

October 6th, 2021

Annual report:

Windsurfing Rules Working Party (WRWP) was re-constituted by World Sailing Racing Rules Committee on February 2021. The members are:

Andrus Poksi (EST) – Chairman
Ewa Jodlowska (POL) – Windsurfing Race Management and rules expert
Markus Schwendtner (GER) – Windsurfing & Kiteboarding rules expert
Gonzalo Heredia (ARG) – Racing Rules Committee
Piotr Oleksiak (POL) – International Windsurfing Association (IWA)
Gonzalo Costa Hoevel (ARG) – iQFOiL Olympic Windsurfing Class

Objectives

To review and improve the different Windsurfing discipline rules.

- Fleet Racing Rules, including the marathon races
- Slalom Racing Rules
- Expression Competition Rules, including Wave and Freestyle
- Speed Competition Rules

Activities

1. All Windsurfing rules, except the Fleet Racing Rules, are the online rules only, i.e. these are not printed in RRS book.
2. As the Windsurfing Fleet Racing Rules are published in the RRS Appendix B, no further work was done on 2021.
3. At 2019 World Sailing Annual Conference the Windsurfing Slalom Racing Rules were approved as the Test rules, with the clause that if no further changes during 2020, then from 1 January 2021 the 'Test' will be removed and the rules will become the normal rules for Slalom Racing discipline. The WS RRC did not receive any further proposal on 2020 to change the Slalom rules, so the rules became the normal rules for Slalom Racing discipline.
4. However, because there were number of structural changes made for 2021-2024 RRS, including the changes of the rule numbers, it was an essential to WRWP to review further the Windsurfing Slalom Racing rules and to apply the structural changes accordingly. After the review and corrections, the Windsurfing Slalom Racing rules, as a separate online rule book, was posted on the World Sailing website.
5. The WSWP found relevant to prepare the Windsurfing Slalom Racing Rules in RRS Appendix style format as well. The version will be finalized shortly.
6. The draft of the Windsurfing Expression Competition Rules was sent to the International Funboard Class Association (IFCA), as the main user of these rules, for their review. It is still on progress.
7. The WRWP did not work on Windsurfing Speed Competition Rules as there has been no interest expressed by the speed windsurfing community.



Andrus Poksi
Chairman of WRWP