



Professional Windsurfers Association 2006 Rule Book

PART 1 - GENERAL RULES





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{1.1} FUNDAMENTAL RULES

{1.1.1} Language

The official language of the Professional Windsurfers Association, which will henceforth be referred to as PWA, is English.

{1.1.2} Rule Principles

These rules are intended to ensure that the best competitor wins through individual windsurfing skill, good fortune and quality of equipment alone and not as a result of procedural devices or legalistic argument. All disputes under the rules shall be conducted on this principle.

{1.1.3} Safety

Sailing in a manner that can be considered to be dangerous or a threat to the safety of other competitors will not be tolerated. All disputes under the rules shall be conducted on this principle.

Each competitor, when in a position to do so, must render every possible assistance to a competitor in danger and assist organizers with any rescue information in the event of a rescue being needed.

{1.1.4} Responsibility of Competitors

It is the sole responsibility of each competitor to decide whether or not to start or to continue to race and to provide for his/her safety.





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{1.2} EVENT DISCIPLINES, STATUS AND DURATION

{1.2.1} Disciplines

An event can include competition in one or more of the following disciplines:

- (a) Race (Slalom 42)
- (b) Wave Performance
- (c) Freestyle
- (d) Super X
- (e) Indoor

The rules of which can be found in the relevant discipline subsection. It must be stated in the Notice of Race of an event which discipline(s) is / are scheduled for that event.

{1.2.2} EVENT STATUS

The status of a PWA event must fall into one of the following categories:

- (a) PWA Super Grand Slam (3 or more World Cup disciplines sanctioned)
- (b) PWA Grand Slam (2 World Cup disciplines sanctioned)
- (c) PWA World Cup (single discipline sanctioned)
- (d) PWA Qualifier (recognized)
- (e) PWA Special Events (at the discretion of the PWA)

PWA Super Grand Slam, Grand Slam, World Cup and Qualifier events count towards the PWA Annual Ranking lists in each discipline, while PWA special events do not count towards these lists. Super Grand Slam, Grand Slam and World Cup events score more points towards the PWA Annual Ranking lists than other sanctioned or Qualifier events.

All PWA events are sanctioned by the ISAF of which the PWA pays a sanctioning fee to the ISAF based off a percentage from prize money at events that carry World Ranking points.

{1.2.3} Event Duration

Three discipline Super Grand Slam events may run for a maximum of 4 competition days per discipline, if disciplines are run separately, or 10 days if run concurrently.

Two discipline Grand Slam events may run for a maximum of 10 competition days.

Single discipline World Cup events may run for a maximum of 7 competition days.

Other events having one discipline may run for a maximum of 5 competition days.

{1.3} SUITABLE CONDITIONS

(a) All disciplines of competition must take place in suitable conditions. The decision on suitable conditions shall be made by the Race Director, the PWA Representative and/or the appropriate Head Judge of that discipline.

The compatibility of air density, wind speed, wind direction, wave size and currents, weather and temperature will be considered when determining suitable conditions for all disciplines.

(b) If the air temperature for competition is below 10° Celsius, the event Organizer must provide shelter on the beach, together with hot drinks and food.

(c) The minimum water temperature is 8° Celsius.





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{1.4} ORGANIZERS AND NATIONAL AUTHORITIES

{1.4.1} Organizers

PWA sanctioned and PWA recognized events shall be organized by any body or person recognized by the PWA, which will henceforth be referred to as the Organizer. All competitions shall be organized, conducted and judged under the PWA Organizers Manual and the PWA Rulebook.

{1.4.2} National Authorities

The PWA may recognize all correctly constituted National Windsurfing Bodies

{1.4.3} Race Committee

Subject to such direction as the ISAF and PWA may exercise, all competitions shall be conducted and judged by the Race Committee in conformity with the terms and conditions published in the Notice of Race. The term “Race Committee” whenever it is used shall include any person or committee which is responsible for carrying out any of the designated duties or functions of the Race Committee. The head of the Race Committee shall be the Race Director, Head Judge or any other person named in the Sailing Instructions as the head of the Race Committee.

{1.5} MEMBERSHIP

{1.5.1} Individual Membership

All competitors who compete in PWA sanctioned or recognized events, or trials of sanctioned events must be PWA registered members. The duration of PWA membership is from the first to the last event of the PWA racing season. All members shall remain governed by the PWA Rulebook, Policies set forth by the PWA Management Board and PWA Constitution for a period of 6 months after expiry of their membership.

Membership fees, tax on prize money and event entry fee’s shall determined by the PWA Management Board at the start of the year and maybe changed at any notice during the course of the year.

Tax on prize money may be deducted from competitors’ net prize money at a rate of 3%.

Membership fees will only be accepted in either US dollars, Euros, or the currency of the host country according to exchange rates set by the PWA based on prevailing bank rates.

As a guideline below is an indication of the various levels of membership.

Men

Temporary Membership (2 events inc. event fee for 1 st event)	\$200
Full membership (more than 2 events inc. event fee for 1st event)	\$400
Membership upgrade (after 2 events inc. event fee for 1 event)	\$250
Full membership top 10 (inc. event fee for one event)	\$600
Membership upgrade top 10 (after 2 events inc. event fee for 1 event)	\$450
Event fee (except when paying initial membership or upgrade)	\$50





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Women

Temporary Membership (2 events inc. event fee for 1st event)	\$170
Full membership (more than 2 events inc. event fee for 1st event)	\$300
Membership upgrade (after 2 events inc. event fee for 1 event)	\$170
Full Top 4 (inc. event fee for one event)	\$450
Membership upgrade top 4 (after 2 events inc. event fee for 1 event)	\$320
Event fee (payable at all events except where joining / upgrading)	\$40

{1.5.2} Non-payment of membership fees

Non-payment of membership fees before competing may result in a fine of US \$200. This fine and the membership fee must be paid within 30 days of notification, or before the next event, whichever is sooner. In the event that fees are not paid prior to the next event, the sailor may be liable to further fines, loss of seeding order, disqualification from competing in further events and/or exclusion from the PWA Ranking Lists.

{1.5.3} Corporate Membership

There are different categories of corporate membership open only to manufacturers of boards and sails.

Full corporate members	US \$7,000
Small Brand Status	US \$3,500
Race Only Membership	US \$2,500
Temporary corporate members	US \$1,500 per event

Corporate members are allowed to advertise brands of board or sail on competitor’s sails or boards, to have branding at events in the form of one corporate flag or banner no bigger than 2m by 2m and to have their names appearing in all PWA press releases and results as stated in the specific terms of their membership category.

There is one more far important way in which the industry benefits from the existence of the PWA, which far outweighs the reasons listed above. The PWA organizes a single, identifiable tour, which is recognized by the world over as the definitive measure of cutting edge professional windsurfing. This in turn provides a stable, fair and structured ranking on which manufacturers may base promotion as well use for research and development. The ranking also provides a gauge by which manufacturers may judge the performance of their riders, and assess potential new recruits to their teams.

Manufacturers not in membership of the association are restricted to the following branding:

Board manufacturers	branding on board only
Sail manufacturers	150 sq. cm on either the clew, luff or tack of the sail.

Advertising outside of these restrictions will be removed. The PWA reserves the right to disqualify sailors attempting to compete with advertising outside of these restrictions.

Associate Corporate Membership is open to all other companies and the annual membership fee is US\$5,000.





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{1.5.4} Membership term

Corporate Membership is an annual subscription, payable before the first event of the year.

No advertising by any eligible manufacturer on competitors' boards or sails, or branding on or around the event site will be allowed until the annual membership subscription has been paid.

If a Member fails to pay its subscription by the end of the calendar year in which it is due, it is automatically suspended from membership. It will remain liable for subscriptions during the period of suspension and may be re-admitted to Membership by the Management board upon full payment of the outstanding subscription.

If a suspended Member has not paid its arrears of subscription by the end of the calendar year in which its suspension commenced, its membership will end and re-admission shall be contingent on payment of the subscription due for the period of each suspension.

{1.6} ENTRY ALLOCATION AND WILDCARDS

{1.6.1} Eligibility

Anyone wishing to compete in PWA sanctioned events, recognized events or trials of sanctioned events must be PWA members and may only compete with the approval of the PWA.

{1.6.2} Allocation

(a) All entries into the main section of a PWA sanctioned event shall be handled by the PWA office except any Wild Card places allocated to the Organizer or National Associations. The PWA may allow entries into the trial section of a PWA sanctioned event to register with either the PWA Office or the Organizer and will be allocated slots at the discretion of the PWA.

(b) If fewer than eight competitors are registered in any division, then competition may only take place with the permission of the PWA Management Board, or the PWA Representative, if it is not practical to consult with the Management Board.

(c) At each PWA sanctioned event places shall be allocated according to the tables published in the relevant discipline subsection of the rule book.

{1.6.3} Wild Card entries

(a) Wildcard Entries will be allocated as per the tables published in the relevant discipline subsection of the rule book.

(b) Wild Card entries may be given to competitors for special reasons e.g. competitors suffering from injuries from previous events, or who, for a variety of reasons, have been unable to compete in previous events through no fault of their own. The remaining slots shall be filled either by PWA selection, taking the current individual discipline ranking lists or national ranking lists if necessary, into account, or by event trials. Competitors shall apply in writing to the PWA office and shall provide information about themselves. A wild card application form can be obtained from the PWA office.





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(c) The PWA reserves the right to change the allocation of Wild Card entries if it is felt that the quality of competition may be impaired. The Wild Card allocation will be determined by the sailor reps on the PWA Management Board and outlined in the Notice of Race.

(d) Any remaining places shall be taken from the current Ranking List as of 35 days prior to the registration day of that event. For the first event of the year, where there is no current ranking list, it shall be taken from the previous year's discipline ranking list. If all competitors wishing to enter have been allocated a place and there are still places, these may be allocated at the discretion of the PWA.

(e) The PWA reserves the right to refuse entry to any sailor who's participation is not considered to be in the best interests of the event, the PWA or the sport of windsurfing

{1.6.4} Entry Procedure

(a) All PWA members must request entry to PWA events in writing, by email, exclusively through the PWA office. If a sailor doesn't receive an entry form the PWA will not be liable for his or her entry not being accepted into an event. Ultimately it's the sailors responsibility to apply for an entry for an event and to ensure that that application has been received.

NOTE: All sailors who provide a correct, working e-mail address will be e-mailed a notification that entry forms have been released. Sailors who have not received an entry form six weeks prior to the published start date of an event should contact the PWA office.

(b) PWA Full Active and Active Members' entry requests shall be received in writing, by email, by the PWA office no later than the published closing date for entries for that specific event. The closing date for entries shall be published on the entry form.

{1.6.5} Penalties

Any competitor canceling his or her entry prior to the event registration will incur a fine as follows:

3 weeks prior to registration	US \$50
2 weeks prior to registration	US \$100
1 weeks prior to registration	US \$150
No show	US \$200

Failing to appear without advance notice shall incur a US \$200 fine and/or may have his or her next event entry applications cancelled.

All fines shall be paid to the PWA before that sailor may enter any other PWA event.

{1.6.6} Registration

All entrants must personally complete and sign the membership / entry forms at the registration of the event at the time and place published in the Notice of Race. Exceptions may only be granted by the PWA Representative.





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{1.7} ENTRY RESTRICTIONS

(a) PWA members may only compete in PWA sanctioned or recognized events. Members in these categories wishing to compete in any other events must both request and obtain permission in writing from the PWA office. Members may compete in their National Series, National Championships or State Championships in their country of residence.

Any PWA member who competes at a non PWA contest, without permission from the PWA, may be barred from entry at the next PWA World Cup event. Sailors may compete on their own national circuit events. Sailors may choose between a country of citizenship and their country of residence but this choice must be informed to the management board.

PWA Members ranked in the top 16 from the previous years ranking may not compete at PWA events of less than World Cup status without permission from the PWA unless the event(s) takes place in the competitors home nation.

The penalty for not complying with this Rule may be either a fine payable to the PWA, barred from competing in up to the next 2 World Cups that they apply for, or expulsion from the PWA. The fine shall be paid before the PWA member may register for further PWA events.

(b) Any sailor owing monies to an event organizer or the PWA may not compete in any further PWA recognized or sanctioned event until the debt is paid in full. PWA reserves the right to refuse entry from any sailor.

{1.8} EQUIPMENT

(a) There are no restrictions on equipment other than those defined in the PWA Rule Book. The PWA reserves the right to impose further restrictions on equipment in the interests of safety or fair competition. No such prohibition shall be made without stating such in the Notice of Race.

(b) Only sailboards are eligible for use in competition at PWA sanctioned and recognized events. Competitors may not compete on equipment using a kite system. A sailboard is a surfboard using a free sail system. A free sail system means a swivel-mounted mast not supported in a permanent position while sailing.

(c) Equipment which in the opinion of the Race Director could cause injury to competitors must be prohibited. It is the responsibility of each competitor to check this aspect of his/her equipment with the Race Director. Under this Rule, rigging on the mast and sharp nosed boards which could cause injury to competitors must be prohibited. Competitors failing to obey instructions in this regard may be penalized under Rule 1.12.

{1.8.1} Weight vests

Weight vests and weight harnesses or any item of clothing or equipment designed in any way to deliberately increase a sailors weight whilst sailing shall be strictly prohibited at PWA events.





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{1.9} SAIL NUMBERS

(a) Each competitor must mark his/her sails with his/her registered sail number. The number shall be at least 23 centimeters in height, displayed clearly above the wishbone, and above the area reserved for the event sponsor. The number shall be placed at different heights on both sides with the number on the starboard side being uppermost, except when the sail is of clear material, when the numbers may be placed on the starboard side only. Numbers must be clearly visible, in a solid contrasting color, and identifiable from both sides of the sail.

(b) All characters must be displayed horizontally and not in a column. A competitor may not be disqualified for infringing the provisions of this rule without prior warning and adequate opportunity to make correction. The number shall not exceed seven digits and shall include a national abbreviation recognized and approved by the PWA.

{1.10} ADVERTISING

{1.10.1} Requirement to carry advertising

If required by the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions, competitors shall, for the duration of an event (including registration day), be compelled when racing, taking part in fun events, going out to compete and coming in from competing, warming up in the designated course or warm up area, being interviewed by event media at official press calls or at presentations on event podiums to:

(a) wear a standard PWA specification, Event / Tour advertising vest over all other clothing, including harness and life jacket and/or

(b) carry Event / Tour advertising stickers on all of their sails.

{1.10.2} Advertising Vests

The PWA reserves the space shown on the advertising vests for the placement of a World Tour affiliated sponsor logo, a secondary tour sponsor and an event sponsor. No other branding may be placed in these areas.





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{1.10.3} Sail Advertising

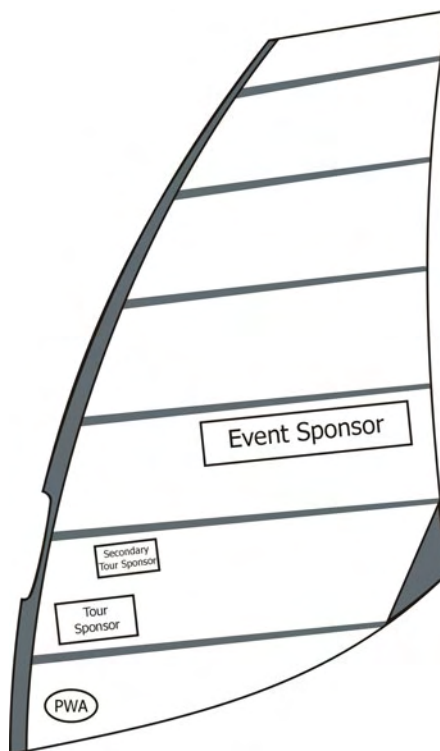
Advertising on sails shall be in accordance with the following rule and diagram below. The entire area on the sail from the boom to an imaginary line drawn parallel to the boom and 60 cm above the boom is reserved for the Event Sponsors' sticker. This sticker must be placed parallel to the boom and in such a position that the bottom edge of the sticker falls within the 60 cm zone.

In the case of Wave sails, these stickers may be placed slightly diagonally but the lowest portion of the sticker must fall within, or touch, the 60 cm border and the sticker must be legible from left to right.

No other sponsor stickers or advertising may be placed in this zone. This sticker may be required on one or both sides of the sail being used. This sticker may not exceed 0.25 square meters in area and the recommended dimensions are 100 cm x 25 cm.

A tour sponsor sticker may be placed in the zone indicated on the sail advertising diagram. This sticker may be required on one or both sides of the sail being used. This sticker may not exceed 0.20 square meters in area.

A secondary Tour sponsor sticker may be placed in the zone indicated on the sail advertising diagram. This sticker may be required on one or both sides of the sail being used. This sticker may not exceed 0.8 square meters in area.





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An area in the tack of the sail is reserved for a PWA World Tour Sticker. This sticker may not exceed 30 cms in diameter. It is compulsory for all sailors competing to carry this sticker on their sails at all times.

If event sponsors stickers are compulsory, this shall be stated in the Notice of Race and or Sailing Instructions.

{1.10.4} Additional Instructions

Competitors must follow any instructions given in the Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions or by the Race Director or PWA Representative regarding the proper placement of such advertising.

{1.10.5} Additional Branding

The rest of the sail area is at the disposal of the individual competitor allowing for his sail number, which must appear on both sides of the sail above the Event Sponsor sticker.

{1.10.6} Manufacturers Branding

(a) Only trade (i.e. board or sail) sponsors in membership of the PWA are allowed branding space.

(b) Sail manufacturers not in membership of the PWA are entitled to a branding area of 150 sq. cm in the clew of the sail on both sides of the sail.

(c) Board manufacturers not in membership of the PWA are entitled to branding on the board only.

(d) Advertising on sailors' boards or sails outside of the restrictions imposed on Corporate Membership will be removed or obscured.

{1.10.7} Team Advertising

An Individual Team Banner will be allowed at events not bigger than 2m by 1m in a location approved by the PWA representative.

{1.10.8} General Condition

All sail advertising must be in good taste and well maintained as judged by the Race Director or PWA Representative. Any branding deemed to not be in good taste by the Race Director or PWA Representative must be removed may result in disqualification or fines being levied under the appropriate rules.

{1.10.9} Responsibilities and Penalties

(a) It shall be the sole responsibility of each competitor to have his/her sails correctly labeled.

(b) Competitors should make every endeavor to ensure that branding is properly adhered and arranged on their sails. However, no competitor shall be responsible for loss of advertising sticker(s) during competition due to inadequate adhesion of the stickers.

(c) Competitors failing to adhere to these rules may be penalized under Rule 1.12





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{1.11} GENERAL ATTITUDE AND RESPONSIBILITY AT EVENTS

{1.11.1} Attitude

All members must, by their actions and general attitude, during all events and at all times while within the precincts of the site of a PWA recognized or sanctioned event, promote the image of the sport, the sponsors of the event, the PWA and themselves in a professional manner.

Any failure to do so immediately prior to, during and immediately after a PWA event may result in appropriate fines being levied by the PWA. More severe cases of bringing the sport into disrepute may result in the suspension or expulsion of a member from the PWA after due consideration by the PWA Management Board.

{1.11.2} Fun Events

A fun event is a side event which does not count towards the official result. All sailors must sail in fun races/event as instructed by the Race Director. The Race Director must first obtain the permission of the PWA Representative to hold fun races in which the competitors are compelled to participate. Failure to participate without prior permission of the PWA Representative may result in a penalty as specified under Rule 1.12

{1.11.3} Official Attendance – Media Conferences and Interviews

All competitors may be required to attend a post heat/race media conference immediately after, the end of the heat/race or at any time reasonably possible taking into consideration the commitments of competition, whether he/she be the winner or loser. Sailors must wear the Event Sponsors' advertising vest or a suitable substitute supplied by the Organizer during this conference as required.

Competitors failing to attend a post heat/race media conference or to wear the correct branding will be penalized under Rule 1.12.5

{1.11.4} Official Attendance – Event Functions

Punctual attendance at up to a maximum of 3 Official Functions per event is mandatory for all sailors and sailors' representatives on the Management Board at the event. Failure to adhere to this rule may result in offending competitors being penalized under Rule 1.12

All sailors shall dress in a suitable attire as outlined in the Sailing Instructions.

Where the organizer has provided adequate food and drink free of charge, competitors may be required to stay for up to 2 hours from the published start time at the discretion of the PWA Representative. If adequate food and drink is not provided then sailors may be required to stay for a minimum of 1 hour from the published start time at the discretion of the PWA Rep. Under circumstances where there are no constraints on time and no possibility of competition on the following day, these times may be extended at the discretion of the PWA Rep. These times may also be extended at the discretion of the PWA Rep. providing prior notice is published on the official notice board.

{1.11.5} Presence on Site

All members are compelled to stay within the precincts of the site for the entire duration of the event as published in the Notice of Race. Any competitor seeking exemption from this Rule for a particular event must request and obtain permission in writing from the PWA.





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{1.12} DISCIPLINARY CODE OF CONDUCT AND FINES

{1.12.1} General Codes and Fines

The Rules set forth under this section apply to the conduct of each competitor while within the precincts of an event site except where specific the specific offences described therein are considered to bring the sport into disrepute or are directed toward an organizer, sponsor, the PWA or PWA staff.

Fines levied for breach of this code are payable to the PWA and members fined shall not be allowed to compete further in any event, race or heat recognized or sanctioned by the PWA until the fine is paid.

The PWA Representative, Head Protest Judge or Race Director may discipline and fine members. In all cases the Race Director and/or Head Protest Judge shall consult with the PWA Representative before imposing any fines or penalties under the code.

When imposing a fine or penalty the committee involved will consider the seriousness of the offence, the current ranking of the sailor and if the rule violation is a repetition.

Fines may be imposed for each individual breach of these rules and where different rules have been breached during a single incident, each individual breach may be penalized.

Sailors will be notified of any fines levied in writing by the PWA. Any sailor wishing to appeal against a fine may submit a written appeal to the PWA. This appeal will be considered by a committee consisting of the Head Protest Judge, a PWA representative and a Management Board representative. Where it is not possible for an appeal to be heard by this committee i.e. after an event has finished, then the appeal may be heard by the Management board of the PWA.

{1.12.2} Failure to obey Written or Verbal instructions

Failure to obey Written or Verbal instructions at an event, a member failing to follow clear written or verbal instructions at an event may be subject to a fine of not more than \$500.

{1.12.3} Sailing in the Course/Competition Area when not competing

Violations under this rule will incur a fine of no more than \$300 per violation and/or disqualification from the series, event or elimination.

{1.12.4} Littering

Members found to be littering or causing any other environmental damage within the precincts of the event site will incur a fine of no more than \$200 per violation.

{1.12.5} Media Conference

Any member failing to attend a media conference as prescribed in Rule 1.11 will incur a fine of no more than \$200.

{1.12.6} Official Functions

Any member failing to attend an Official Function as prescribed in Rule 1.11 will incur a fine of no more than \$200.

{1.12.7} Presence on Site

Any member failing to remain present on site as prescribed in Rule 1.11.5, will incur a fine of no more than \$300 and/or disqualification from the series, event or elimination.





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{1.12.8} Advertising

All Members are required to abide by the advertising rules as laid out in Rule 1.10. Violation of the various categories of this section will incur a fine of no more than \$500 for each violation and/or disqualification from the series, event or elimination.

{1.12.9} Audible Obscenities

Any member using an audible obscenity will incur a fine of no more than \$500 for each violation. For the purpose of this rule, audible obscenities are defined as words commonly known and understood to be profane and uttered clearly and loudly enough to be heard by any officials in the proximity.

{1.12.10} Visible Obscenities

Any member making an obscene gesture of any kind will incur a fine of up to \$500 for each violation and/or disqualification from the series, event or elimination. For the purpose of this rule, a visible obscenity is defined as the making of signs or gestures by a competitor using his hands, body, or sailing equipment that commonly have an obscene meaning or import to reasonable people.

{1.12.11} Verbal Abuse

Any member heard to be verbally abusive of an official, opponent, spectator, member of the media or any other person will incur a fine of no more than \$500 for each violation and/or disqualification from the series, event or elimination. For the purpose of this rule, verbal abuse is defined as a statement directed at an official, opponent, spectator, member of the media or any other person that implies dishonesty, or is derogatory, insulting or otherwise abusive.

{1.12.12} Abuse of Event Equipment

Any member abusing or damaging event equipment, violently or dangerously or with anger, will incur a fine of no more than \$500 plus the costs of repairing or replacing any damaged equipment and/or disqualification from the series, event or elimination.

{1.12.13} Physical Abuse

Any member found to have been physically abusive of an official, opponent, spectator, member of the media or any other person will incur a fine of no more than \$500 for each violation, and/or disqualification from the series, event or elimination. For the purposes of this rule, physical abuse is the unauthorized touching of an official, opponent, spectator, member of the media or any other person.

{1.12.14} Unsportsmanlike Conduct

Any members failing to conduct themselves at all times in a sportsmanlike manner and or to give due regard to the authority of officials and the rights of opponents, spectators, members of the media or other persons will incur a fine of no more than \$1000 for each violation and/or disqualification from the series, event or elimination. For the purposes of this rule, unsportsmanlike conduct is defined as any misconduct that is clearly abusive or detrimental to the sport, but does not fall within the prohibition of any specific on site offence contained in these rules. In addition, unsportsmanlike conduct shall include but not be limited to the giving, making issuing, authorizing or endorsing any public statement having or designed to have an effect prejudicial or detrimental to the best interests of the PWA, the event or the sport.





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If the Head Protest Judge deems that a sailor is abusing or misusing the Protest system, then he may propose that a fine be levied in the category of unsportsmanlike conduct.

{1.12.15} Coaches, Team Managers

Members take responsibility for the presence of their coaches, managers, representatives and any ancillary staff and the violation of any of Rule 1.12 by any of these will result in the appropriate penalty being applied to the member.

{1.12.16} Future Disciplinary Action

When the PWA Representative, Race Director or Head Protest Judge excludes a competitor from further participation in an event or takes further disciplinary action against the competitor after a gross breach of good manners or unsportsmanlike conduct, his action shall be reported to the Management Board, who may reconsider the matter after further investigation and impose further penalties including the recovery of costs for any damage caused to property and equipment.

{1.13} EVENT SCORING

{1.13.1} Principles of Scoring

(a) All races or eliminations are scored evenly i.e.:
one upwind race = one downwind race = one long distance race = one elimination series.

(b) If there are two divisions, men and women will race and be scored in separate divisions.

{1.13.2} Discipline Scoring

Calculation of discipline ranking lists at an event

The positions in the individual disciplines shall be established by means of the total score earned over the valid races / elimination series held in each discipline.

{1.13.3} Discards

Dependant upon the number of discards permitted, the highest, second highest, third highest and the fourth highest scores are discarded. The lowest total score, with discards, if any, taken into account, wins. The number of discards to be considered in each discipline is set out in the relevant discipline subsection

{1.13.4} Ties

When there is a tie in total points of an individual discipline the tie shall be broken...

(a) in favor of the competitor who has beaten the other more times. Award each competitor 1, 2, 3 etc. respectively, in each race/elimination and include the discarded scores. The lowest accumulated score wins. If the tie remains,

(b) in favor of the competitor who has the greater number of firsts, seconds and so on, discard score included. Here the actual finishing positions of the competitors shall be considered. If the tie remains,

(c) in favor of the competitor who has discarded a better result. If the tie remains,

(d) If the tie remains, a sail-off between the competitors in question may be permitted if reasonably possible. If the tie still remains,





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(f) it shall stand as the final result.

If after all relevant tie break rules have been applied, there is a tie between competitors ranked in the top 3 of an individual discipline at an event, the tie shall be broken in favor of the competitor who had the highest finishing position in the last race or elimination of that specific discipline at the event

If two or more competitors are placed equally after all relevant tie break rules have been applied, the next best ranked competitor shall receive a position after these which is consecutive to the number of positions occupied by the number of individuals ranked equally.

Ties between more than two competitors shall be broken in the same manner, considering all the competitors concerned at once, in each race/elimination series.

{1.13.5} Overall Ranking at an Event

In multiple discipline events, it shall be stated in the Notice of Race if an overall winner will be announced.

{1.13.6} Calculation of Results

The overall ranking in a multiple discipline event is calculated by awarding 0.7 points for the first in an individual discipline, 2 points for the second, etc. The total score of all included disciplines is then calculated and the lowest total score wins.

{1.13.7} Ties in Overall Ranking at Events

When there is a tie in total points overall, the tie shall be broken in favor of the competitor who has beaten the other in more disciplines. If the tie remains, then it shall be decided in favor of the competitor who has the greater number of firsts, seconds and so on. If the tie remains, it shall stand as the final result.

Ties between more than two competitors shall be broken in the same manner, considering all the competitors concerned at once.

Where ties cannot be broken using the above rule, a sail-off between the competitors in question may be permitted if reasonably possible.

NOTE - The overall ranking at an event does not affect the PWA Ranking points for the Annual Ranking list.

{1.14} PRIZE MONEY

{1.14.1} Status

The status of PWA events relates to the net prize money and the number of disciplines.

TITLE	DISCIPLINES	PRIZE MONEY
Sanctioned Grand Slam	2 Minimum	Number of disciplines multiplied by the standard World Cup Prize Money
Sanctioned World Cup	1 Discipline	€30,000 men, €15,000 women
Sanctioned Qualifier	1 Discipline	€10,000 men, €5,000 women





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This is just a guideline for sailors. Event contracts will take precedents when it comes to prize money levels as set by the PWA management Board.

{1.14.2} Divisions

The prize fund at an event is divided between the divisions. The amount for each division shall be stated in the Notice of Race or entry form.

{1.14.3} Validity of Scoring

The full amount of the advertised prize money in each discipline shall be payable when a valid result stands as per the rules in the relevant discipline subsections of this rule book.

{1.14.4} Incomplete Disciplines

(a) If not all disciplines are completed in any division, the prize money for any incomplete discipline(s) is divided into two parts. 30% is returned to the Sponsor/Organizer and 70% is split evenly amongst all officially registered competitors in the relevant division and discipline at the event.

(b) Should it be decided to run competition unofficially, 5% of the 70% allocated to the competitors at an event, may be offered as unofficial prize money.

(c) The 70% allocated to the sailors is distributed as follows:

- i. If no single column within an elimination series has been completed, then the money is split evenly amongst the fleet.
- ii. If one round within a series has been completed, then the losers of the round shall have 33.3% divided evenly amongst them, the winners of the first round shall have 66.6% divided evenly amongst them.
- iii. If two rounds within a series have been completed, then the losers of the first round shall have 15% divided evenly amongst them, the losers of the second round shall have 28% divided evenly amongst them and the winners of the second round shall have 57% divided amongst them.

(d) Any competitor who, in the opinion of the Race Director, causes any unnecessary delay in the smooth running of an event may be excluded from this prize split. The Race Director's decision may not be appealed, although he may be required to give his reasons for his decision in writing.

{1.14.5} Shared Positions

When a number of competitors share a single position, their ranking order not having been determined, the payment for these competitors shall be as follows.

The prize money for the occupied position and the following unoccupied positions (equal in number to the competitors standing on the single position) shall be added together, then divided by the number of the group of competitors being paid in this manner.

{1.14.6} Tax

If tax deductions are applicable on prize money at any event the Organiser shall provide the contestant with a letter detailing the deductions and providing information on refunds.





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{1.14.7} Percentage of Prize Money Payable

Prize money will be allocated according to the following tables

(a) Men's prize money breakdown

	Top 16
Position	Percentage
1	20
2	16
3	12
4	10
5	8
6	6
7	5
8	4
9	3.5
10	3
11	2.5
12	2.5
13	2
14	2
15	2
16	1.5

(b) Women's prize money breakdown

Number of Competitors	8 to 16	17 to 25	26 and over
	Top 8	Top 10	Top 12
Position	Percentage	Percentage	Percentage
1	25	23.5	22
2	18	16.5	16
3	15	14	13.5
4	12	11.5	11
5	9	9	8.5
6	8	7.5	7.5
7	7	6	6.25
8	6	5	5.25
9	-	4	3
10	-	3	3
11	-	-	2
12	-	-	2





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{1.14.8} Payments and Transfers

Prize money must be distributed according to the prize money distribution table in US Dollars cash, Euro Cash, telegraphic transfer or check at the closing ceremony. If money is transferred by bank transfer, competitors must receive it no later than 4 weeks after the last day of that event. In most cases it will be transferred within 2 weeks of the event finishing. To save bank charges both for the sailors and the PWA when there are events back to back, the money will be transferred 2 weeks after the end of the last event.

{1.14.9} Additional Prizes

Additional prizes may be offered. These, however, are additional to the official prize money which is taken into account for the annual ranking lists.

{1.14.10} Official Fun Races

Prize money for official fun races shall be no less than €2,000.

{1.15} RANKING LISTS

{1.15.1} Ranking Points

For competitors finishing in position 32 or better in each discipline at a sanctioned and recognized events are awarded points according to their finishing position in that discipline and the prize money for that discipline, according to the table at the end of this section. In the Race discipline, competitors will be scored up to position 64.

{1.15.2} Validity of Scoring

The minimum number of races or elimination series in single/double discipline events for scoring in the PWA Annual Ranking List of the respective discipline(s) is one valid race or elimination as specified in the relevant discipline subsection.

{1.15.3} Events Counting and Discards

The number of scores which count towards the PWA Annual Ranking list of each discipline is dependant upon how many times the respective disciplines have been completed at World Cup / Grand Slam. The Ranking list begins when the first Grand Slam/World Cup has been completed for that discipline.

The number of discards shall be in accordance with the table below.

number of events	number of events discarded
1-3	0
4-6	1
7-8	2
more than 9	3

{1.15.4} Discipline Ranking

The sailor with the highest total score in each discipline is the PWA World Champion in that discipline.

{1.15.5} Ties

When there is a tie in total points of an Annual Discipline Ranking list, the tie shall be broken in favor of the competitor, who has beaten the other in more events in the relevant discipline. If the tie remains, it shall be decided in favor of the competitor who has the greater number of firsts, seconds, and so on, in the relevant discipline including any





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discarded scores. If the tie remains then it shall be decided in favor of the competitor who has the greater number of firsts, seconds and so on in the relevant discipline in each individual race/elimination of the year in question.

Where ties cannot be broken using the above rule, a sail-off between the competitors in question may be permitted if reasonably possible.

If the tie remains, it shall stand as the final result.

If after all relevant tie break rules have been applied, there is a tie between competitors ranked in the top 3 in any one discipline, the tie shall be broken in favor of the competitor who had the highest finishing position in the last event of the year in that specific discipline.

Ties between more than two competitors shall be broken in the same manner, considering all the competitors concerned at once.

{1.15.6} Nations and Manufacturers Ranking

A PWA Nations and Manufacturers Overall Ranking list may be calculated after each completed PWA sanctioned event. Results shall be calculated by taking the 3 best discipline results for each Sail Manufacturer, Board Manufacturer or Nation. First place shall be scored 0.7, second place 2 and so on. The lowest overall score wins.

{1.16} NOTICE OF RACE

{1.16.1} Publication and Contents of Notice of Race.

The notice of race is a notice to all sailors who have successfully entered a PWA event to invite them to the regatta, based on this notice and the information provided the sailors will decide whether to attend the regatta and will have one week in which to cancel their entry without penalty.

The Notice of Race must be published at least 30 days prior to the first day of the event, by the PWA. Exceptions to this rule may only be made with the approval of the PWA.

The Notice of Race must contain the following information:

- (a) title, location, schedule and dates of the competition and name of Organizer
- (b) that the competition is sanctioned by the PWA and governed by the PWA Rulebook or any other rules that may apply to the event.
- (c) that only PWA registered members are eligible to compete, or other special conditions of eligibility, ie. through National Associations or International classes.
- (d) discipline(s) scheduled.
- (e) how many races/elimination series are to be sailed
- (f) conditions of entry and numbers of entries, and divisions (men and women)
- (g) place and time of registration, as well as any conditions for advance registration





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- (h) any fees payable by sailors, if any
- (i) obligation to wear a specific advertising vest, if any
- (j) obligation to carry advertising for the event sponsor on the sail, if any
- (k) additional compulsory safety obligations, if any
- (l) changes to any rules in Part I of the PWA Rulebook
- (m) amount of prize money to be awarded, as well as any additional prizes
- (n) any tax deductions from prize money that might be applicable
- (o) the availability of security for sailors' equipment
- (p) average anticipated weather and water conditions for the race venue at that specific time of year
- (q) names of the Race Director, the Head Judge and Head Wave Judge where applicable
- (r) The Notice of Race shall contain any further information, which is deemed necessary.

{1.16.2} Changes to Part I of the PWA Rulebook

Changes to any rule in Part I (General Rules) of the PWA Rulebook shall only be made if the following two conditions are met:

- (a) the approval for the changes by the PWA management Board, and so stated in the event contract.
- (b) all changes are set out in the Notice of Race with specific reference to the rules which are changed.

Any infringement of this rule may cause the withdrawal of PWA sanctioning for an event. The full risk resulting from this shall be borne by the Organizer / Sponsor.

{1.17} SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

{1.17.1} Status of Sailing Instructions

The PWA Rulebook may be supplemented by written Sailing Instructions, which have the same status as rules. The Sailing Instructions may alter a rule by specific reference to it, but they shall not alter any rule in Part I (General Rules) without prior publication in the Notice of Race, after written authorization from the PWA Management Board. The Sailing Instructions shall be posted on the Official Notice Board and any extraordinary instructions may be distributed to competitors.

{1.17.2} Contents of Sailing Instructions

The Sailing Instructions must contain the following information.

- (a) that the event shall be governed by the PWA Rulebook, the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions





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- (b) the schedule of the races/heats
- (e) a description of the starting system/line and finishing line/signal and any special signals to be used
- (f) the maximum number of races/eliminations to be contested
- (g) location of the Official Notice Board and Elimination Ladder(s). If applicable, the location of the Official Flag Pole, the place where starting signals are given and the Judges stand
- (h) instructions concerning the application of the Event Sponsor sticker (one or two sides of the sail, etc) if any
- (i) the maximum amount of fines, if any
- (j) any special safety information
- (k) how many and which Official Functions the Race Director requires the sailors to attend up to a maximum of three. Prior confirmation of these functions shall be obtained from the PWA Management Board. The value of these functions shall be at the discretion of the PWA Management Board.
- (l) the names of the Race Director, Head Judge, Head Wave Judge, Wave Judges, Protest Committee and PWA Representative, where applicable.

{1.17.3} Change of Sailing Instructions

The Race Committee may change the Sailing Instructions by notice on the Official Notice Board at least 30 minutes before the start of the race/heat in which they are to apply. Any changes must be approved by the PWA Management Board or its Representative.

{1.17.4} Official Notice Board

All official announcements shall be posted in writing on the Official Notice Board. The attention of the competitors shall be drawn to all important announcements, such as changes to Sailing Instructions, by displaying the code flag "L" ashore, accompanied by a sound signal. This flag must remain displayed for at least one hour.

{1.17.5} Oral Instructions

Oral instructions may not be given except in accordance with the procedure specifically set out in these rules and/or the Sailing Instructions. Oral instructions will not be official, they are only to help guide competitors.





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{1.15} Ranking Points

Position	Grand Slam / World Cup	Qualifier
1	2100	1638
2	2067	1500
3	2034	1402
4	2001	1316
5	1968	1238
6	1935	1168
7	1902	1106
8	1869	1055
9	1836	1006
10	1803	963
11	1770	926
12	1737	894
13	1704	866
14	1671	845
15	1638	828
16	1605	811
17	1572	795
18	1539	778
19	1506	761
20	1473	745
21	1440	728
22	1407	711
23	1374	695
24	1341	678
25	1308	661
26	1275	645
27	1242	628
28	1209	611
29	1176	595
30	1143	578
31	1110	561
32	1077	545
33	1044	528
34	1011	511
35	978	495
36	945	478
37	912	461
38	879	445
39	846	428

Position	Grand Slam / World Cup	Qualifier
40	813	411
41	780	395
42	747	378
43	714	361
44	681	345
45	648	328
46	615	311
47	582	295
48	549	278
49	516	261
50	483	245
51	450	228
52	417	211
53	384	195
54	351	178
55	318	161
56	285	145
57	252	128
58	219	111
59	186	95
60	153	78
61	120	61
62	87	45
63	54	28
64	21	11

