

Racing Rules of Sailing

APPENDIX B

A submission from the Chairman of Windsurfing and Kiteboarding Committee

Proposal

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WINDSURFING COMPETITION RULES

Windsurfing competition shall be sailed under The Racing Rules of Sailing as changed by this appendix. The term 'boat' elsewhere in the racing rules means 'board' or 'boat' as appropriate. A windsurfing event can include one or more of the following disciplines or their formats:

Discipline	Formats
<i>Racing</i>	<i>Course racing; slalom; marathon; <u>Downwind Racing; Boarder X</u></i>
<i>Expression</i>	<i>Wave performance; freestyle</i>
<i>Speed</i>	<i><u>Standard Offshore Speed Course, Speed Crossings, Alpha Speed Course</u></i>

In expression competition a board's performance is judged on skill and variety rather than speed and is organized using elimination series. Either wave performance or freestyle competition is organized, depending on the wave conditions at the venue. In speed competition, a 'round' consists of one or more speed runs in which the boards take turns sailing the course at intervals. In the racing discipline a marathon race is a race scheduled to last more than one hour.

In racing or expression competition, 'heat' means one elimination contest, a 'round' consists of one or more heats, and an elimination series consists of one or more rounds.

B1 DEFINITIONS

B1.1 The following additional definitions apply:

About to Round or Pass A board is *about to round or pass* a mark when her proper course is to begin to manoeuvre to round or pass it.

Beach Start When the starting line is on the beach, or so close to the beach that the competitor must stand in the water to *start*, the start is a *beach start*.

Capsized A board is *capsized* when the sail or the competitor is in the water.

Keep Clear One board *keeps clear* of another if the other can sail her course with no need to take avoiding action and, when the boards are *overlapped* on the same *tack*, if the leeward board can **move her sail in any direction to** change course in both directions without immediately making contact with the windward board.

B1.2 The following definitions apply only to expression competition:

Coming In and Going Out A board sailing in the same direction as the incoming surf is *coming in*. A board sailing in the direction opposite to the incoming surf is *going out*.

Jumping A board is *jumping* when she takes off at the top of a wave while *going out*.

Overtaking A board is *overtaking* from the moment she gains an *overlap* from *clear astern* until the moment she is *clear ahead* of the *overtaken* board.

Possession The first board sailing shoreward immediately in front of a wave has *possession* of that wave. However, when it is impossible to determine which board is first the *windward* board has *possession*.

Recovering A board is *recovering* from the time her sail or, when water-starting, the competitor is out of the water until she has *steerage way*.

Surfing A board is *surfing* when she is on or immediately in front of a wave while *coming in*.

Transition A board changing *tacks*, or taking off while *coming in*, or one that is not *surfing*, *jumping*, *capsized* or *recovering* is in *transition*.

B2 RULES FOR ALL COMPETITION

Rule B2 applies to all competition.

B2.1 Changes to the Rules of Part 4

- (a) Rule 42 is changed to 'A board shall be propelled only by the action of the wind on the sail, by the action of the water on the hull and by the unassisted actions of the competitor.'
 - (b) Add to rule 43.1(a): 'However, a competitor may wear a drinking container that shall have a capacity of at least one litre and weigh no more than 1.5 kilograms when full.'
 - (c) Rule 44.2 is changed so that two turns are replaced by one 360° turn with no requirement for tacks or gybes.
 - (d) Add to rule 47.1: 'except as stated in rule 41.2'. (See rule B4.4.)
 - (f) **Add to rule 43.1(a): 'In speed windsurfing competition, competitors, except junior and youth competitors, may wear additional weight up to a maximum of 10 kg. Additional weight must be equalled by additional floating devices. The combination of additional weight and additional floating device must be positively buoyant.'**
 - (g) **Rule 43.3 is changed to:**
 - 44.3 Scoring Penalty**
 - (a) **Rule 44.3 will apply if so state in the sailing instructions.**
 - (b) **When a board decides to take a Scoring Penalty, she shall inform the other board at the first reasonable opportunity. If this is not possible she shall attempt to inform the other board within the time limit of rule 61.3. She shall complete a scoring adjustment form for each penalty within the time limit for protests.**
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- (b) The race score for a board that takes a Scoring Penalty shall be the score she would have received without that penalty, made worse by the number of places stated in the sailing instructions. However, she shall not be scored worse than Did Not Finish. When the sailing instructions do not state the number of places, the number shall be the whole number (rounding 0.5 upward) nearest to 20% of the number of boards entered. The scores of other boards shall not be changed; therefore, two boards may receive the same score.

B2.2 Entry and Qualification

Add to rule 78.1: 'When so prescribed by the ISAF, a numbered and dated device on a board and her centreboard, fin and rig shall serve as her measurement certificate.'

B2.3 Event Organization

- (a) The last sentence of rule 90.2(c) is deleted.
- (b) Add new rule 90.2(d): 'Oral instructions may be given only if the procedure is stated in the sailing instructions.'

B2.4 Identification on Sails

- (a) Add to rule G1.1(a): 'The insignia shall not refer to anything other than the manufacturer or class and shall not consist of more than two letters and three numbers or an abstract design.'
- (b) Rules G1.3(a), G1.3(c), G1.3(d) and G1.3(e) are changed to
- The class insignia shall be displayed once on each side of the sail in the area above a line projected at right angles from a point on the luff of the sail one-third of the distance from the head to the wishbone. The national letters and sail numbers shall be in the central third of that part of the sail above the wishbone, clearly separated from any advertising. They shall be black and applied back to back on an opaque white background. The background shall extend a minimum of 30 mm beyond the characters. Between the national letters and sail number a '–' and normal spacing shall be applied.

B2.5 Touching a Mark

Rule 31 is changed to 'A board may touch a *mark* but shall not hold on to it.'

B2.6 Deleted Rules

Rules 17, 18.3, 43.2, ~~44.3~~, 45, 47.2, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 54, 61.1(a)(2), 67, J2.2(28) and J2.2(33) **and Appendix P** are deleted.

B3 RULES FOR RACING COMPETITION

Rule B3 applies to racing competition. Rule B2 also applies.

B3.1 Changes to the Rules of Part 2, Section C

- (a) The first sentence of rule 18.1 is changed to 'Rule 18 applies between boards when they are required to leave a *mark* on the same side and at least one of them
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is *about to round or pass* it.’

- (b) Rule 18.2(b) is changed to

If boards are *overlapped* when the first of them is *about to round or pass* the *mark*, the outside board at that moment shall thereafter give the inside board *mark-room*. If a board is *clear ahead* when she is *about to round or pass* the *mark*, the board *clear astern* at that moment shall thereafter give her *mark-room*.

- (c) Rule 18.2(c) is changed to

When a board is required to give *mark-room* by rule 18.2(b), she shall continue to do so even if later an *overlap* is broken or a new *overlap* begins. **However, if the board entitled to mark-room passes head to wind or has passed the mark rule 18.2(b) ceases to apply.**

- (d) Rule 18.4 is changed to:

When an inside *overlapped* right-of-way board must ~~gybe~~ **change tack** or bear away at a *mark* to sail her *proper course*, until she ~~gybes~~ **changes tack** or bears away she shall sail no farther from the *mark* than needed to sail that course. Rule 18.4 does not apply at a gate *mark*.

B3.2 Changes to Other Rules of Part 2

- (a) In the preamble of Part 2, ‘rule 23.1’ is changed to ‘rules 23.1 and 23.3’.

- (b) Add new rule 16.3:

In slalom racing, a right-of-way board shall not change course during the last 30 seconds before her starting signal if as a result the other board would have to take immediate action to avoid contact.

- (c) Rule 22 becomes rule 22.1 and its last sentence is deleted. Add new rule 22.2: ‘A *capsized* board shall not take an action that hinders another board.’

- (d) Rule 23.1 is changed to ‘If reasonably possible, a board not *racing* shall not interfere with a board that is *racing*. After *finishing*, a board shall immediately clear the finishing line and *marks* and avoid boards still *racing*.’

- (e) Add new rule 23.3: ‘A board shall not sail in the course area defined in the sailing instructions when races are taking place except in her own race.’

- (f) Add new rule 24:

24 SAIL OUT OF THE WATER WHEN STARTING

When approaching the starting line to *start*, a board shall have her sail out of the water and in a normal position, except when accidentally *capsized*.

- (h) Rule 20, first sentence, replace ‘close-hauled or above’ with ‘on a beat to windward’.

B3.3 Starting Races

The sailing instructions shall specify one of these starting systems.

- (a) SYSTEM 1

See rule 26, Starting Races.

(b) SYSTEM 2

Races shall be started by using the following signals. Times shall be taken from the visual signals; the absence of a sound signal shall be disregarded.

<i>Signal</i>	<i>Flag and sound</i>	<i>Minutes before starting signal</i>
Attention	Class flag or heat number	3
Warning	Red flag; attention signal removed; 1 sound	2
Preparatory	Yellow flag; red flag removed; 1 sound	1
	Yellow flag removed	1/2
Starting	Green flag; 1 sound	0

(c) SYSTEM 3 (FOR BEACH STARTS)

- (1) Before her start each board in a heat or class shall draw a number for her station on the starting line. The stations shall be numbered so that station 1 is the most windward one.
- (2) After boards have been called to take their positions, the race committee shall make the preparatory signal by displaying a red flag with one sound. The starting signal shall be made, at any time after the preparatory signal, by removing the red flag with one sound.
- (3) After the starting signal each board shall take the shortest route from her starting station to her windsurfing position in the water (with both of the competitor's feet on the board).

B3.4 Other Rules for the Conduct of a Race

Add new rule 29.3:

29.3 Recall for a Slalom Race

- (a) When at a board's starting signal for a slalom race or heat any part of her hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line, the race committee shall signal a general recall.
 - (b) If the race committee acts under rule 29.3(a) and the board is identified, she shall be disqualified without a hearing, even if the race or heat is *abandoned*. The race committee shall hail or display her sail number, and she shall leave the course area immediately. If the race or heat is restarted or resailed, she shall not sail in it.
 - (c) If a slalom race or heat was completed but was later *abandoned* by the protest committee and if the race or heat is resailed, a board disqualified under rule 29.3(b) may sail in it.
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B4 RULES FOR EXPRESSION COMPETITION

B4.1 Right-of-Way Rules

These rules replace all rules of Part 2.

(a) COMING IN AND GOING OUT

A board *coming in* shall *keep clear* of a board *going out*. When two boards are *going out* or *coming in* while on the same wave, or when neither is *going out* or *coming in*, a board on *port tack* shall *keep clear* of one on *starboard tack*.

(b) BOARDS ON THE SAME WAVE, COMING IN

When two or more boards are on a wave *coming in*, a board that does not have *possession* shall *keep clear*.

(c) CLEAR ASTERN, CLEAR AHEAD AND OVERTAKING

A board *clear astern* and not on a wave shall *keep clear* of a board *clear ahead*. An *overtaking* board that is not on a wave shall *keep clear*.

(d) TRANSITION

A board in *transition* shall *keep clear* of one that is not. When two boards are in *transition* at the same time, the one on the other's port side or the one astern shall *keep clear*.

B4.2 Starting and Ending Heats

Heats shall be started and ended by using the following signals:

(a) STARTING A HEAT

Each flag shall be removed when the next flag is displayed.

<i>Signal</i>	<i>Flag and sound</i>	<i>Minutes before starting signal</i>
Attention	Heat number	2
Warning	Heat number, Red flag; 1 sound	<u>2 beginning of the transition period</u>
Preparatory	Yellow flag; 1 sound	1
Starting	Green flag; 1 sound	0

(b) ENDING A HEAT

<i>Signal</i>	<i>Flag and sound</i>	<i>Minutes before ending signal</i>
End warning	Green flag removed; 1 sound	1
Ending	Red flag; 1 sound	0

B4.3 Registration of Sails; Course Area; Heat Duration

- (a) Boards shall register with the race committee the colours and other particulars of their sails, or their identification according to another method stated in the sailing
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instructions, no later than the starting signal for the heat two heats before their own.

- (b) The course area shall be defined in the sailing instructions and posted on the official notice board no later than 10 minutes before the starting signal for the first heat. A board shall be scored only while sailing in the course area.
- (c) Any change in heat duration shall be announced by the race committee no later than 15 minutes before the starting signal for the first heat in the next round.

B4.4 Outside Help

Rule 41 becomes rule 41.1. Add new rule 41.2:

An assistant may provide replacement equipment to a board but shall keep clear of other boards competing. A board whose assistant fails to keep clear shall be penalized. The penalty shall be at the discretion of the protest committee.

B5 ELIMINATION SERIES

Rule B5 applies when an elimination series is organized in which boards compete in heats.

B5.1 Elimination Series Procedure

- (a) Competition shall take the form of one or more elimination series. Each of them shall consist of either ~~a maximum~~ of ~~four~~ rounds in a single elimination series where only a number of the best scorers advance, or ~~a maximum~~ of ~~ten~~ rounds in a double elimination series where boards have more than one opportunity to advance.
- (b) Boards shall sail one against another in pairs, or in groups determined by the elimination ladder. The selected form of competition shall not be changed while a round remains uncompleted.

B5.2 Seeding and Ranking Lists

- (a) When a seeding or ranking list is used to establish the heats of the first round, places 1–8 (four heats) or 1–16 (eight heats) shall be distributed evenly among the heats.
- (b) For a subsequent elimination series, if any, boards shall be reassigned to new heats according to the ranking in the previous elimination series.
- (c) The organizing authority's seeding decisions are final and are not grounds for a request for redress.

B5.3 Heat Schedule

The schedule of heats shall be posted on the official notice board no later than 30 minutes before the starting signal for the first heat.

B5.4 Advancement and Byes

- (a) In racing and expression competition, the boards in each heat to advance to the next round shall be announced by the race committee no later than 10 minutes
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before the starting signal for the first heat. The number advancing may be changed by the protest committee as a result of a redress decision.

- (b) In expression competition, any first-round byes shall be assigned to the highest-seeded boards.
- (c) In wave performance competition, only the winner of each heat shall advance to the next round.
- (d) In freestyle competition, boards shall advance to the next round as follows: from an eight-board heat, the best four advance, and the winner will sail against the fourth and the second against the third; from a four-board heat, the best two advance and will sail against each other.

B5.5 Finals

- (a) The final shall consist of a maximum of three races. The race committee shall announce the number of races to be sailed in the final no later than five minutes before the warning signal for the first final race.
- (b) A runners-up final may be sailed after the final. All boards in the semifinal heats that failed to qualify for the final may compete in it.

B6 RULES FOR SPEED COMPETITION

B6.1 General Rules

All rules of Part 2 are replaced by relevant parts of this rule.

- (a) BEACH AND WATER STARTING

A board shall not *beach start* or water start on the course or in the starting area, except to sail off the course to avoid boards that are *starting* or *racing*.

- (b) LEAVING THE COURSE AREA

A board leaving the course area shall *keep clear* of boards *racing*.

- (c) COURSE CONTROL

When the race committee points an orange flag at a board, ~~she shall immediately leave the course area.~~ **she is penalized and the run shall not be counted.**

- (d) RETURNING TO THE STARTING AREA

A board returning to the starting area shall keep clear of the course.

- ~~(e) RUN; ROUND~~

~~The maximum number of runs to be made by each board in a round shall be announced by the race committee no later than 15 minutes before the starting signal for the first round.~~

- (f) DURATION OF A ROUND

The duration of a **round (as well as the number and length of possible extensions)** shall be announced by the race committee no later than 15 minutes before the starting signal for the next round.

~~(g) CONDITIONS FOR ESTABLISHING A RECORD~~

~~The minimum distance for a world record is 500 metres. Other records may be established over shorter distances. The course shall be defined by posts and transits ashore or by buoys afloat. Transits shall not converge.~~

B6.2 Starting System for Speed Competition

Rounds shall be started and ended by using the following signals. Each flag shall be removed when the next flag is displayed.

(a) STARTING A ROUND

<i>Signal</i>	<i>Flag</i>	<i>Meaning</i>
Stand-by	Red AP flag	Course closed; <u>races are postponed</u>
Course closed	AP and Red flag	Course closed; will open shortly
Preparatory	Red and Yellow flag	Course will open in 5 minutes
Starting	Green flag	Course is open

(b) ENDING A ROUND

<i>Signal</i>	<i>Flag</i>	<i>Meaning</i>
End warning	Green and yellow flag	Course will be closed in 5 minutes
Extension	Green Yellow flag and L	Current round extended by 15 minutes
Round ended	Red flag and L	A new round will be started shortly

B6.3 Penalties

- (a) If a board fails to comply with a **rule or infringes the course area regulations,** ~~warning by the race committee,~~ she may be cautioned and her sail number shall be posted on a notice board near the finishing line.
 - (b) If a board is cautioned a second time during the same round, she shall be suspended by the race committee from the remainder of the round and her sail number shall be posted on the official notice board.
 - (c) A board observed in the course area while suspended shall be excluded from the competition without a hearing and none of her previous times or results shall be valid.
 - (d) Any breach of the verification rules may result in a suspension from the competition for any period.
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B6.4 Verification

- (a) An observer appointed by the World Sailing Speed Record Council (WSSRC) shall be present and verify run times and speeds at world record attempts. The race committee shall verify run times and speeds at other record attempts.
- (b) A competitor shall not enter the timing control area or discuss any timing matter directly with the timing organization. Any timing question shall be directed to the race committee.

B7 PROTESTS, REDRESS, HEARINGS AND APPEALS

B7.1 The first three sentences of rule 61.1(a) are replaced by

A board intending to protest shall inform the other board at the first reasonable opportunity. When her *protest* concerns an incident in the racing area that she is involved in or sees, she shall hail 'Protest'. She shall inform the race committee of her intention to protest immediately after she *finishes* or retires.

B7.2 Replace rule 62.2 with 'In ~~an~~ disciplines with elimination series, *protests* and requests for redress shall be made orally immediately following the heat in which the incident occurred. The protest committee may take evidence in any way it considers appropriate and may communicate its decision orally.'

B7.3 Add new rule 62.1(e): 'a board that failed to *keep clear* and caused *capsize* of the other board.'

B7.4 Add to rule 65.2 in the beginning 'Except in disciplines with elimination series'

B7.5 Add new rule 70.7: 'Appeals are not permitted in disciplines with elimination series.'

B8 SCORING

B8.1 Overall Scores

If an event includes more than one discipline or format the sailing instructions shall state how the overall score is to be calculated.

B8.2 (a) Series Scores

Rule A2 is changed to

Each board's series score shall be the total of her race, elimination series or speed round scores with the number of her worst scores excluded as follows:

<i>Course races</i>	<i>Speed rounds</i>	<i>Slalom and expression elimination series</i>	<i>Number excluded</i>
1–4	1–3	1–2	0
5–11	4–6	3–4	1
12 or more	7–10	5–7	2
	11–15	8 or more	3
	16 or more		4

If a board has two or more equal worst scores, the score(s) for the race(s) sailed earliest in the series shall be excluded. The board with the lowest series score wins and others shall be ranked accordingly. Rules B8.5, B8.6 and B8.7 contain exceptions to this rule.

(b) Elimination series

In elimination series every competitor shall enter into the next heat, round or series and into the final races with zero points. Sailing instructions may specify point system or other system of scoring.

B8.3 Scoring Systems

Add to the end of the first sentence of rule A4.2: ‘or, in an elimination series, the number of boards in that heat’.

B8.4 Uncompleted Heat

When a heat cannot be completed, the points for the unscored places shall be added together and divided by the number of places in that heat. The resulting number of points, to the nearest tenth of a point (0.05 to be rounded upward), shall be given to each board entered in the heat.

B8.5 Scoring a Final Series in Slalom Racing

- (a) If three final races are completed, a board’s series score in the final shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. Otherwise her series score shall be the total of her race scores.
- (b) A board that did not *start*, did not *finish*, retired after *finishing* or was disqualified from a final race shall be scored points equal to the total number of boards entered in the final.

B8.6 Expression Competition Scoring

- (a) Expression competition shall be scored by a panel of three judges. However, the panel may have a greater odd number of members, and there may be two such panels. Each judge shall give points for each manoeuvre based on the scale stated in the sailing instructions.
 - (b) The criteria of scoring shall be decided by the race committee and announced on the official notice board no later than 30 minutes before the starting signal for the first heat.
 - (c) A board’s heat standing shall be determined by adding together the points given by each judge. The board with the highest score wins and others shall be ranked accordingly.
 - (d) Both semifinal heats shall have been sailed for an elimination series to be valid.
 - (e) Except for members of the race committee responsible for scoring the event, only competitors in the heat shall be allowed to see judges’ score sheets for the heat. Each score sheet shall bear the full name of the judge.
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- (f) Scoring decisions of the judges shall not be grounds for a request for redress by a board.

B8.7 Speed Competition

Rule B.8.7 becomes rule B8.7.1(a):

- (a) **On Standard Offshore Speed courses,** the speeds of a board's fastest two runs in a round shall be averaged to determine her standing in that round. The board with the highest average wins and others shall be ranked accordingly. **In case of a tie, the tie shall be broken in favour of the fastest single speed of the board in that round.**

Add new rules B8.7 (b):

- (b) **On Speed Crossings and Alpha Speed Courses, the fastest speed of a board shall be used to determine her standing in that round. The others shall be ranked accordingly.**

B8.8 Series Ties

- (a) RACING ~~AND SPEED~~ COMPETITION

Rule A8 is changed as follows for racing ~~and speed~~ competition:

- (1) Add new rule A8.1: 'If there is a series-score tie between two or more boards, it shall be broken in favour of the board(s) with the best single excluded race score(s).'
- (2) Rule A8.1 becomes rule A8.2. Its beginning 'If there is a series-score tie' is changed to 'If a tie remains' and its last sentence is changed to 'These scores shall be used even if some of them are excluded scores.'
- (3) Rule A8.2 becomes rule A8.3 and its beginning 'If a tie remains' is changed to 'If a tie still remains'.

- (b) EXPRESSION COMPETITION

Rule A8 is changed as follows for expression competition:

- (1) In a heat, if there is a tie in the total points given by one or more judges, it shall be broken in favour of the board with the higher single score in the priority category. If the categories are weighted equally, in wave performance competition the tie shall be broken in favour of the board with the higher single score in wave riding, and in freestyle competition in favour of the board with the higher score for overall impression. If a tie remains, in wave performance competition it shall be broken in favour of the board with the higher single score in the category without priority, and in freestyle competition it shall stand as the final result.
- (2) If there is a tie in the series score, it shall be broken in favour of the board that scored better more times than the other board. All scores shall be used even if some of them are excluded scores.
- (3) If a tie still remains, the heat shall be resailed. If this is not possible, the tie shall stand as the final result.

Add new rule B8.8(c):

(c) **SPEED COMPETITION**

- (1)** **Add new rule A8.1: 'If there is a series-score tie between two or more boards, it shall be broken in favour of the board(s) with the highest top speed in the competition'**
- (2)** **Rule A8.2 becomes rule A8.3 and its beginning 'If a tie remains' is changed to 'If a tie still remains'.**

Current Position

As above

Reason

The changes are connected with the speed disciplines, others are housekeeping.
