

1. EVENT

- 1.1** The 2009 **IWA South American Windsurfing Championship** will be held from Friday 20th March to Tuesday 24th March 2009.
- 1.2** The **Event** includes the South American Championships for: the International Formula Windsurfing Class (IFWC), the International Raceboard Class (IRC) and the Techno 293 Class Association (T293).

2. ORGANISER

- 2.1** The Championships will be organised by the Asociacion Mendocina de Windsurf (AMW) for and on behalf of, and under specified conditions laid down by, the IFWC, IRC & T293, in co-operation with the International Windsurfing Association (IWA) and the Federacion Argentina de Yachting (FAY).
- 2.2** The event is organised in conjunction with the Federacion Argentina de Windsurf.

3. VENUE

- 3.1** The event will be based at the AMW in the Lake Potrerillos – Mendoza.
- 3.2** Conditions to be expected – winds aprox 10 to 25 knots ; water temperature aprox 17^o C; air temperature aprox 12^o to 28^o.

4. RULES

- 4.1** This is an IWA sanctioned event governed by:
- 4.1.1** The ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), including Appendix B – Windsurfing Competition Rules;
- 4.1.2** The Class Rules and Championship Rules of the participating classes.
- 4.2** If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions (SI's), the SI's shall take precedence.
- 4.3** If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

5. ADVERTISING

- 5.1** ISAF Regulation 20 - Advertising Code - shall apply.
- 5.2** Competitors may be required to carry advertising for event sponsors – both on their sails, and on a lycra vest if supplied by the organiser.

6. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 6.1** All entries shall meet the requirements of ISAF Regulation 19 - Eligibility Code.
- 6.2** Competitors shall be members of the relevant national class association, or of the relevant International Class Association. National Associations shall be paid up members of the IWA, which is empowered by the International class to collect any fees due.
- 6.3** Membership formalities can be completed on site.
- 6.4** Entries shall be made on site - see Schedule.
- 6.5** Competitors shall provide the following documentation prior to completing registration formalities on site:
- Original Entry Form ([Form 1](#))
 - Evidence of valid third party insurance
 - Proof of age
 - Parental/legal Guardian Assent ([Form 2](#)) - *for those under age of 18*
 - Medical Treatment Permission ([Form 3](#)) - *for those under age of 18 or on their parents medical insurance policy*



7. FEES

- 7.1 The Entry Fee shall be U\$ 120 and shall be paid at registration starting at 15.00hrs. on Friday the 20th of March until 11.00hrs on Saturday the 20th of March. If a Parent registers for Raceboard or Formula, with a son or daughter also on the Techno 293, there will be 50% discount.
- 7.2 Entries shall be made in cash only.

8. RACING FORMAT, CLASSES & DIVISIONS

8.1 FORMULA WINDSURFING SOUTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP (FSAC)

- 8.1.1 The Championship shall be a single discipline event for men and women of divisions A & B.
- 8.1.2 There may be separate prizes/titles for youth, masters and lightweight men.

8.2 RACEBOARD SOUTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP (RSAC)

- 8.2.1 The Championship shall be a single discipline event for men and women of divisions A & B.
- 8.2.2 There may be prizes/titles for youth, masters.
- 8.2.3 There may be separate prizes for RSX division.

8.3 T293 SOUTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS (TSAC)

- 8.3.1 The Championship shall be a single discipline event for boys and girls of division D.
- 8.3.2 There may be separate Prizes for competitors in division E.

8.4 GENERAL

- 8.4.1 Men and women, boys and girls, and age divisions, may race together depending on entry numbers.
- 8.4.2 IRC/T293 class shall race a maximum of 2 races on the first day, and no more than 3 races per day on the following days, in a series of a maximum of 11 races.
- 8.4.3 IFWC class shall race a maximum of 2 races on the first day, and no more than 4 races per day on the following days, in a series of a maximum of 14 races.
- 8.4.4 A minimum of 3 races shall be held for a valid Championship in all classes.

8.5 AGE DIVISIONS

- 8.5.1 A competitor must have reached the minimum age limit, in the relevant division, by Dec. 31st 2008.
- 8.5.2 A competitor must not be older than the maximum age limit, in the relevant division, by Dec. 31st 2009.
- 8.5.3 A Minim (E) shall be under the age of 15. (Born in or after 1995 and not later than 1998)
- 8.5.4 A Junior (D) shall be under the age of 17. (Born in or after 1993 and not later than 1997)
- 8.5.5 A Youth (C) shall be under the age of 20. (Born in or after 1990 and not later than 1996)
- 8.5.6 A Master (G) is a man who has reached the age of 35 (1973>) or for a woman, 30 (1978>).
- 8.5.7 A Grand Master (H) is a man who has reached the age of 45 (1963>) or for a woman 40 (1968>).
- 8.5.8 A Veteran (I) is a man who has reached the age of 55 (1953>) or for a woman 50 (1958>).

9. SCHEDULE

9.1 Event Schedule

Friday	20-3	15.00 hs	Arrival and registration
Saturday	21-3	11.00 hs	Closing registration time
		12.00 hs	Skippers meeting
		13.00 hs	First possible start for all classes
Sunday	22-3	11.00 hs	First possible start for all classes
Monday	23-3	11.00 hs	First possible start for all classes
Tuesday	24-3	11.00 hs	First possible start for all classes
		16.00 hs	Last possible start
		18.00 hs	Prize giving and award ceremony

- 9.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 1055 hrs.
- 9.3 The warning signal for the last race of each day shall not be made within 60 minutes of the official sunset time.

10. EQUIPMENT & EQUIPMENT INSPECTION



- 10.1** It is the responsibility of each competitor to ensure that his/her board and equipment conforms to its Class Rules, and an Equipment Inspection Form is returned to the Event Equipment Inspector before the start of competition.
- 10.2** Equipment checks may be made throughout the event.
- 10.3** Competitors shall bring their own equipment.
- 11. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**
- 11.1** The 'Championship SIs' will be available at registration, as will the Event Programme scheduling social events.
- 11.2** Alterations to the SIs shall be approved by the Class Representative.
- 12. COURSES**
- 12.1** Courses shall be as prescribed in the Sailing Instructions.
- 13. PROTEST COMMITTEE**
- 13.1** An independent protest committee will be appointed.
- 14. SCORING**
- 14.1** Scoring will be in accordance with RRS Appendix B, and using the "Low Points Scoring System."
- 14.2** The discard profile applied to the FSAC shall be as specified in the 2009 FW Championship Rules.
- 15. SUPPORT BOATS**
- 15.1** Enquiries should be sent to the organiser at - agenciamauui@yahoo.com.ar
- 16. STORAGE OF EQUIPMENT**
- 16.1** On completion of registration and continuing until the end of the regatta, when ashore (other than when launching and retrieving), all equipment shall be kept in their assigned places at the race site.
- 16.2** Unless otherwise directed by the organiser, all competing boards and equipment shall be launched and retrieved from the designated area at the race site.
- 17. MEDALS AND PRIZES**
- 17.1** Medals or trophies shall be awarded to the first three competitors in each Class / Division depending on entry numbers. Categories to be awarded in each properly constituted division will be posted on the official notice board after the close of registration.
- 17.2** The first Under 17 boy and girl in **TSAC** shall be known as the Techno 293 South American Champion.
- 17.3** The first man and woman in **RSAC** shall be known as the Raceboard South American Champion.
- 17.4** The first man and woman in **FSAC** shall be known as the Formula Windsurfing South American Champion.
- 17.5** **Continental titles** shall only be awarded to competitors from South American countries.
- 18. BUOYANCY**
- 18.1** If personal buoyancy is prescribed every competitor and support boat crewmember shall wear, above the waist, a jacket harness or vest with a minimum buoyancy of 4kg un-inflated 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.
- 18.2** **Personal buoyancy is mandatory for all competitors.**
- 19. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**
- 19.1** Competitors take part in all races at their own risk. The AMW, IWA, T293, IRC and IFWC or any of their officials or representatives or the sponsors or their officials or representatives are not responsible, under any circumstances, for any damage, loss or injury either ashore or on the water either to persons or equipment, which may result.
- 19.2** Participation in this event, and in each race in them, is at the sole discretion of the sailor and at his/her own risk. Notice is drawn to RRS 4.
- 20. INSURANCE**



- 20.1** Competitors shall possess valid third party liability insurance.
20.2 Coach and support boat drivers shall also have a valid third party liability insurance.

21. TELEVISION AND MEDIA

- 21.1** 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.

22. OFFICIAL CEREMONIES

- 22.1** Attendance at the Opening Ceremony, Prize Giving and Closing Ceremony is mandatory.
22.2 The organiser reserves the right to refuse entry to those whose standard of attire is not commensurate with the occasion.

23. FURTHER INFORMATION

Clean water regulation: Any competitor that is seen by the organizer throwing trash in the water, could be disqualified from the races of the day.

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation information: Please contact Claudia Romero at - agenciamauui@yahoo.com.ar

AIR TRAVEL/TRANSPORTATION/TRANSFERS

For flights and transport please contact: Claudia Romero at - agenciamauui@yahoo.com.ar

The organisers will arrange transport to and from Mendoza city to Lake Potrerillos during the competition.

The organisers will also arrange transfers to and from Mendoza airport for competitors and equipment.

