



General Rules
for
FORMULA WINDSURFING
GRAND PRIX TOUR
2008





PREAMBLE.

These rules form the basis for the agreement between the International Formula Windsurfing Class (IFWC) and each of the selected Local Organising Authorities (LOA).

1. IFWC and Local Organizing Authority (LOA)

1.1 Generally

1.1.1 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

1.1.2 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).

1.2 Duties and Rights of the local organiser

1.2.1 The duties of the local organiser (LOA) are as follows (this list is not supposed to be exhaustive):

- a) Publicity for the tour in/on your event communications including use of the tour and class logos.
- b) Compliance with these rules in full.
- c) Reimbursement of travel, accommodation and subsistence costs for invited officials.
- d) Publication of the NoR on the IFWC website minimum 2 months ahead of the event.
- e) 24h secure storage for equipment during the event.
- f) Discounted accommodations near the event for the riders.
- g) 1 meal per day for all the riders (minimum standard - 2 meals would be appreciated).
- h) Enough water for all the riders (minimum standard - soft drinks in addition would be appreciated.)
- i) Payment of sanction fees to IWA plus an additional 10% of the prize money for the advertised Series prize fund.
- k) When advertising the total amount of prize money available, the LOA shall make sure that the each amount stated is net of local taxes.

1.3.2 The rights of the local organiser are as follows:

- a) The local organizer will be independent in his decisions concerning the event as long as they do not effect any rules or regulations concerning the Tour as specified in these General Rules.
- b) Usage of the Services of the IWA.
- c) Information distribution via IWA and IFWC database.
- d) Usage of the tour title and class/tour logos.
- e) Local marketing and TV rights remain the property of the LOA; sharing the international rights with IFWC
- f) Exclusivity of the event dates within the tour.
- g) Promotion on the IFWC and IWA websites, in the Windsurfing Newsletter and International Calendars.
- h) Right to organise a Grand Prix in same area in successive years.

2. Rules

2.1 Each event shall be governed by:

- The ISAF Windsurfing Competition Rules (WCR) 2005/2008.
- The IFWC Class Rules and General Rules of the FW Grand Prix Tour.
- The local official rules of the national windsurfing/sailing associations if they are published in the NoR
- The Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions
- IFWC is classified as a category 'C' classes as set out in 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 1 IFWC World Ranking event**.

3. Classes and 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 within a class.





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).

5. Disciplines and conditions

5.1 The tour format may include elimination series in addition to fleet racing.

5.2 Disciplines may include slalom and long distance /marathon.

5.3 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 tours are 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 The number of available starting slots for an event may be limited.

6.4 Such a limitation shall be published in the Notice of Race (NoR) for the event.

6.5 Racers wishing to compete shall make their own on-line entry on the IWA website or by faxing/emailing an entry form to the LOA.

6.6 Entries will be accepted on a first come first served basis.

6.7 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 Official Notice Board.

7.2 Each racer shall register personally at the event office during the times advertised in the relevant NoR. This is normally the day before the first start and the morning before the skippers meeting of the first competition day.

7.3 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.

8.3 The LOA is solely responsible for the execution of the event and any obligations arising from it.

9. Sail Signia

9.1 National letters & sail numbers shall comply with RRS App G; or as specified in NoR.

10. Equipment

10.1 Competitors may bring their own equipment.

10.2 Equipment registered for use shall comply with the IFWC class rules.

11. Measurement

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 jacket, harness, or vest with 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.

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 40.

14. Courses

14.1 Courses shall be as described in the Sailing Instructions.

15. International Jury

15.1 An International Jury may be appointed in accordance with the RRS 70.4. Their decisions will be final and cannot be appealed.





16. Sailing Instructions (SI)/Event Programme

16.1 The 'Grand Prix SIs' 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. The maximum area that this branding/advertising may occupy is 600mmX1000mm which shall be placed back to back immediately below the sail insignias

19.2 Top competitors may be seeded & may carry their seeding 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 low points scoring system will apply.

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

22.3 Ties will be broken according to RRS Appendix B

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

22.5 One event result maybe discarded after 4 events ;a further event may be discarded after 7 events.

22. Medals, Trophies and Prizes

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

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 but shall be advertised in the NoR in advance.

23. Communications

23.1 The official website for the Grand Prix Tours is www.formulawindsurfing.org

23.2 The LOA's websites shall include at least one link to the IWA website and one link to IFWC website as appropriate as well as acknowledging that the tour/event is sanctioned by the IWA for an on behalf of the IFWC

23.3 The IWA and IFWC homepages will carry daily news bulletins and images provided by LOA's as appropriate.

23.4 The Windsurfing News Letter, which is edited and distributed by the IWA, will carry news and links as appropriate.

23.5 If the LOAs develops its own electronic or printed newsletter, each edition shall include at least one link to the IWA website and one link to the IFWC website as well as acknowledging that the tour/event is sanctioned by the IWA for and on behalf of the IFWC.

24. Manufacturers Ranking

24.1 At each event, a manufacturers tour ranking shall be calculated for both board brands and rig brands.

24.2 Brands that are represented by at least one sailor shall be included in the ranking list.

24.3 If a competitor is using more than one sail brand, the brand used by him/her in the majority of races shall count. If each brand was used an equal number of times, the brand producing the biggest sail will count The best three results for each brand from each event will count as ranking points and be added to that brand's points on the manufacturer's tour ranking list.

24.4 The manufacturer with the most points is the winner.

24.5 The TP shall produce one ranking list each for racing boards and racing rigs.



25. Prize money

25.1 The LOA shall advertise the minimum net prize money to be awarded at his event in his NoR.

25.2 The minimum prize money shall be **20,000 euro net of taxes**.

25.3 Where an event declares a valid result, prize money shall be divided according to the following system:

The total of the prize money will be divided as follows:

According to the number of women competitors registered to race there are three possible cases:

Case I - (less than 5 women)	No constituted women's class/division → no prize money for woman
Case II (5 to 9 women)	10 % of the prize money for women
Case III (10 to 24 women)	20 % of the prize money for women
Case IV (25 and more women)	30 % of the prize money for women

25.4 The prize money for women competitors shall be divided according to the following table:

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Case II:																
Case III:	46 %	29 %	15 %	10 %	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	X	x	x
Case IV:	24 %	17 %	14 %	12 %	8,5 %	7 %	5,5 %	4,5 %	4 %	3,5 %	x	x	x	X	x	x

25.5 The prize money for men competitors shall be divided according to the following table:

Position	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Percentage of prizemoney	20 %	16%	12%	10%	8,0%	6,0%	5,0%	4,0%	3,5%	3,0%	2,5%	2,5%	2,0%	2,0%	2,0%	1,5%

25.6 Inability to declare a valid result:

The LOA may retain up to 30% of prize money if no official racing takes place. The balance shall be shared equally amongst all competitors registered (and present) at an event

26. Series Result & Prize Money; IFWC World Ranking

26.1 Tour Series Result shall be calculated on an annual basis for men & women and for board & rig brands separately. Only one official result is necessary for an event to produce a valid result counting towards the series result.

26.2 The IFWC may publish a series result for Youth (U20) and Masters based on the competitors position on the men or women ranking.

26.3 An additional amount from each event, being 10% of the advertised prize fund in the NoR, shall be added together and paid out at the last event on the tour calendar.

26.4 The top 5 competitors (top 3 for women if Womens fleet established) on the Series Result shall receive a share of the prize money set aside from each event according to the table in Article #26.5.

26.5 The Series prize fund for men shall be split:

1st 30% ; 2nd 25% ; 3rd 20% ; 4th 15% ; 5th 10%

The Series prize fund for women shall be split:

1st 40% ; 2nd 35% ; 3rd 25%.