



2013 COMPETITION RULES

FORMULA WINDSURFING EUROPEAN CUP

April 20 > 24 – Biscarosse, Aquitaine, France

April 29 > May 5 – Azores Festival, Terceira, Portugal

May 24 > 26 – Baltic Cup, Svencele, Lithuania

June 28 > 30 - Baltic Cup, Tallinn, Estonia

July 8 > 13 - Croatian Open, Viganj, Croatia

July 19 > 21 – Polish European Cup, Leba, Poland

July 24 > 28 – Volvo Surf Cup, Sylt, Germany

August 1 > 4 – Greek Euro Cup-Nationals, Marathon, Greece

August 9 > 11 – Baltic Cup, Liepaja, Latvia

August 26 > 31 – Pannonia Surfing Days, Neusiedl Am See, Austria

September 7 > 8 – ITA Cup, Como, Italy

1. IWA, IFWC and Local Organizing Authority (LOA)

- 1.1** A separate **LOA** organizes each different event on the tour and is solely responsible for the agreements he enters into in the execution of his event.
- 1.2** Each **LOA** is sanctioned to do so by formal agreement with the International Windsurfing Association Ltd (IWA) for and behalf of the International Formula Windsurfing Class (IFWC).

2. Rules

- 2.1** Each event shall be governed by:
 - The ISAF Windsurfing Competition Rules (WCR)
 - The IFWC Class Rules and these FW European Cup Competition Rules.
 - The local official rules of the national windsurfing/sailing associations if they are published in the NoR
 - The Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions
 - ISAF Regulation 20 - Advertising Code
- 2.2** Some rules may differ between events. Changes of the international rules shall be announced in the Notice of Race and/or the Sailing Instructions.
- 2.3** Each event is a **Level 2 IFWC World Ranking event**.

3. Divisions

- 3.1** Two groups can be identified: men and women.
- 3.2** When 10 or more women are registered, they shall have a separate start.
- 3.3** There may be separate prizes or trophies for Lightweight Men, and the following age divisions: Junior (U17), Youth (U20), Masters (35+) and Grand Masters (45+).
- 3.4** The standing of a competitor within a division shall be calculated by making a simple extraction from the overall results. Scores will not be recalculated in the process.

Division definition: *A Youth (U20) shall be under the age of 20;*
 A Junior (U17) shall be under the age of 17.
 A Master is a male competitor who has reached the age of 35.
 A Grand Master is a male competitor who has reached the age of 45.
- 3.5** A competitor must have reached the minimum age limit, in the relevant division, by Dec 31st. in the year preceding the date of competition.
- 3.6** A competitor must not be older than the maximum age limit, in the relevant division, by Dec 31st of the year of competition.
- 3.7** A minimum of 5 entries is required to constitute a division.

4. Flexible-Gold-Silver-Fleet-System (Course Racing)

- 4.1** The "Flexible-Gold-Silver-Fleet-System" may be used. At registration the competitors may have the chance to opt for the "shortened course". Competitors completing one less lap (Silver Fleet) shall be scored behind those who finish the full course (Gold Fleet); alternatively the NoR may specify a separate scoring and ranking for the shortened course competitors.

5. Formats and conditions

- 5.1** Format may include course racing, slalom racing and long distance /marathon.
- 5.2** Races shall only be run in suitable conditions. The race committee's decision is final when it comes to deciding if conditions are suitable for racing.

6. Entries & Pre-Entries

- 6.1** The EC Cup tour is an "Open Entry" event series for male and female competitors.
- 6.2** A competitor shall meet the requirements of ISAF Regulation 19 and be a member of either a National Class Association in good standing with the IFWC or be a member of the IFWC.
- 6.3** Competitors who enter or pre-enter for an event and do not register (compete), without giving an excuse acceptable to the IFWC, may be refused entry to future Tour events.

7. On site Registration

- 7.1** On site registration times shall be published in the NoR, which shall be posted on the IFWC Official Notice Board.
- 7.2** Competitors may be asked to show their membership card and/or licence card.

8. Liability

- 8.1** Competitors take part in events at their own risk. The IFWC, IWA, **LOA**, or any of their representatives, sponsors, or officials are not responsible under any circumstances for any damage, loss or injury to persons or equipment either ashore or on the water. Participation in this tour and each event within it, is at the sole discretion of the participant and at his/her own risk.
- 8.2** Competitors shall possess valid third party liability insurance covering personal injury or equipment damage and carry evidence of such.

9. Sail Insignia

- 9.1** National letters & sail numbers shall comply with the most recent directive from the IFWC.

10. Equipment

- 10.1** Competitors may bring their own equipment.
- 10.2** Equipment registered for use shall comply with the IFWC class rules.

11. Equipment Inspection

- 11.1** Each Competitor shall ensure that his/her equipment conforms to the Class Rules.
- 11.2** Measurement and equipment checks may be made throughout the event.

12. Buoyancy

- 12.1** If personal buoyancy is prescribed by national law, the **LOA** shall state this in the NoR.

12.2 If personal buoyancy is prescribed every competitor & support boat crewmember shall wear, above the waist, a personal flotation device that shall conform to the minimum standard of ISO 12402-5 (level 50).

13. Coaches & Team Support Personnel

13.1 Coaches & team support personnel are required to register in advance and give notice to the organisers if they propose to bring their own coach boats.

13.2 LOAs may charge each coach or team support person a fee for services rendered not exceeding Euro 30.

14. Courses

14.1 Courses shall be as described in the Sailing Instructions.

15. Protest Committee

15.1 A Protest Committee will be appointed in accordance with **WCR 91 (a)**.

16. Sailing Instructions (SI)/Event Programme

16.1 The SI's shall be made available at registration as will the event programme scheduling social events.

17. Drug Testing

17.1 Competitors are reminded of the binding effect of International rules and regulations concerning the use of banned methods and substances. Drug testing may take place during the event.

18. Television and Media

18.1 By registering for the event, competitors automatically grant the organising authority the right to make, use and show from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproduction of them, taken during the period of the event, for the said event as defined in the Notice of Race and Sailing Instruction in which he/she participates without any compensation arranged for.

19. Bibs/Vests & Competitors Sail Branding.

19.1 During racing, the **LOA** may require competitors to wear bibs/vests carrying the event sponsors' branding and the event sponsor's advertising on their sails, which shall be placed back to back immediately below the sail insignias

19.2 Top competitors may be ranked for each event (using IFWC World Ranking) & may carry their ranking on their bibs/vests.

20. Dress Code

20.1 There can be official events where 'smart casual' clothes will be required. The organisers reserve the right to refuse entry to any person to such events if in their opinion the competitor's standard of attire is not commensurate with the occasion.

21. Event and Series Scoring

21.1 The WCR Appendix A will apply.

21.2 A valid event result can be declared after one completed race.

21.3 Each valid event result will be scored as "one race" for the Series Result.

21.4 Discards for events will be according to **Championship Rule #13.5**

21.5 The Series result will be based on a competitors best 5 events.

22. Medals, Trophies and Prizes

22.1 The following medals or trophies may be awarded (minimum) at the prize giving:

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| 1 st place Men | 1 st place women | 1 st place Light |
| 2 nd place men | 2 nd place women | 1 st place Youth (U20) |
| 3 rd place men | 3 rd place women | 1 st place Master (over 35) |

22.2 Additional trophies may be awarded at the discretion of the organiser – check event NoR.

23. Communications

23.1 The official website for the European Cup is www.formulawindsurfing.org

23.2 The **LOA's** websites may also carry valuable information and should be checked regularly.

23.3 The IWA **E**News, distributed by the IWA, will carry Cup news. Competitors should check they are on the IWA database.

24. Event Prize money

24.1 The **LOA** shall advertise any prize money for the event, net of taxes, in his NoR. **Prize money at events is not mandatory.**

24.2 Where an event declares a valid result, prize money shall be divided according to the system published on the class website or as published in the NoR.

24.2 Inability to declare a valid result: the **LOA** may retain up to 20% of prize money if no official racing takes place. The balance shall be shared equally amongst all competitors registered (and present) at an event.

25. Series Result & Prize Money; IFWC World Ranking

25.1 The Tour Series Result shall be calculated on an annual basis for Men & Women and may be calculated for board & rig brands.

25.2 There shall be a Series Prize Fund of a minimum **4,000 euro** (net of taxes) which shall be distributed to **Men** as follows:

1st Overall – 50% 2nd Overall – 30% 3rd Overall – 20%

25.3 There shall be a Series Prize of a minimum **500 euro** (net of taxes) for the winner of the **Womens** division, if 10 women complete 3 or more series events.

26. Tour Sponsor

26.1 The IFWC will actively seek Tour Sponsors with the aim of increasing media work and increasing Prize Money (both the size of the Series Prize Fund and its depth of distribution).

26.2 Any Tour Sponsor shall be used for the benefit of the Tour, and of each event on the Tour. Funds will be allocated to events within the Tour, and to the Series Prize Fund, as approved by the IFWC Management Committee.