



General Rules



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Rules:

The FormulaWindsurfing Grand Prix and the Windsurfing Euro-Cup are recognized by the International Windsurfing Association (IWA), the International Formula Windsurfing Class (IFWC) and the International Funboard Class (IFCA). The events are governed by:

- The current ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing ("RRS") & Funboard Racing Rules (FRR).
- The rules of the IWA
- The IFWC rules and the IFCA rules
- The PWA Rulebook.
- The local official rules of the national associations
- The Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions

Some rules may differ between the events. Changes of the rules shall be announced in the Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions or at the Notice Board.

Organizer:

The different international regattas are organized by different local organizers. The series is coordinated by the Windsurfing Office.

Windsurfing Office:

The Windsurfing Office schedules the various events, keeps contact to the international associations, handles the entries of the competitors, calculates the ranking lists and is the general address for all affairs concerning the international windsurfing events.

If you have questions, suggestions or ideas feel free to contact the Windsurfing Office:

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The official website for the international windsurfing events is www.windsurfing-office.com

Disciplines:

The FormulaWindsurfing Grand Prix consists of the discipline FormulaWindsurfing. The Windsurfing Euro-Cup consists of the two disciplines FormulaWindsurfing and Wave-Freestyle. It is the decision of the race director to decide if the conditions are suitable for windsurfing and what discipline will be performed if the regatta is a two discipline event. Official competitions shall only be performed in suitable conditions.

Entry:

The FormulaWindsurfing Grand Prix and the Windsurfing Euro-Cup are open entry event series for male and female competitors.

The number of available start slots for an event can be limited and the entries for some events may have additional requirements. Such a limitations and requirements needs to be published in the Notice of Race for the event. All competitors have to apply for an entry. The entry application has to be registered at the Windsurfing Office 4 weeks prior to the event in order to generate a valid entry. The official entry address for each FormulaWindsurfing Grand Prix and Windsurfing Euro-Cup is the Windsurfing Office. The entry fee can be paid at the inscription and shall not exceed EUR 75,-. Competitors who register for an event and don't compete in it without an excuse accepted by the Windsurfing Office have to pay a fee of EUR 200,- to the Windsurfing Office before they are allowed to enter for an international event again.

Inscription:

Every competitor has to register personally at the event during the scheduled inscription times. The inscription times shall be published at the Notice Board. Entries shall meet the requirements of ISAF RRS 2001-2004 App.2 Regulation 21. The event is open for members of National Sailing Federations and National Class Associations (if any). At registration, competitors may be asked to show their membership card and/or Licence card.

Liability:

Competitors take part in all races at their own risk. The organising authority, ISAF, IWA, the classes, or any of their representatives, sponsors, or officials or Choppy Water are not responsible under any circumstances for any damage, loss or injury to persons or equipment either ashore or on the water. Participation in this event, supporting events and each race, is at the sole discretion of the sailor and at his/her own risk.

Competitors shall possess valid third party liability insurance. No one is allowed to race without valid third party liability insurance.

Sail Insignia:

All sails should comply with the new national letter system according to the RRS 77 and App. H.

Equipment:

The equipment in the discipline FormulaWindsurfing has to comply with the IFWC rules. The equipment in the discipline Wave-Freestyle has to comply with the IFCA rules

Measurement:

It is the responsibility of each owner/competitor to ensure that his/her sailboard and equipment conforms to Class Rules. Measurement and equipment checks may be made throughout the event.

Coaches:

Coaches are required to register in advance and give notice to the organisers if they propose to bring their own coachboats.

Drug Testing:

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

Television and Media:

By registering for the event, competitors automatically grant the organising authority the right to make, use and show from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproduction of them, taken during the period of the event, for the said event as defined in the Notice of Race and Sailing Instruction in which he/she participates without any compensation arranged for.

Dress Code:

There can be official events where 'smart casual' clothes will be required. The organisers reserve the right to refuse entry to any person to such events if in their opinion the competitor's standard of attire is not commensurate with the occasion.

Bibs/Vests & Competitors Sail Branding:

During racing, competitors may be required by the organisers to wear bibs/vests carrying the event sponsors' branding and to apply stickers to their sails.

Fleets and Divisions:

There will be only two fleets: men and women. The fleets shall race (compete) separately. There may be separate prizes or trophies for Youth, Espoir, Masters and Grand Masters divisions. The position of the competitor within the division will be calculated from his/her position in the fleet results. No separate division scoring will be applied.

Division definition:

- A Youth shall be under age of 19
- An Espoir shall be under the age of 22
- A Master is a male competitor who has reached the age of 35.
- A Grand Master is a male competitor who has reached the age of 45.

A competitor must have reached the minimum age limit, in the relevant division, by Dec 31st. in the year preceding the date of competition.

A competitor must not be older than the maximum age limit, in the relevant division, by Dec 31st preceding the year of competition.

A minimum of 5 entries is required to constitute a 'fleet' or a division within a fleet.

Ranking & Scoring:

The ISAF FRR A2 (with 0,7 points for the first place) low points scoring system will apply. Ties will be broken according to ISAF FRR A2.4.

If a different system is used the results will be recalculated according to the ISAF FFR A2 low points scoring system. It is the decision of the local organizer to have an overall ranking of both disciplines FormulaWindsurfing and Wave-Freestyle for his event.

Medals, Trophies and Prizes:

Medals or trophies shall be awarded to at least the first three Men/Women in each fleet depending on entry numbers.

The cups trophies will be awarded to first men and women after last regatta in the series. There may be separate Cups trophies for first Youth, Espoir, Master and Grand Master.

Team Ranking:

At each event a team ranking is calculated and the best teams are honoured at the prize giving. A team consists of four competitors of which the best three results (ranking points for the annual ranking list FW) are added for the team ranking list. The fourth is a discard. The team with the most points is the winner. A team has to be registered at the inscription and stays together for the complete season. Changes of the team are only allowed with approval of the Jury.

Manufacturers Ranking:

At each event a manufacturers ranking is calculated in the two categories boards and sails. All brands that are represented by at least one sailor are included in the ranking list. If a competitor is using different sail brands he is calculated for the brand that produced the majority of his sails. If the „tie“ still remains he is calculated for the brand producing his biggest sail. The best three results (ranking points for the annual ranking list FW) of each brand are added for the manufacturers ranking list. The manufacturer with the most points is the winner.

Prizemoney:

The prize money is described in the Notice of Race of the local organizer. It has to fulfil the minimum requirements for the corresponding level (EUR 15.000,- per discipline for continental level and EUR 35.000,- per discipline for world level events). Prize money may be only set for one discipline but the event will only count for the annual ranking lists in disciplines in which the requirements are fulfilled. One official FormulaWindsurfing race or one official Wave-Freestyle elimination is required for a valid result in that discipline in a regatta.

In the different disciplines the prize money is divided between the different fleets/divisions (man, woman, espoir) according to the following system:

EUR 500,- are donated to the Espoir competitors according to the following table:

Place	Prizemoney
1 st Espoir	EUR 250,-
2 nd Espoir	EUR 150,-
3 rd Espoir	EUR 100,-

The rest of the prizemoney will be divided as follows:

According to the number of competing female competitors there are four possible cases:

Case I (less than 5 woman)	No constituted fleet → no prizemoney for woman
Case II (5 to 24 woman)	15 % of the Prizemoney for woman
Case III (25 to 49 woman)	28 % of the Prizemoney for woman
Case IV (50 and more woman)	32 % of the prizemoney for woman

The prizemoney for female competitors will be divided according to the following table:

# of female competitors	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
50+	20%	16%	12%	10%	8,0%	6,0%	5,0%	4,0%	3,5%	3,0%	2,5%	2,5%	2,0%	2,0%	2,0%	1,5%
25-49	24%	17%	14%	12%	8,5%	7%	5,5%	4,5%	4%	3,5%	X	x	x	x	x	x
5-24	46%	29%	15%	10%	x	x	x	x	x	X	X	x	x	x	x	x

The prizemoney for male competitors will be divided according to the following table:

Place	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Percentage of prizemoney	20%	16%	12%	10%	8,0%	6,0%	5,0%	4,0%	3,5%	3,0%	2,5%	2,5%	2,0%	2,0%	2,0%	1,5%

Exceptions from the normal split and additional prizes may be negotiated with the International Windsurfing Office as long as the minimum limits for the total prize money or defined groups (men, women) are fulfilled. Such exceptions have to be published in the Notice of Race.

It is in the decision of the local organizer to decide about the prize money if a regatta produces no valid result. For example, prize money can be paid for fun or media competitions, or the money can be split up among all the competitors. At least 50% of the price money have to be paid out to the competitors if no valid result is generated.

Annual Ranking:

The ranking lists are kept by the Windsurfing Office. There are separate lists for the two disciplines FormulaWindsurfing and Wave-Freestyle for men and women. There is no overall ranking that combines both disciplines. There may be published annual ranking for Youth, Espoir, Master and Grand Masters division based on the competitor's position on the men or women ranking.

One official FormulaWindsurfing race or one official Wave-Freestyle elimination is required for a valid result in that discipline in an international regatta.

The discipline results of the different events are included in the annual ranking as follows:

Only one official result in one of the scheduled disciplines is necessary for an event to produce a valid result counting for the Windsurfing Euro-Cup ranking list.

The winner of a discipline in an event will get 120 points for the annual ranking list in this discipline, the second 119 etc. From the 121st competitor on, no points will be granted:

Place of the competitor in a discipline	Points for the annual ranking list
1	120
2	119
3	118
...	...
119	2
120	1
121	0
122	0

The points from the various events are added up. The competitor with the most points after discards is the winner of the annual ranking list. The annual ranking list will be updated after each regatta by the Windsurfing Office.

Ties will be broken according to ISAF FFR A2.4.

Discards:

The following discard system is applied for the annual ranking list:

No. of valid results	No. of discards	No. of counting results
1	0	1
2	0	2
3	0	3
4	1	3
5	1	4
6	1	5
7	2	5
8	2	6
9	2	7
10	2	8
11	3	8
12	3	9