

Olympic Class Events

RS:X Class – Final Race Format

A submission from the International RS:X Class Association

Purpose or Objective

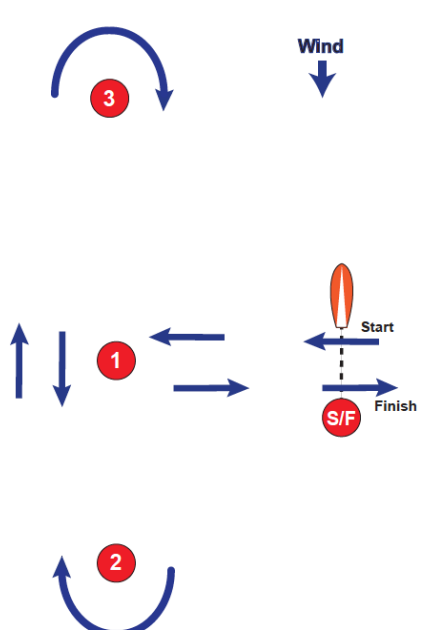
To implement the new, attractive and spectacular racing format for the final races at the RS:X principal events, including the Olympic games.

Proposal

1. The event will consist of an Opening series followed by Final races.
 2. The 12 (twelve) boards ranked highest in the Opening series will be assigned to compete in the Final races. The winner of Opening series will qualify directly to Grand Final and the 2nd overall position from the Opening series will qualify directly to Semi Final.
 3. Three Final races are scheduled.
 - a. A one race Quarter Final for 10 boards ranked overall positions 3rd to 12th from the Opening Series.
 - b. A one race Semi Final for the 5 highest ranked boards from the Quarter Final + the 2nd overall position from the Opening Series.
 - c. A one race Grand Final for the 3 highest ranked boards from the Semi Final + the 1st overall position (the winner) from the Opening Series
 4. The course configuration will be, at the discretion of the Class Course Representative, a Windward-Leeward course (RRS 26 applies) on non-planing racing conditions or Reaching Start course (RRS Appendix B3.26.2 Starting System 2 and B10.29 Recalls applies) on planing racing conditions.
 5. For Windward/Leeward course, the Target time is 20 minutes; the Time limit is 40 minutes and the Finish Window is 10 minutes.
 6. For Reaching Start course, the Target time is 10-15 minutes; the Time limit is 30 minutes and the Finish Window is 10 minutes.
 7. There will be no point scoring in the Finals. A board's score in a race will be based on her finishing order in that race.
 8. The Final races shall not be excluded neither will the Final races trigger any discards from results in Opening Series.
 9. The highest ranked board (winner) from the Opening series will qualify directly to the Grand Final race and the 2nd overall ranked board from the Opening series will advance directly to the Semi Final race.
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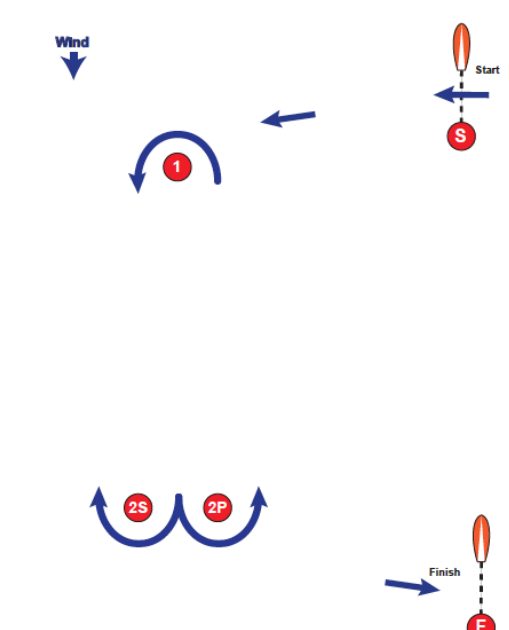
10. The first 5 (five) finishers in the Quarter Final race and the second overall ranked board from the Opening series shall advance to the Semi Final race. The last 5 boards in the Quarter Final race shall be scored in positions 8th to 12th in the event according to their finishing order. If no Quarter Final is completed, boards will be ranked according to overall scores in Opening Series.
11. The first 3 (three) finishers in the Semi Final race and the first overall ranked board from the Opening Series shall advance to the Grand Final. The last 3 boards in the Semi Final race shall be scored in positions 5th to 7th in the event, according to their finishing order. If no Semi Final is completed, boards will be ranked according to their ranking after the Quarter Final race.
12. The winner of the Grand Final race is the winner of the event. The second finisher shall be scored 2nd place, the third finisher shall be scored 3rd place and the fourth finisher shall be scored 4th in the event. If no Grand Final is completed, boards will be ranked according to their ranking after the Semi Final race.
13. The following recommended race courses to be used for Reaching Start races:

RM



Signal	Mark rounding/passing order. P – to Port, S – to Starboard
RM1	Start – 1P – 2S – 1S – 3S – 1P – Finish
RM2	Start – 1P – 2S – 1S – 3S – 1P – 2S – 1S – 3S – 1P – Finish
	STARTING SYSTEM 2

RT



Signal	Mark rounding/passing order. P – to Port, S – to Starboard
RT1	Start – 1P – 2S/2P – 1P – 2P – Finish
RT2	Start – 1P – 2S/2P – 1P – 2S/2P – 1P – 2P – Finish
	STARTING SYSTEM 2

Current Position

The ten boards ranked highest in the opening series will be assigned to compete in the Medal Race. The scores of the boards are based on the number of boards assigned in Medal Race and their points in the Medal Race are doubled. The Windward/Leeward course is used with the windward start. The Target time is 20 minutes; the Time limit is 40 minutes and the Finish Window is 10 minutes. For the starting procedure RRS 26 applies.

Reasons

1. It is much more attractive for spectators when the format is easily understandable and the winner is the sailor who crosses the finishing line first (no points scoring applied!)
 2. The reaching start on planing conditions (10+ knots) is attractive and reflects the values of the windsurfing discipline on better way.
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