



2009 Oceanic & Australian Formula Windsurfing Championships Botany Bay, Sydney: January 6th to January 9th 2009.

An Australian Windsurfing Association sanctioned event

Notice of Race

1. Event

- 1.1 The 2009 OCEANIC & AUSTRALIAN FORMULA WINDSURFING CHAMPIONSHIPS will be held from Tuesday, January 6th to Friday, January 9th 2009 at Botany Bay, Sydney NSW Australia.
- 1.2 The event is a Level 1 Formula Windsurfing World Ranking event.

2. Organiser

- 2.1 The Championships will be organised by WINDSURFING NSW as the Local Organising Authority (LOA) for and on behalf of, and under specified conditions laid down by the AWA, and the IFWC.
- 2.2 The event is sponsored by Neil Pryde.

3. Venue

- 3.1 The event will be based at Ramsgate Beach, Botany Bay, Sydney, NSW, Australia. Ramsgate Beach is 4km South of Sydney's Kingsford Smith International Airport, the nearest international airport.
- 3.2 Conditions to be expected - NE or SE winds, Side-shore 10 - 25 knots; water temperature 24^oC; air temperature 25 - 35^oC.

4. Rules

- 4.1 This is an IFWC sanctioned event governed by:
 - 4.1.1 The 2009/20012 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), and Appendix B - Windsurfing;
 - 4.1.2 The IFWC Class Rules & Championship Rules;
 - 4.1.3 This Notice of Race (NoR) & the Sailing Instructions (SIs).
 - 4.1.4 Alterations to the SIs must be approved by the Class's Race Supervisor.
- 4.2 Competitors shall attend the closing ceremony, including the dinner and prize giving.
- 4.3 The IFWC is a category 'C' class as set out in ISAF Regulation 20 - Advertising Code.

5. Eligibility & Entry

- 5.1 All entries shall meet the requirements of ISAF Regulation 19 - Eligibility Code.
- 5.2 Competitors shall possess valid third party liability insurance.
- 5.3 Competitors shall be a member of an Australian Windsurfing Club / State Association, or a National FW Association in their respective country, or of the IFWC. National Associations shall be paid up members of the IWA. Membership formalities can be completed on site during registration.

6. Classes & Divisions

6.1 Gender Divisions:

- 6.1.1 The Championship is a single discipline event for Men (A) and Women (B);
- 6.1.2 Women shall race with the Men's fleet.

6.2 Age Divisions:

- 6.2.1 A Youth is a man or woman who is less than 20 years of age
- 6.2.2 A Master is a man who has reached the age of 35.
- 6.2.3 A Grand Master is a man who has reached the age of 45.
- 6.2.4 A competitor shall have reached the minimum age in the relevant division by Dec 31st 2008.
- 6.2.5 A competitor shall not be older than the maximum age limit, in the relevant division, by Dec 31st 2009.

6.3 Weight Divisions (Men): Lightweight -a sailor weighing 75kgs or less.

6.4 Formula Experience Plus



6.4.1 A competitor may elect to sail in the Formula Experience Plus (FE+) Division. Competitors in the FE+ Division will sail shortened courses.

7. Race Format

7.1 There shall be a maximum of 4 races per day. The maximum number of races in the series is 15.

7.2 A minimum of one (1) race is required for a valid Championship.

8. Schedule

Sun/Mon	Jan 04/ 5th	Arrival & Training	
Tuesday	Jan 6th	10.30 - 12.30 hrs	Registration
		1300 hrs	Skippers meeting
		1330 hrs	First possible start
Wed/Thurs	Jan 07/08 th	1200 hrs	Skippers meeting
		1230 hrs	Racing
Friday	Jan 09 th	1200 hrs	Skippers Meeting
		1230 hrs	Racing
		1700 hrs	Last possible start
		2000 hrs	Prize Giving Ceremony / dinner & party
Saturday	Jan 10 th	Departures	

9. Equipment & Inspection

9.1 All competitors shall bring their own equipment.

9.2 It is the responsibility of each competitor to ensure that his/her board and equipment conforms to the Class Rules.

9.3 Equipment checks may be made throughout the event.

9.4 The equipment inspectors will pay special attention to sail identification rule compliance.

National letters & sail numbers shall be placed on both sides of the sail and in a colour that contrasts strongly with the body of the sail; placed immediately above the event advertising. All sails shall otherwise comply with the national letter system according to the RRS 77 and Appendix G.

10. Sailing Instructions (SIs)/ Event Programme

The sailing instructions will be available at registration, as will the Event Programme scheduling social functions.

11. Venue

Ramsgate Beach Car Park, Grand Parade, Botany Bay

12. Courses

Courses shall be as prescribed in the Sailing Instructions. The course to be raced on any day will be selected by the race officer who will ensure that the relevant course diagram is posted on the Notice Board not later than 30 minutes before the start of a race.

13. Scoring

The RRS Low Points Scoring System shall apply.

14. Protest Committee

A Protest Committee will be appointed by the Organising Authority.

15. Radio Communications

A sailor shall neither make radio transmission while racing nor receive radio communication not available to all sailors. This restriction also applies to mobile telephone communications.

16. Coaches & Support Boats



- 16.1 Coaches are required to complete registration as per competitors.
- 16.2 Coach boats may support competitors. If you propose to bring your own, please advise the local organisers in advance.
- 16.3 Coaches and support crew shall wear buoyancy at all times whilst afloat.
- 16.4 Coach boats shall keep 100m clear of the course area during racing except when asked to assist by the Race Committee.
- 17. Personal Buoyancy**
All sailors shall wear above the waist a jacket, harness, or vest with a minimum buoyancy of 4kg uninflated, in fresh water. The buoyancy shall be tested with a ferrous metal weight of 4kg, which shall remain supported for a minimum of 5 minutes. It is recommended to be at least a Type 2 PFD under Australian Standards of Safety Equipment.
Personal buoyancy shall not weigh more than 1.5kg when wet weighed in accordance with RRS Appendix H. Attention is drawn to Fundamental Rule 1.2.
- 18. Disclaimer of Liability**
Competitors take part in all races at their own risk. See RRS rule 4, Decision to race. Windsurfing NSW, AWA IFWC and sponsors, their officers, members, servants, agents or representatives accept no liability for material damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the championship.
- 19. Insurance**
All entrants competing in the 2009 Oceanic & Australian Formula Windsurfing Championships shall have third-party liability insurance cover of not less than AUD \$1,000,000 or equivalent thereof in any currency for any accident. All coaches/competitors who sign the Entry Form are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover. Competitors shall produce evidence of such insurance at registration.
- 20. Bibs/ Vests & Competitors Sail Branding**
During racing, competitors may be required by the organisers to wear bibs/vests carrying the event sponsors' branding; and carry the event sponsors' advertising on their sails. The stickers may not be cut or trimmed in any way.
- 21. Trophies and Prizes**
- 21.1 Trophies or prizes may be awarded up to the first three place getters within the men's Division A, Youth, Masters, Grand Masters, Lightweight, Formula Experience Plus depending on entry numbers.
- 21.2 Trophies or prizes may be awarded up to the first 3 place getters within the women's Division B. depending on entry numbers.
- 21.3 The first Australian male in Division A shall be known as the Formula Windsurfing 2009 Australian (male) Champion; The first Australian female in the Division B shall be known as the Formula Windsurfing 2009 Australian (female) Champion;
- 21.4 The first Oceania male in Division A shall be known as the Formula Windsurfing 2009 Oceanic (male) Champion; The first Oceania female in Division B shall be known as the Formula Windsurfing 2009 Oceanic (female) Champion;
- 22. Drug Testing**
Competitors are reminded of the ISAF rules and regulations concerning the use of banned methods and substances.
- 23. Television and Media**
In registering for the event, competitors automatically grant to the Organising Authority the right in perpetuity 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 Championship as defined in the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions in which he/she participates without compensation.



24. Dress Code

- 24.1 Smart casual clothes shall be worn for the Prize Giving Ceremony.
24.2 The organisers reserve the right to refuse entry to anyone whose standard of attire is not commensurate with the occasion.

25. Accommodation

There is a variety of holiday-rental accommodation, caravan parks and camping available in the areas directly adjacent to the race site and in the surrounding suburbs. More information about accommodation for the event will be updated on the FW-Australia website: www.fw-australia.com.

26. Air Travel/ Transportation/ Transfers

- 25.1 Sydney has both an International and Domestic Airport, approximately 4km south of the race site.
25.2 Windsurfing NSW can arrange transport to and from the airport for equipment, competitors and support personnel free of charge. It would assist the organiser if the competitors, requiring this service, could advise their flight details at least a week prior to the first day of the event.

27. Registration

- 27.1 The registration office during the regatta will be situated at the beach, adjacent to the race area. For more local information before the regatta and to make enquiries please contact:
Brett Morris mobile: +61 (0)414 812 545

E-mail: brettm@gfigroup.com.au - URL: www.fw-australia.com

- 27.2 Competitors will be required to produce the following information at registration.

- Equipment Registration Form
- Regatta entry fee or confirmation details of payment
- Proof of current third-party insurance
- Proof of age
- Sailors under 18 years - Parental/legal Guardian Assent Form

28. Entries & Payment

- 28.1 Competitors are encouraged to pre-enter in advance electronically through the FW-Australia website at:
www.fw-australia.com
28.2 The entry fees are as stated on the entry form (Form 1).
28.3 Entry fees paid on site shall be made in cash in AUD\$ only.

29. Amendments

Any amendments to this Notice of Race will be posted on the FW-Australia website no later than 3 January 2009.