



## Sailing Instructions WIND BRASIL FORTALEZA 2009 Fortaleza Formula Windsurfing Grand Prix World Tour

### Preamble

**NOR** means Notice Of Race.

**ONB** means Official Notice Board.

Boards admitted shall confirm their registration with the organizing authority. Eligible competitors may complete entry formalities at the Regatta Secretariat by complying with **NOR** Art. # 25.2.

### 1 RULES

1.1 The regatta is governed by the rules as defined in the **NOR**. In case of a discrepancy with the **NOR**, the Sailing Instructions will take precedence.

1.2 Environment rules: no rubbish thrown in the sea. Rubbish shall be put on support and organisation boats.

### 1.3 ADVERTISING

Competitors are required to carry advertising in compliance with ISAF Regulation 20.

a) Each competitor shall place the advertising stickers issued by the organising authority on the sail immediately above the boom and as close to the leach as possible.

b) Crews shall not cut or adapt the stickers in any way.

c) Lycra vests may be issued and shall be worn outside all clothing when going afloat to race or racing.

(Alteration to Art.# 20.3.2.)

1.4 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will prevail.

1.5 CLASSES & DIVISIONS. Men and Women shall race together.

### 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the board storage area. All such posted notices shall constitute official notice to each competitor who shall consult the Official Notice Board regularly.

### 3 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change in the sailing instructions will be posted, after approval by the Class Race Supervisor or the Race Director, on the official Notice Board one hour before the scheduled starting time on the day that it takes effect except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted before 18.00hrs, on the day before it will take effect.

### 4 SIGNALS

4.1 **Signals made ashore** will be displayed on the official flagpole located on the beach.

Flag "AP" (with two sound signals) means "racing is postponed". When removed (with one sound signal), the warning signal will be made not less than 20 minutes from removal.  
(Alteration to Race Signals)

4.2 **Signals made afloat.** "L" flag displayed on the finishing vessel means: "A further race will be started as soon as possible."

## 5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 Racing is scheduled as follows:

Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> November - 12.00hrs	Skippers meeting.
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> November – 13.00hrs	First possible warning signal.
Thursday to Saturday – 11.00hrs	Skippers meeting
Thursday to Saturday – 12.00hrs	First possible warning signal
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> November – 10.00hrs	Skippers meeting
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> November – 11.00hrs	First possible warning signal
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> November – 14.00hrs	Last possible warning signal.
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> November – 16.00hrs	Prize Giving Ceremony

5.2 The warning signal for the last race of each day shall not be made within 60 minutes of the official local sunset time.

## 6 CLASS FLAG Formula Flag

## 7 RACING AREA

The racing area shall be illustrated on the ONB.

## 8 THE COURSE & COURSE AREAS

8.1 The type of course to be sailed will be as published on the ONB. The course will be posted at the skippers meeting.

8.2 The **course area** is defined as an area extending 75 meters beyond the course including the “starting line” and the “finishing line” and its extensions, which would normally be taken by a racer when racing. Access to the course area during a race is restricted to racers racing and official boats as defined in SI **Art # 21**.

## 9 MARKS

Marks shall be as described on the course diagram.

## 10 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

There are no known obstructions.

## 11 THE START

11.1 Races will be started by using Rule 26, system 1, with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.

11.2 The starting line will be between the mast displaying a white flag, with blue CR letters, on the signal boat at the starboard end, and a mark displaying red/yellow flag at the port end.

11.3 **One minute rule.** If Flag “I” is displayed, all boards sailing within the triangle formed by the “Starting Line” and the windward mark during the last minute before her starting signal, shall sail to the pre start side of the line around either end before starting. **(Alteration to RRS 30.1)**

11.4 A board starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS). **(Alteration to rule A4)**

11.5 Recalls will be signalled in accordance with RRS 29.

## 12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

No change of the position of the mark is scheduled.

## 13 THE FINISH

13.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a **blue** flag and a mark, as illustrated on the course diagram.

## 14 PENALTY SYSTEM

A board that has taken a penalty or retired under rule 44.1 **shall** complete an acknowledgement form at the race office within the protest time limit.

## 15 MAXIMUM NUMBER OF RACES - TIME LIMITS – TARGET TIMES – REST PERIODS

15.1 There shall be a maximum of **4** races a day, and a maximum of **15** races in the series.

15.2 (a) The time limit necessary for the first board to finish the race is **40 minutes**

- (b) The time limit necessary for the first board in each group/fleet to reach the first mark is **12 minutes**. A race shall be abandoned if either of the time limits above is exceeded and anyway shall not count towards the official results. (**Alteration to RRS 32**)
- 15.3** Boards failing to finish within **15 minutes** after the first board in their group or fleet sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) except those who are scored DNC, DNS, DSQ, BFD, OCS, RAF, RDG, DNE or DGM. (**Alteration to RRS 35 and A4**)
- 15.4** The target elapsed time for a course race in planing conditions is 15 > 20 minutes for the winner. If pumping becomes the main method of propulsion, the race shall be abandoned.
- 15.5** REST PERIODS
- 15.5.1** When racing back to back the minimum interval between the closing off the finishing line and the new warning signal for that group will be of 10 minutes.
- 15.5.2** After back to back races there shall be a rest period of a minimum of **20 minutes** ashore for the last finisher per fleet/group in the second race before the warning signal for the next race for that fleet/group.
- 16. PROTESTS, ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**
- 16.1** Forms are available at the race office. Protests, requests for redress and acknowledgement forms (Alternative Penalty under RRS 44.1 & 44.2 Form) shall be delivered there within the protest time limit on that day.
- 16.2** The protest time limit is **60 minutes** after the last board has finished the last race of the day.
- 16.3** Notices informing the parties to the protest of the intended order and the approximate time of the hearings will be posted on the Official Notice Board as soon as possible after the protest has been lodged (not later than 30 minutes after Protest Time). Protests will be heard in the approximate order of receipt and parties are requested to remain in the vicinity of the Jury Office to expedite hearings. Hearings will be held in the Jury room whose location will be described under Jury Notices on the ONB.
- 16.4** Notices of protests by the Race Committee or the Protest Committee will be posted to inform boards under rule 61.1 (b).
- 16.5** Breaches of instructions 1.3, 14, 18, 22 and 23 will not be grounds for a protest from one board to another, but may result in action by the International Jury and / or Race Committee. (**Alteration to RRS 60.1(a)**). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the Jury so decides.
- 16.6** On the last day of the regatta, a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:
- (a) Within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day.
- (b) No later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day.
- Any request for redress, lodged after jury hearings are completed for the regatta, will not affect the prize giving ceremony. (**Alteration to RRS 66.**)
- 16.7** Competitors wishing to clarify a scoring enquiry shall initially do so by completing a "Scoring Enquiry Form" and by lodging it at the Regatta Office. Only if the response given by the Race Committee is unsatisfactory in the opinion of the competitor should be request a hearing under RRS 60.1.b.
- 16.8** For the purpose of RRS 64.3(b), the qualified authority is ISAF.
- 17 SCORING**
- 17.1** The low point scoring system of Appendix A will apply as amended by the Class Championship Rules.
- 18 SAFETY REGULATIONS**
- 18.1** Retirement: A board that retires from a race shall, whenever possible, notify a Race Committee boat before leaving the course area.
- Notwithstanding such notification, she shall then proceed, as soon as possible, to the beach and the competitor shall immediately report to the Regatta Office, in person or, if the competitor has come ashore a long way from the race site, by phoning the Regatta Office.
- A board that retires from a race shall notify the race committee by completing a retirement declaration at the Regatta Office. Failure to comply with this instruction may result in action under RRS 60.2 or 60.3.
- Competitors not leaving the site for the days racing shall inform the Beach Office prior to the first start.
- 19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**
- 19.1** Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 19.2** Crew changes are not permitted.
- 20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**
- Competitors shall ensure that a completed Equipment Registration form is returned to the Race Office before the start of the first race.

A board or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.

**Changing rigs.** When Changing rigs a racer shall return to the beach from which he/she launched to obtain the new rig. Caddies are not permitted.

## **21 OFFICIAL BOATS**

**21.1** When he is at work, a committee boat displays a white flag with blue CR letters

**21.2** Other Race Committee boats may include:

a) The JURY boat, which may fly a flag with the letter "J" or the word "JURY".

**21.3** Media boats and helicopters are not under the direct control of the Race Committee. However, they are required to keep clear. Their failure to do so is grounds for redress. Media boats are identified by a **WHITE** flag with the letter "P" in **BLACK**.

## **22 SUPPORT AND TEAM BOATS**

**22.1** Coach and support personnel may use "support craft" to assist their competitors on the water. They shall register at the regatta office prior to the first scheduled race, providing details of their boats and distinctive identification, which shall include flying a **WHITE** flag, or showing a sticker, bearing the national 3 letter code in **BLACK** (minimum height 120mm), of the country of origin.

**22.2** Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boards are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class until all boards have finished or the Race Committee signals a postponement.

**22.3** Instruction 22.1 will not apply to rescue operations.

## **23 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

A board shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boards. This restriction also applies to mobile phones.

## **24 PRIZES**

**24.1** Prizes will be awarded according to the **NOR**. The detailed list of prizes to be awarded will be posted on the **ONB** after the close of registration, and before the first race.

**24.2** All competitors and coaches are reminded of **NOR # 4.3** requiring attendance at the prize giving and closing ceremony. Prize winners not attending may forfeit their prize.

## **25 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

**Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to race. The Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.**

### ***Race officials***

***PRO, Class Representative: Bruno de Wannemaeker (BEL)***

***Race Officer: Bertrand Colfort (FRA)***

***Chairman of the Jury: Bruno Marques (BRA)***

