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WINGFOIL EQUIPMENT REGULATIONS (WER)

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1. General Requirements

- 1.1 All wingfoils may be inspected at any time for compliance with the relevant rules including Class Rules, Notice of Race/Sailing Instructions, Local Sailing Instructions and these Wingfoil Equipment Regulations (WER), defined collectively as the Event Equipment Rules.
- 1.2 The Technical Committee (TC) is responsible for all equipment inspection functions. The chair of the Technical Committee may appoint one or more panels or persons to carry out the functions of the TC. The TC is the 'responsible authority' for the purposes of RRS WF5.63.5(d) and it shall be the authority for determining if equipment complies with the Event Equipment Rules and for interpreting the Class Rules during the event.
- 1.3 [SP] Competitors shall complete the event equipment registration form before 1900 on the day of on-site registration.
- 1.4 If the Notice of Race/Sailing Instructions or Local Sailing Instructions so state, wingfoils (excluding personal equipment) shall be kept in their assigned places in the venue.
- 1.5 Competitors are reminded that, in accordance with RRS 78.1, they are responsible for ensuring that their wingfoil and equipment is maintained in accordance with the Class Rules and comply with the class rules at the time of the event.
- 1.6 Competitors are reminded that class rules require equipment to comply with their respective building specifications / construction manual. If the TC that equipment does not comply with its respective (confidential) building specification / construction manual, the TC may require replacing the equipment and may decide to protest.
- 1.7 All equipment shall be certified and marked as required by the Class Rules.
- 1.8 Any changes to these WER will be approved and posted on the Official Noticeboard in accordance with the provisions governing the posting of changes to the Local Sailing Instructions (LSI).

2. Equipment Limitation

- 2.1 [SP] All items of equipment subject to event limitation control shall be marked with the official event stamp or sticker. Some items may receive two control marks, one in a readily visible position when afloat, and a second in a position protected from wear and tear. If a mark becomes unclear, insecure or lost, this shall be reported to the Technical Committee so that the mark may be replaced before the next race or at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 2.2 Competitors shall apply event limitation marks to specified equipment prior to racing.
- 2.3 Event limitation marks shall be obtained from the registration office or Technical Committee and applied in accordance with instructions included in these regulations.
- 2.4 All equipment shall have all event limitation marks from previous events removed or covered.

3. Repair and Replacement of WingFoilS and Equipment

- 3.1 Alterations, repairs or replacements shall not be made from the time of the first scheduled warning signal of the event without the prior written approval of the TC. However, alterations, repairs or replacements required afloat may be approved after the race, provided either the Race Committee or TC are notified before racing.
- 3.2 Replacement items, and any item that has been repaired, shall carry event limitation marks, and event advertising, as required. Replacement event limitation marks, nationality flags and event advertising are to be applied as soon as practicable.
- 3.3 Equipment subject to inspection shall only be replaced if:

- (a) The replacement was certified if required by the Class Rules before use, and
- (b) The equipment being replaced has been accidentally lost, or severely damaged and cannot be repaired in the time available before the next race.

However, equipment shall not be replaced if it has been deliberately mistreated, damaged or lost by the competitor or any associated person including Support Team Personnel.

- 3.4 Damaged and subsequently repaired equipment may only be used again when the replacement item is eligible for replacement as per WER 3.3(b). As a result, equipment replacement is permanent. Temporary replacement is not permitted.

4. Pre-Event Equipment Inspection

- 4.1 When instructed by an Equipment Inspector, a wingfoil shall proceed as requested to a designated area for inspection. A notice may be posted on the Official Notice Board identifying the wingfoils that have been selected for inspection and the time when they must report to the Equipment Inspection Area.
- 4.2 A wingfoil representative shall be present at all times during equipment inspection. A wingfoil representative is defined as a member of the wingfoil's crew, a team leader, support team personnel or nominated delegate. An interpreter may also be present if approved by the Equipment Inspector.
- 4.3 Wingfoils selected for equipment inspection shall be presented for inspection with the equipment specified on the notice board or as requested by the Equipment Inspector.
- 4.4 Wingfoils and equipment shall be presented for equipment inspection in a dry, clean and salt-free condition. Any item that is not in a condition to the satisfaction of the Equipment Inspector may be impounded.

5. Post-Race Equipment Inspection

- 5.1 At any time during the racing days, a wingfoil may be informed by an TC member that it has been selected for equipment inspection. When hailed, the wingfoil shall move directly to the indicated area at the race area or at the venue.
- 5.2 No person shall join or leave the wingfoil without permission from the Equipment Inspector. No equipment or other item shall be taken on or off the wingfoil without permission from the Equipment Inspector. The notified crew shall not leave the equipment inspection area without the permission of the Equipment Inspector. After inspection of the crew clothing and equipment, at least one wingfoil representative shall remain present during the inspection of the wingfoil. The Equipment Inspector may require the wingfoil to be impounded in order to dry out before its weight is checked.

6. Medal Series Equipment Inspection (if applicable)

- 6.1 On completion of the opening series, wingfoils assigned to compete in the Medal Series may be subject to equipment inspection before racing in the Medal Series. This includes wingfoils that may qualify for the Medal Series following a protest or request for redress.
- 6.2 Wingfoils shall be presented in accordance with WER 4.4 for equipment inspection 90 minutes before the warning signal time of their race in the designated Pit Lane Area, unless otherwise instructed by the TC.
This includes wingfoils that may qualify for the Medal Race or Medal Series following a protest or request for redress.

- 6.3 After inspections, wingfoils shall not leave the designated Pit Lane Area before being permitted to go afloat.
- 6.4 If a race of the Medal Series is postponed or abandoned such that the wingfoils return to shore, the wingfoils shall return to and remain in the Pit Lane Area. If a race of the Medal Series is postponed or abandoned for the next day the procedure outlined in ER 6 shall be repeated.

7. Placement of Event Limitation Marks and Branding



Hull Event Limitation Mark and IWSA Sticker

IWSA Sticker optional on the transom of the hull or behind the foil mast

Hull Event Limitation Mark on the transom of the hull



Class Branding and event advertising

On the rail of the hull



Hydrofoil System Mast Event Limitation Mark

On the starboard side of the Mast



Wings

On the right side of the center strut, close to the trailing edge on the “inside” of the wing.

STANDARD PENALTIES

In accordance with the NoR/SI, the Technical Committee may impose the following penalties:

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Equipment registration not completed by the time specified WER 1.3	1 point scoring penalty in the race nearest in time with a finishing position
Equipment registration – wrong or missing information WER 1.3	1 point scoring penalty in the race nearest in time with a finishing position
Arriving late to the equipment inspection WER 4	1 point scoring penalty in the race nearest in time with a finishing position
Equipment inspection, no-show WER 4	5 points scoring penalty for the first race of each day until complied
Event Limitation Mark missing – proof of originally applied event limitation mark by means of sticker, signature or serial number WER 2.1	1 point scoring penalty in each race of the day