

Changes to PWA Rule Book

The following rule changes will replace and supersede the PWA Rule Book. In the case of any conflict between rules in the Rule Book and those stated herein then the rules contained in this document shall take precedence.

{1.5.3} Corporate Membership / Branding (ALL DISCIPLINES)

Only foil manufacturers and brands who are in membership of the PWA shall be permitted to place branding on athletes sails and boards. Competitors using foils produced by brands or manufacturers who are not in membership must remove any branding from sails or boards or they may be fined or disqualified.

{1.6.2} Entry Allocation (ALL DISCIPLINES)

(c) At each PWA sanctioned event places shall be allocated according to the tables published in the conditions of entry for the specific event as published in the Sailor Information or Notice of Race.

{1.6.4} (c) Seeding and Elimination Procedure – All disciplines. The final seeding and elimination procedure to be used at each event shall be decided by the race committee at all times taking into account the number of competitors registered, the prevailing weather conditions, maintaining the fairness of competition and promoting the best interests of the sport, the event and the sport of windsurfing.

(d) If a top 40 ranked sailor is unable to compete at an event or events due to injury, the seeding of that sailor will be protected for a period of 12 months from the point that injury is sustained. The seeding shall be calculated for that sailor based on the current rules, results and rankings on the date of injury, as if registering for a new event on that day. After 12 months, the sailors seeding shall be calculated according to the standard method in the rulebook.

{1.7} ENTRY RESTRICTIONS

(a) Competitors at PWA events must be members of the PWA.

(b) There are no restrictions on competitors taking part in events outside of the PWA World Tour, but all competitors are reminded of the potential risks of taking part at events of lower levels of prize money or other standards, which can compromise the value of PWA events and may lead to a reduction in levels of prize money or event standards at future PWA events. If competitors are in any doubt about the circumstances of competing at events outside of the PWA World Tour, then they may contact the PWA for further information.

(c) PWA Members ranked in the top 16 from the previous year's ranking may not be granted entry 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. Specific qualification structures will be published in the Sailor Information for each specific event.

(d) 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 who is in breach of general codes of conduct or who is found to breached rules on Unsportsmanlike Conduct or to have brought the sport of windsurfing or the PWA into disrepute.

{1.8} EQUIPMENT (ALL DISCIPLINES)

(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.

(d) Competitors may only use boards and sails manufactured or branded by brands that are in membership of the PWA.

(e) Only foil manufacturers who are in membership of the PWA shall be permitted to place branding on athletes sails and boards. Competitors using foils produced by brands or manufacturers who are not in membership must remove any branding from sails or boards or they may be fined or disqualified.

Competitors may use boards that are not manufactured or branded by brands in membership of the PWA provided that they are plain white or black and do not carry any other identifying marks, logos or graphics except where specific discipline rules state otherwise or where registered production equipment must be used.

Competitors may not use sails manufactured or branded by any brand not in membership of the PWA.

A list of registered industry member brands can be found here:

http://nor.pwaworldtour.com/PWA_Industry_Members_2023.htm

{1.9} Sail Numbers (ALL DISCIPLINES)

(a) Each competitor must mark his/her sails with his/her registered sail number. The number shall be at least 18 centimetres 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 colour, 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.

(c) Further details of discipline specific rules and criteria shall be included in the relevant discipline subsection of the PWA Rule Book and / or the Rule Changes

{1.15} Annual Ranking

All competitors at PWA events shall be allocated ranking points based on their finishing position according to the table at the end of these Rule Changes except:

- (a) In Wave, sailors shall be allocated points according to the table titled Wave Ranking Points at the end of these Rule Changes
- (b) Competitors at events of lower status than World Cup 4 star shall be allocated points based on a roughly proportionate reduction based on the prize money of the event compared to full World Cup prize money. Full details of points breakdowns shall be posted in the Notice of Race for the event.

{1.15.3} Events Counting and Discards (ALL DISCIPLINES)

The number of scores which count towards the PWA Annual Ranking list of each discipline is dependent 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	Category	number of events discarded
1-3	All	0
4-6	Women Wave Slalom Freestyle	1
	Men Wave	0
5	Men Wave	1
7 or more	Slalom Freestyle	2
	Wave	1

{1.20} COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE / PROTESTS (ALL DISCIPLINES)

If any sailor wishes to make a complaint or lodge an official protest against a competitor whom they feel has infringed them in any way breaching the rules or against the Race Committee if they feel that an act or omission of the Race Committee has materially prejudiced their finishing position, they may do so by approaching the person(s) designated in the Sailing Instructions and calmly and politely stating their complaint or the protest they wish to make, sticking only to the facts.

Such protests or complaints should only be made if there is a tangible and objective reason such as a manoeuvre being missed or a timing error. Protests made on purely subjective grounds where a sailor simply disagrees with a Race Committee decision shall be instantly disallowed.

Protests or complaints made for the following reasons shall be instantly disallowed:

- i. Wind strength / Suitability of conditions
- ii. Start line / PMS calls
- iii. Abusive or threatening protests or any kind of protest or complaint that is in breach of the rules and principles of good sportsmanship.

Having heard a sailor's testimony, the designated committee member shall decide if the matter requires further consideration by the committee. If it is deemed that the protest or complaint meets the criteria for further consideration, the matter will be referred to the relevant Head Judge or Race Director who shall consult with the appropriate judges and officials. If the relevant Head Judge or Race Director rules that a protest or complaint is valid, they shall make as equitable an arrangement as possible for all competitors concerned. This may be to let the results of the heat stand, to adjust the point score of the prejudiced competitor, to abandon and eventually re-sail the heat or to have a sail-off between certain competitors in the heat or to adopt some other means.

SLALOM

{2.2} CONDITIONS (SLALOM)

(a) Minimum Wind Conditions

(b) For all races in the Slalom discipline, the wind minimum shall be 5 knots. The race shall then be abandoned if the wind drops below the minimum of 5 knots, over the course area.

(c) In all cases the Race Director shall ensure that the wind is measured over the whole course area, i.e. at the start, on both sides of the course, close to course markers. If the wind drops below 5 knots where measured or if the Race Director feels that conditions are not suitable for competition to take place in a fair and even manner then they shall abandon the heat or race. The race director shall take into consideration not only wind strength but also current, size of equipment being used, time spent not on the plane, changes in position, and overall image of the race taking into account that it is a planing discipline.

(d) If all sailors who started in a heat or race have crossed the finish line or have retired and have returned to the beach in suitable conditions then that heat or race shall not be abandoned.

(e) Protests regarding wind strength and suitability of wind direction or wind conditions shall be disallowed and the Race Directors decision shall be final.

(f) Sailors shall not approach the Race Director or any member of the Race Committee with regard to wind strength or suitability of wind conditions during racing or immediately after racing. Sailors who breach this rule may be fined or disqualified from the current race, future races or from the entire event.

(g) Competitors may decide to race using a fin or a hydrofoil subject to the limitations on equipment use specified herein and shall be entirely responsible for the suitability of an equipment choice relative to the prevailing conditions.

(g) Should the Race Director believe that conditions are extreme enough to pose a significant threat to safety when racing on hydrofoils, then they may specify that a race shall be fin only and competitors shall be prohibited from racing on hydrofoils. When making any such decision, the Race Director shall take into account the sea state, stability and strength of wind, and any other factors that make sufficient control of a hydrofoil unreasonably difficult.

(g) Should competitors choose to race on a fin set up then the Race Director shall consider this when making decisions as to the suitability of conditions and shall not abandon races purely because competitors racing on fins are unable to get planing.

{2.5} EQUIPMENT RESTRICTIONS (SLALOM)

(a) Competitors may register and compete with a total of 3 boards, 6 sails and 1 set of foil components for the Slalom discipline at any Slalom event. A sailor may only use equipment which is registered in his/her own name.

(b) Competitors may only register boards from the PWA Registered Board list.

(c) Competitors may only register sails from the PWA Registered Sails List

(d) Competitors may register up to 3 boards in total from the PWA Registered Board List. Boards may be registered and used at the competitors discretion, provided that:

i. No more than one of these boards is from the PWA Slalom Foil Board List (over 85cm wide and no more than 91cm wide to be used exclusively with a hydrofoil). Or from the PWA Registered Course Racing Board List (up to 100.5cm) for female competitors only.

ii. One of these boards may only be registered exclusively for use with a fin.

(e) Sails shall be no bigger than 10 square meters. Any registered sail may be used with any board, fin or foil combination.

(h) Boards, sails and foil components must be registered by manufacturers according to the standard PWA registration process, details of which are available from the PWA office and may be altered from time to time at the discretion of the PWA.

{2.5.1} Equipment Registration (SLALOM)

(a) Competitors shall register 3 boards. Competitors must then race on any of these boards unless the protest committee permits the exchange of a board due to damage beyond reasonable repair.

(b) Competitors shall register 6 sails from the PWA registered Race sail list. Competitors must then race on any of these sails unless the protest committee permits the exchange of a sail due to damage beyond reasonable repair.

(c) Competitors shall register 1 set of foil components from the PWA registered Foil list, comprised of 1 foil mast, 2 foil fuselages, 2 sets of front wings and 2 sets of rear wings. The components registered by a competitor must be from the same registered set as registered by the manufacturers, and may not mix components from different manufacturers. Competitors must then race on a foil made up of the registered component parts unless the protest committee permits the exchange of a foil or components due to damage beyond reasonable repair.

(d) Equipment shall be registered by competitors at or before the registration of the first Slalom competition of the year that they take part in. The equipment registered by each

competitor during this time shall be the total amount of boards and sails that they may use for the remainder of the season. If a competitor registers less than the total amount permitted, then that competitor shall not subsequently register any additional equipment at future events even if this means that they have less than the maximum permissible number of boards and sails, unless specific permission is granted by the PWA.

(e) All equipment must be registered during the times published in the Notice of Race for the event unless this time is extended by the Race Committee on site at the event. Failure to register equipment during these hours shall prohibit the use of that equipment from use at PWA Slalom events for the remainder of the year. Equipment may be stamped or marked.

(f) If a competitor does not have an individual item of equipment that they wish to register them at their first event of the year, then they may register the item by submitting the model name and size at registration. However, they must submit the item for stamping / marking as necessary before they actually use it in competition.

{2.5.2} Equipment Replacement (SLALOM)

(a) If a board, sail or foil component is damaged, by no foul means, the protest committee may allow the sailor to exchange this board or sail with another identical item. Board, sail or foil replacement may only be sanctioned by the protest committee. If possible the original registered item may be repaired and used again. Reinstatement of a board or sail may only be sanctioned by the protest committee. If an identical item is not available, then an item of a closely similar type and size may be used at the discretion of the protest committee.

(b) Equipment may be replaced by identical items between events without scrutiny, however any replacements should be notified to the protest committee at the registration of the next event where serial numbers may be noted and equipment may be marked or stamped.

(c) In the case that a competitor has a significant sponsor change in either boards, sails or foils during the year, then they may apply to change the equipment they have registered, to equipment manufactured by the new sponsor. Applications for equipment change under this rule must be accompanied by proof in the form of either sponsorship contracts and / or a letter of confirmation from both the old and new sponsors and must be submitted at least 10 days before the start of the next event. Such applications shall be considered by the PWA Management Board which may or may not grant permission for an equipment change at their own discretion. If permission to change equipment is granted under this rule, then a competitor may only register equipment of a closely equivalent size and type to that originally registered. The final decision of whether to accept the registration of any specific items of equipment under this rule shall be at the discretion of the PWA.

{2.5.3} Equipment Scrutinizing (SLALOM)

(a) Scrutinizing of equipment will be performed either by a PWA Representative, or any member of the PWA Race Crew. A sailor must make his/her equipment available for scrutinizing at any time whilst the event is in progress. Failure to present equipment for scrutinizing may result in disqualification from the respective race or from the entire discipline.

(b) Equipment used by sailors must meet all registered specification and shall not have been modified in any way without prior approval from the protest committee. Modification from the normal specification as delivered by the manufacturer shall not be permitted. For

the purposes of this rule, the addition of any extra tack or clew cringles or positions, puncturing of the sail to allow any attachment to provide tension other than devices supplied with the sail as standard or any other attachment or modification that is designed to alter the shape or performance of the sail from the standard supplied configuration shall not be permitted. For the avoidance of doubt, brochure / website specification and or the majority specification of other identical items of equipment may be used as evidence of the standard supplied specification by the protest committee.

(c) Batten types and tension, mast type and tension, adjustment of camber inducers including sanding / filing and the addition of any spacers or other optional devices that are supplied as standard for the adjustment of battens, masts or camber inducers, shall be excluded from this rule and may be adjusted at the discretion of the sailor in question.

(d) Any sailor found to have been using equipment that has not been registered, or equipment that does not meet the registered specification for that particular item of equipment, including the conditions outlined above, shall be disqualified from the entire race discipline for that event.

(e) If a sailor is in anyway unsure as to the legality of any modification or piece of equipment, then they must seek and obtain permission to use that equipment, either from the PWA in advance of the event, or from the protest committee, before using that item of equipment. Otherwise they may be disqualified as described in the rules.

(f) If boards are equipped with the capability of adding any standard accessories to the hull of the board that affect the board in a way that changes the hull shape of the board or the way that the board interacts with the water, such as but not limited to plates that fit into the cut outs or onto the deck around the waterline, then these accessories and their method of attachment to the board must also be registered along with the board. Non registered accessories shall not be permitted.

For clarification, there is no restriction on the use of different fins and foot straps which may be changed at the sailor's discretion. However the addition of nonstandard deck pads, moving fin boxes or foot strap inserts or replacing them with non-standard versions shall not be permitted.

The final decision on whether to permit any item of equipment or any attached accessory shall be at the discretion of the protest committee who may prohibit the use of any item if it breaches the rules or if they feel it is an attempt to significantly alter the performance of the board or sail in question from its intended design.

{2.5.4} Equipment repair (SLALOM)

Damaged equipment may be repaired, but repairs must be completed in a way that complies with the original specification of the board or sail as registered with the PWA. If a board or sail is found to be outside of the registered specification when produced or after use, then adjustments may be made to the board to bring it back within correct tolerances provided that these adjustment are made before it is used at a PWA Slalom event.

{2.6} Distribution of competitors

(a) An elimination format in which the top 16 sailors are seeded through to later heats of the elimination may be used. The seeding allocation for such eliminations can be found below

[Max 52 Man Fleet](#)

[Max 56 Man Fleet](#)

[Max 64 Man Fleet](#)

[Full Seeding Chart](#)

(b) Should it be impossible to clearly identify the top 16 sailors in an elimination due to multiple PMS or similar disqualifications resulting in equal placed sailors, then all sailors placed equally affected by that situation shall be reseeded into the following round in the order that they were seeded at the start of the event.

(c) Should it be impossible to identify the top 16 sailors in the initial event seeding due to there being equally placed sailors in the most recent slalom ranking, then all sailors placed equally affected by that situation shall be seeded based on their final Slalom ranking from the previous year.

{2.7.16} Slalom Finals – Media (SLALOM)

All sailors that qualify for either Loser or Winner's Slalom Finals must carry an on-board camera during the finals if required to do so by the PWA Media team. This is in the interests of the promotion of the sport for media distribution. If instructed to do so, all sailors who qualify for the finals shall come to a specific designated area on the beach or the water, with their equipment, before the finals take place, in order to attach cameras. Competitors may have a choice of different mounts although not all mounting positions may be available. Further details may be published on the Official Notice Board.

{2.13.4} NO RULES PRINCIPLE (SLALOM)

(a) If indicated in the Sailing Instructions and / or Notice of Race then racing maybe conducted using the No Rules principle.

(b) Under the No Rules Principle, all forms of Protest and Direct Refereeing are removed and sailors shall not be penalised for infringing another competitor whilst competing.

(c) Competitors must start and finish as prescribed in the rulebook and the sailing instructions and must sail the course in compliance with the rule book, the sailing instructions and the course diagram (Rule 2.7).

(d) Competitors attention is drawn to rules 1.1.3 "Safety". Whilst competitors shall not be penalised for infringing other competitors whilst racing, rule 1.1.3 is still applicable to all aspects of PWA competition. Any competitor who breaches the fundamental principles of safety may still be penalised under Rule 1.1.3 and Rule 1.12.14 "Unsportsmanlike Conduct"

(e) Competitors judged to have deliberately impeded a competitor through their own choice of actions or to have attempted to do so in a way that is avoidable and not as a direct result of a racing situation shall be penalised according to the list below. For clarity, offences under this rule shall include but not be limited to grabbing hold of another competitor or their equipment or pushing and / or pulling another competitor or their equipment whilst racing or immediately before or after a race or heat has finished.

(f) Any competitor deemed to have acted in a dangerous manner by the Race Committee shall be subject to penalties according to the following list:

- i. First offence, €250 plus DSQ from the race.
- ii. Second offence, €250 fine plus DSQ from the event.

(g) Competitors are made aware that whilst no specific right of way rules are in effect under the no rules principal, when considering situations of dangerous sailing, a competitor coming from behind to overtake another competitor or competitors, shall be expected to give reasonable space and keep clear of a competitor they are overtaking and that if it is deemed that they have failed to do so and caused a collision, then they may be penalised under dangerous sailing rules. However, competitors ahead who are being overtaken by another competitor who alter their course in a way that causes a collision, may also be penalised under dangerous sailing rules.

{2.14.6} DISCARDS (SLALOM)

Dependent upon the number of discards permitted, the highest then second highest scores are discarded. The lowest total score, with discards, if any, taken into account, wins. Scores may be discarded as set out in the following table.

Discards in single or double discipline:

number of race / eliminations	number of discards
1 - 3	0
4 - 6	1
7 - 11	2
12 – 15	3

{2.14.2} Validity of Scoring (SLALOM)

(a) The minimum number of races or elimination series to constitute a valid discipline scoring at an event and to distribute the prize money is one race or elimination where a final winner has been reached. When elimination formats are run, the winner's final must be completed for the race to be valid, but the losers final need not be completed for that elimination to be valid.

(b) Once one elimination or race has been completed to a final result, then subsequent eliminations or races will not be considered valid unless the fleet has been eliminated to the top 8 for men and women.

{2.8} Mandatory Safety Equipment

All competitors in the Slalom discipline must wear a suitable helmet and impact vest. The helmet must provide protection to the head and the impact vest must provide protection for the upper torso. Items required under this rule must be commercially available products designed for the purpose and homemade items will not be permitted. In the event of any

doubt about the suitability of protective equipment under these rules, the PWA Race Committee shall have the final decision.

WAVE PERFORMANCE

{3.1.5} Possession (WAVE)

(a) A board which is the first to sail shoreward immediately in front of the wave/swell is said to have possession of that wave. When it is impossible to determine possession based on the above, that board which is to windward shall have possession (in the event that two competitors gybe simultaneously).

(b) In side shore conditions or where there are clearly defined waves, the first sailor to pass over the wave or line of swell in front of a wave shall be considered to have the possession of the wave behind, regardless of when they turn on to that wave. Once a sailor has passed a wave, they shall lose possession of that wave.

Interference

If a sailor is judged to have interfered with a rider who was in possession of a wave, that was considered to have been potentially a high scoring wave then they will automatically lose their highest wave score., but ONLY if they have been judged as interfering and ONLY if it could potentially have been a high scoring wave for the other sailor. This applies whether it is in their heat (i.e. a or b) or not.

{3.4} Entry Allocation

Entries into wave events shall be allocated according to the tables at the following link [Conditions of Entry](#). These tables and entry allocation may be amended at time to time with the approval of the PWA Management Board should it be considered to be in the interests of the fairness of competition.

{3.10.2} Scoring / Judging Procedure [WAVE]

Wave performance heats may be judged using an average points system instead of the more traditional win / lose system. If an average points system is to be used, then sailors shall be informed on the Official Notice Board or at the skippers meeting.

The total counting points, for each category, from each judge, shall be listed twice, giving a total of six scores for each sailor in each category. The highest and lowest single scores from the six scores will be discarded and the remaining 4 scores then added together to provide a total score for each category before being divided by 4, to give an average score.

In the case that the live scoring system is used, then each individual manoeuvre will be tabulated as described above, with each specific jump score or wave ride being listed twice, before having the highest and lowest single scores discarded and the remaining 4 scores then added together before being divided by 4 to give an average score.

This highest average jump or wave scores will then be taken as the counting scores in each case. This means that if the average score for a jump, from all the judges, after tabulation is the highest scoring jump, it will count, even if it is not necessarily the highest scoring jump on a particular judges sheet.

Any factoring will then be applied to the scores for each category before the scores are added together to give final heat score.

The sailor with the higher final heat score will be declared the winner of the heat.

In case of a tie in total overall points:

- a) The tie shall be broken in favour of the competitor who has the higher combined tabulated score in the priority category i.e. wave riding or wave jumping for any individual wave or jump. If these categories are weighted evenly, then the highest score in wave riding shall be used. If the tie still remains:
- b) The tie shall be broken in favour of the competitor who has the higher total overall score in the priority category i.e. wave riding or wave jumping. If these categories are weighted evenly, then the highest overall score in wave riding shall be used. If the tie still remains:
- c) The tie shall be broken in favour of the competitor who has the higher total overall score in the priority category i.e. wave riding or wave jumping, taking into account all scores allocated for that category including any discarded scores. If these categories are weighted evenly, then the highest overall score in wave riding shall be used. If the tie still remains, it shall be decided in favour of the competitor with the higher total overall score in the category which does not have priority i.e. wave riding or jumping, taking into account all scores allocated for that category including any discarded scores. If the tie still remains:
- d) The tie shall be broken in favour of the competitor who has the highest combined score from any single judge in the priority category i.e. wave riding or wave jumping. If these categories are weighted evenly, then the highest combined score from any single judge in wave riding shall be used. If the tie still remains, it shall be decided in favour of the competitor with the highest combined score from any single judge in the category which does not have priority i.e. wave riding or jumping. If the tie still remains:
- e) The tie shall be broken in favour of the competitor who has the highest single score for an individual wave or jump, from any single judge in the priority category i.e. wave riding or wave jumping, discarded scores included. If these categories are weighted evenly, then the highest single score for an individual wave, from any single judge shall be used. If the tie still remains, it shall be decided in favour of the competitor with the highest single score for an individual wave or jump, from any single judge in the in the category which does not have priority i.e. wave riding or jumping, discarded scores included. If the tie still remains:
- f) The heat shall be re-sailed.

{3.6.4} Assistance (WAVE)

Each competitor's efforts on the water shall be individual according to the following criteria:

- (a) When a competitor suffers an equipment breakage during a heat another windsurfer, known as a "caddy," may assist by supplying replacement equipment, and shall keep clear of all competitors except for the one being assisted. A caddy shall attempt to remove the equipment, which the competitor has abandoned from the competition area.
- (b) A caddy may also assist with an equipment change during a heat of a competitor whose equipment is not damaged. The caddy shall not enter further than the edge of the water when providing such assistance.

- (c) A competitors whose equipment is damaged and cannot reasonably be sailed back to the beach may use the rescue Jet Ski to come back to the beach to get new equipment. The availability of the rescue Jet Ski is not guaranteed and may not be able to assist at all times and the Race Committee, Judges and event Organiser shall not be responsible if the rescue Jet Ski is not available to provide this service. Protests regarding the availability of the rescue Jet Ski for this purpose shall be disallowed even if the service has been available for one competitor in a heat but not the other.
- (d) Items such as radio communication devices and other electronic forms of communication shall be prohibited along with any purpose built mechanical communication system. This will be considered outside assistance, which could lead to disqualification from that round or heat if, in the opinion of the judges, such assistance materially prejudiced the result.
- (e) Hand signals may be given.

{3.8.4} Heat Rollover (WAVE)

When conditions become unsuitable for competition during a heat, the Head Judge may choose to “Rollover” a heat in order to save time. If a heat rollover is used, the current heat shall be abandoned, but the sailors in that heat shall remain on the water and the timing sequence shall continue. The rollover flag (code flag Z unless otherwise specified) shall be raised alongside the green flag and the current heat shall be considered abandoned. The normal flag sequence shall continue alongside the rollover flag until the red flag comes up to signify the end of the heat / beginning of the timing sequence for the next heat which will be the re-sail of the heat previously abandoned. At that time the rollover flag shall be lowered and the normal flag sequence shall continue.

{3.11.4} Video Evidence (WAVE)

When there is video evidence available for any protest or request for redress, or where the head judge feels the result of a heat may have been materially prejudiced in any way contrary to the rules, normal procedures or against the interests of fair competition, the head judge may opt to review such video evidence at their discretion to determine the best outcome for all competitors involved. Should the head judge determine that the result of the heat has been materially prejudiced as described herein based on video evidence then they may opt to adjust the result, re-sail the heat, or take any other action they deem necessary in order to create the most fair and correct outcome for all concerned.

FREESTYLE

{4.12} DISCIPLINE SCORING (FREESTYLE)

{4.12.1} Maximum number of rounds (freestyle)

- (a) There shall be no more than 1 double elimination of Freestyle at PWA World Cup Freestyle events

(b) After one double elimination has been completed, additional heats to decide tied positions from the Double elimination may be run at the discretion of the PWA if conditions permit.

(c) After one Double Elimination has been completed, sailors may be obliged to participate in freestyle super sessions or tow in sessions in order to ensure action on the remaining event days that the discipline is scheduled for.

{4.12.2} Validity of Scoring (freestyle)

(a) The minimum number of elimination series to constitute valid discipline scoring at an event and to distribute the prize money is one Freestyle single elimination where the fleet has been eliminated to the top 16 for men or top 4 for the women's division.

{4.12.9} Event Ranking (FREESTYLE)

(a) The final finishing position of each sailor shall be that achieved in the double elimination after any tie break heats have been sailed if they are run.

(b) If a double elimination is scheduled but only the single elimination is completed, then the final finishing position of each sailor shall be that of the single elimination combined with any completed round in the double elimination.

{4.2} Conditions

The Freestyle discipline shall be run in suitable conditions. As a guideline, conditions shall be considered suitable when an average sized male sailor can attempt the required number of moves during the heat on a sail size of no less than 5.4 sqm and a board of no less than 100L volume, regardless of whether the moves are big air or power moves. If 1 average sized sailor in the heat is able to sufficiently attempt the required number of moves as described above with a sail of 5.4 sqm and a board of no less than 100L volume, then the heat shall be considered valid even if the other sailors have not completed or attempted their moves. Protests regarding suitability of conditions shall be disallowed.

Competitors will be permitted to use foils in the Freestyle discipline but minimum conditions shall be applied as above and not reduced based on sailors using foils in the heat.

{4.4} Entry Allocation

Entries into the Freestyle discipline at events shall be allocated according to the [Conditions of Entry](#) and as stated in the Notice of Race for the event. If the Notice of Race for the event differs from these rules, then the Notice of Race shall take precedence.

{4.6.3} Identification of competitors

(a) Competitors shall be required to carry sail numbers. Sailors not carrying sail numbers will receive a default fine of €20 for the first offence, €50 for a second offence and €100 for all subsequent offences.

{4.10.2} PWA Freestyle Judging Guidelines

Format

PWA Freestyle competition is now run using a "Best Move" format. In the new format, competitors will perform a maximum number of moves on each tack, of which the judges will

score them on only their best moves on each tack. For example, the Race Director may specify a maximum of 12 moves in the heat, of which the best 8 will count. This will give competitors more time to perform their moves and will also allow judges to focus more accurately on each rider. The more traditional forms of competition may still be utilised if necessary, but in general, the new format will always take precedence. Full details of the competition format shall be published on the Official Notice Board at the event in question

Foils shall be permitted in the Freestyle discipline but moves shall be scored in the same way and using the same technical score as moves performed on a traditional fin set up.

{4.13} Equipment (FREESTYLE)

Competitors may only compete on production boards registered for use on the PWA Freestyle Tour. Boards and sails must be registered by manufacturers according to the standard PWA registration process, details of which are available from the PWA office and may be altered from time to time at the discretion of the PWA.

Competitors do not have to register specific boards themselves at the event and may compete on any registered model at any time.

Competitors must make their equipment available for scrutiny under this rule at any time at the discretion of the race committee. Boards may be measured, weighed and marked or stamped by the committee.

Any competitor found to be using a board that has not been registered may be fined and / or disqualified from that particular elimination and / or disqualified from the entire event.

Competitors will be permitted to use foils in the Freestyle discipline but boards must still be from the registered production Freestyle Board list.

COURSE RACING

{5.1} Course Racing Events

Foil racing may be run at specific events at the discretion of the PWA. Racing shall be run under the standard rules for racing as contained in the PWA Rulebook, and changes to the Rulebook or conditions specified in the Notice of Race for the event or the sailing instructions. Due to the developmental nature of the discipline the rules for foiling may be altered at any time by the PWA, in the interests of the fairness or competition, the development of the discipline, or the best interests of windsurfing and the PWA.

{5.1.1} Boards on Opposite Tacks. The competitor on the port-tack shall keep clear of competitors on the starboard tack.

{5.2} Conditions

Foil racing shall be run in suitable conditions at the discretion of the Race Director and the PWA. In general, Foil racing shall be reserved for lighter wind conditions but may also be run in stronger winds as necessary.

{5.3} Equipment Restrictions

(a) A sailor may compete with 1 boards and 3 sails for the Foil discipline at any Race event. A sailor may only use equipment which is registered in his/her own name.

(b) Competitors may only register boards from the PWA Registered Board list.

- (c) Competitors may only register sails from the PWA Registered Sails List
- (d) Boards shall be no wider than 100.5cm
- (e) Sails shall be no bigger than 10 square meters
- (f) Boards and sails must be registered by manufacturers according to the standard PWA registration process, details of which are available from the PWA office and may be altered from time to time at the discretion of the PWA.

{5.3.1} Equipment Registration (COURSE RACING)

- (a) Competitors will register 1 board from the PWA registered Course Racing Foil board list (or previous years registered foil boards list). Competitors must then race on any of these boards unless the protest committee permits the exchange of a board due to damage beyond reasonable repair.
- (b) Competitors shall register 3 sails from the PWA registered Race sail list. Competitors must then race on any of these sails unless the protest committee permits the exchange of a sail due to damage beyond reasonable repair.
- (c) Competitors shall register 1 set of foil components from the PWA registered Foil list, comprised of 1 foil mast, 2 foil fuselages, 3 sets of front wings and 2 sets of rear wings. The components registered by a competitor must be from the same registered set as registered by the manufacturers, and may not mix components from different manufacturers. Competitors must then race on a foil made up of the registered component parts unless the protest committee permits the exchange of a foil or components due to damage beyond reasonable repair.
- (d) Equipment shall be registered by competitors at or before the registration of the first Foil competition of the year that they take part in. The equipment registered by each competitor during this time shall be the total amount of boards and sails that they may use for the remainder of the season. If a competitor registers less than the total amount permitted, then that competitor shall not subsequently register any additional equipment at future events even if this means that they have less than the maximum permissible number of boards and sails.
- (e) All equipment must be registered during the times published in the Notice of Race for the event unless this time is extended by the Race Committee on site at the event. Failure to register equipment during these hours shall prohibit the use of that equipment from use at PWA Slalom events for the remainder of the year. Equipment may be stamped or marked.
- (f) If a competitor does not have an individual item of equipment that they wish to register them at their first event of the year, then they may register the item by submitting the model name and size at registration. However, they must submit the item for stamping / marking as necessary before they actually use it in competition.

{5.3.1} Mandatory Safety Equipment

All competitors in the foil discipline must wear a suitable helmet and impact vest. The helmet must provide protection to the head and the impact vest must provide protection for the upper torso. Items required under this rule must be commercially available products designed for the purpose and homemade items will not be permitted. In the event of any doubt about the suitability of protective equipment under these rules, the PWA Race Committee shall have the final decision.

{5.4} Conditions of Entry

(a) There will be a maximum of 64 entrants in the men's division and 32 entrants in the women's division. The PWA reserves the right to reduce the fleet size in the interests of competition.

(b) The minimum number of entrants for either the men's or women's divisions is 8 competitors. If fewer than 8 valid entrants register for either division then that division shall not be held.

(c) Entries shall be allocated according to the Conditions of Entry for the event stated in the Notice of Race for that event.

{5.4} Prize Money

(a) Prize money breakdowns for the foil discipline shall be published for each event in the Notice of Race

{5.5} Branding

Only foil manufacturers and brands who are in membership of the PWA shall be permitted to place branding on athletes' sails and boards. Competitors using foils produced by brands or manufacturers who are not in membership must remove any branding from sails or boards or they may be fined or disqualified.

ALL DISCIPLINES

{1.15} Annual Ranking

All competitors at PWA events shall be allocated ranking points based on their finishing position according to the following table

POSN	POINTS
1	10000
2	9900
3	9800
4	9700
5	9600
6	9500
7	9400
8	9300
9	9200
10	9100
11	9000
12	8900
13	8800
14	8700
15	8600
16	8500
17	8400
18	8300

19	8200
20	8100
21	8000
22	7900
23	7800
24	7700
25	7600
26	7500
27	7400
28	7300
29	7200
30	7100
31	7000
32	6900
33	6800
34	6700
35	6600
36	6500
37	6400
38	6300
39	6200
40	6100
41	6000
42	5900
43	5800
44	5700
45	5600
46	5500
47	5400
48	5300
49	5200
50	5100
51	5000
52	4900
53	4800
54	4700
55	4600
56	4500
57	4400
58	4300
59	4200
60	4100
61	4000
62	3900
63	3800

64	3700
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Slalom events with 4 or more valid races shall receive points according to the following table.

POSN	POINTS
1	10300
2	10200
3	10100
4	10000
5	9900
6	9800
7	9700
8	9600
9	9500
10	9400
11	9300
12	9200
13	9100
14	9000
15	8900
16	8800
17	8700
18	8600
19	8500
20	8400
21	8300
22	8200
23	8100
24	8000
25	7900
26	7800
27	7700
28	7600
29	7500
30	7400
31	7300
32	7200
33	7100
34	7000
35	6900
36	6800
37	6700
38	6600

39	6500
40	6400
41	6300
42	6200
43	6100
44	6000
45	5900
46	5800
47	5700
48	5600
49	5500
50	5400
51	5300
52	5200
53	5100
54	5000
55	4900
56	4800
57	4700
58	4600
59	4500
60	4400
61	4300
62	4200
63	4100
64	4000

Wave Ranking Points

POSN	POINTS
1	10000
2	8500
3	7650
4	6885
5	6370
6	5930
7	5490
8	5080
9	4825
10	4585
11	4355
12	4140
13	3930

14	3735
15	3545
16	3370
17	3200
18	3040
19	2890
20	2745
21	2605
22	2475
23	2350
24	2235
25	2120
26	2015
27	1915
28	1820
29	1725
30	1640
31	1560
32	1480
33	1410
34	1340
35	1270
36	1205
37	1145
38	1090
39	1035
40	980
41	930
42	885
43	840
44	795
45	755
46	715
47	680
48	645