get to the starting area in adequate time.

5.4 Where a Board sails in the incorrect heat, they will be disqualified from that round, even if they also sailed in the correct heat.

### **6 Racing Area / Course Area**

6.1 The course area is defined as an area extending 50 metres beyond the course including the 'starting line' and the 'finishing line' and its extensions, which would normally be taken by a racer when racing.

### **7 The Courses**

7.1 The recommended courses are illustrated in Appendix L (Windsurfing Racing Rules) .The diagrams show the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

7.2 The course to be sailed shall be posted on the ONB.

7.3 The course will not be changed during a heat, but marks may be repositioned to maintain a satisfactory course configuration relative to the wind and tide.

### **8 Marks**

8.1 Marks will be large inflatable orange and/or yellow buoys.

8.2 Starting marks will be a race committee vessel at the starboard end and an inflatable orange and/or yellow buoy at one end.

8.3 Finishing marks will be a race committee vessel and an inflatable orange and/or yellow buoy.



8.4 A board may touch a mark but shall not hold on to it; except a board shall not touch a starting or finishing vessel.

## **9 The Start**

9.1 Races will be started as follows:-

3 Minutes – Red Flag

1 Minute – Yellow Flag

Start – Yellow Flag is Dropped

9.2 The start for one fleet may be the warning signal for the subsequent fleet. If there is a General Recall, then the subsequent fleets start may be delayed in order to maintain the start sequence.

9.3 The starting line will be between a staff displaying a plain blue flag on the race committee (starting) vessel and an inflatable orange and/or yellow buoy.

9.4 Boards whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.

9.5 A Board starting later than 1 minute after his/her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. (Alteration to **RRS A4 & A5**)

9.6 The intended order of starts may be published on the official notice board

## **10 The Finish**

10.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the finishing race committee vessel (or positioned on the beach) and the finishing mark. The position of the finishing line will be illustrated on the course diagram published on the ONB.

10.2 Competitors shall make every effort to avoid re-crossing the finishing line once they have finished. Failure to do so may incur a penalty.

## **11 Penalty System**

11.1 A Board that has taken a penalty or retired under RRS 44.1 shall inform the race committee immediately upon coming ashore & complete an acknowledgement form at the race office.

11.2 Where Boards break SI's the Protest Committee shall decide the penalty. This may be a point's penalty or disqualification.

11.3 Where a Board sails in the incorrect heat, they will be disqualified from that round, even if they also sailed in the correct heat.

## **12 Time Limit**

12.1 There is no time limit for a race.

## **13 Protests**

13.1 Boards intending to lodge a protest or request redress for an incident afloat must inform the race committee upon finishing the race. A protest shall be made orally immediately following the heat in which the incident occurred.

13.2 Following receipt of protest or request for redress, a hearing will be called as soon as possible. Competitors involved in an incident afloat are advised to ascertain the status of any possible hearing for which they may be required. A competitor may retire before a protest hearing commences.

## **14 Scoring**

14.1 The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A will apply.

14.2 Each Board's series score will be the total of his/her race scores with his/her worst score discarded after three or more rounds are completed, or his/her worst two scores discarded after seven or more rounds are completed, or his/her worst three scores discarded after ten or more rounds completed.

## **15 Safety**

15.1 All competitors under the age of 17 shall wear a buoyancy aid or life jacket to an appropriate standard at all times when afloat. Wet suits and dry suits are not an appropriate standard.



15.2 All competitors shall wear wetsuits or drysuits. A wetsuit for the purpose of this SI is a neoprene garment covering at least the torso.

## **16 The Tally System.**

16.1 The Tally System to check-in and check-out competitors may be used.

16.2 Each competitor shall individually tally-out before racing by personally collecting their tally, and individually tally-in upon returning to shore after racing by returning the tally personally to tally control. Competitors shall tally-in as soon as practically possible upon being instructed to do so by the race committee.

## **17 Official Boats**

17.1 Official will be marked as follows: Committee Boats-Blue flag.

## **18 Boards and Competitors in Difficulty**

18.1 When the race committee considers that a Competitor is in difficulty it may instruct the competitor to accept outside help, retire or sail ashore.