



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2017 “BANRISUL” IFCA SLALOM SOUTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

2nd to 5th December 2017

Raia da Pedra Redonda, Rio Guaíba, Porto Alegre / RS -Brasil.

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An International Windsurfing Association sanctioned event *including*

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[DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the Jury.

[NP] denotes a rule which cannot be protested by a competitor.




1. Rules

- 1.1. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the "Experimental Slalom Competition Rules 2017-2020 (ESCR)
- 1.2. The International Funboard Class Association (IFCA) Championship Rules shall apply.
- 1.3. No national prescriptions will apply.
- 1.4. In case of a discrepancy within the rules, these Sailing Instructions will take precedence.
- 1.5. If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will prevail.


2. Notice to Competitors

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB) located near to the Race Office.

3. Changes to Sailing Instruction

- 3.1. Any change to the SI will be posted at least 30 minutes before the starting time of the race or races concerned.
- 3.2. Changes affecting the schedule of the next day's racing shall be posted before AP  over A  is displayed.
- 3.3. If oral instructions or changes to the sailing instructions will be given, the flag ICF "L"  shall be shown at least 5 minutes before the instructions or changes. Sufficient effort has to be made to inform all the competitors involved.

4. Signals Made Ashore


- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Official Flag Poles located on the Race Office.
- 4.2. When flag AP  is displayed ashore, 1 minute is replaced with "not less than 15 minutes". This changes RRS (race signals).
- 4.3. If no class flags or racing area flags are shown the signals will apply to all classes and racecourses.

5. Schedule of Races and Official Briefings

- 5.1. There will be a daily skippers meeting 1 hour before the first possible warning signal.
- 5.2. The time of the first possible warning signal will be at 10:00 hrs except on December 2nd when the first possible warning signal will be at 13.00 hrs
- 5.3. The daily race schedule will be posted on the Official Notice board at least 15 minutes before the first start.
- 5.4. The schedule is subject to alteration
- 5.5. At the discretion of the Race Committee, races may be rescheduled.
- 5.6. To alert boats that an elimination or sequence of eliminations will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made on the Race Committee Signal Boat on the windward end of the starting line.
- 5.7. There will be a maximum of 4 eliminations per day except for the divisions that sail in single fleets.
- 5.8. The numbering of the eliminations will be in order of sailing.

6. Class Flags

6.1. Class flags will be:

Men		Blue with blue IFCA logo
Women		Pink with blue IFCA logo


7. Racing area [DP] [NP]

- 7.1. The racing area will be as illustrated on the appendix –A- as an area extending 75 metre beyond the course including the finishing line and their extensions, in which a board normally sails while racing and 300 metre below the starting line. See appendix A of these Sis.
- 7.2. Boards not racing shall avoid the racing area.
- 7.3. The courses will be as illustrated on the ONB. The course diagram (not to scale) will be posted on the ONB at least 30 minutes before the start. Courses will be as prescribed in the IFCA Slalom Championship Rules or variations of it.

8. Marks

- 8.1. The marks will be:
- 8.2. Course Marks: Yellow triangle buoys
- 8.3. Starting Marks: The Race Committee Signal Boat and a red cylindrical buoy
- 8.4. Finishing Marks: The Race Committee finishing vessel and a red cylindrical buoy


9. Starting

- 9.1. The starting line will be between the flagpole with the orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat and the starting mark.
- 9.2. Slalom on water start; according to ESCR 26.1.
- 9.3. Slalom beach start; according to ESCR 26.2
- 9.4. The starting signals will be shown from the Race Committee Signal Boat on the windward end of the starting line, seen in the direction of the first mark or from a flagpole windward of the starting line in case of a beach start.
- 9.5. Competitors whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 9.6. Boards failing to start within 2 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes ESCR 63.1, A4 and A5.
- 9.7. A repetitive sound signals will be given when flag “1st substitute”  (general recall) is displayed. This changes RRS Race Signals.

10. Recalls

- 10.1. Recalls will be according ESCR 29.

11. Finish [DP] [NP]

- 11.1. The finishing line will be between the flagpole with the checkered flag  on the Race Committee Finishing Boat or on the beach and the finishing mark

- 11.2. All boards that have finished shall keep clear of competitors still racing and the finish line and shall leave the racing area as soon as reasonably possible.

12. Time limits

- 12.1. The start time limit is 2 minutes after a valid start in the concerning heat.
12.2. Boards failing to finish within 3 minutes after the first board in her class sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes ESCR 63.1, A4 and A5.

13. Protest Committee & Protests

- 13.1. An Protest committee will handle the slalom protests
13.2. Jury hearings can be held with one or two Jury members.
13.3. Protests and requests for redress shall be made orally to a member of the Jury as soon as reasonably possible after the competitor finished the race.
13.4. The protestor shall make every reasonable effort to bring the protestee to the Jury.
13.5. The location of the Jury on the beach near competitor area will be signalled by a Yellow flag with a blue IFCA logo.








- 13.6. Special attention will be for ESCR 61.1 "...She shall also inform the Race Committee and the other board of her intention to protest as soon as practicable after she finishes or retires."

14. Scoring

- 14.1. ESCR Appendix A applies.

15. Safety Regulations [DP] [NP]

- 15.1. The safety of the sailboard and its entire management including insurance shall be the sole responsibility of the competitor racing the sailboard who must ensure that the sailboard is adequate to face the conditions that may arise in the course of the race. Neither the establishment of these sailing instructions nor the inspection of the board under these conditions in any way limits or reduces the absolute responsibility of the competitor for his/her board and entire management thereof. The Race Organizers, the Race Committee and the International Jury will not be responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury however caused to the competitors as a result of their taking part in the race or races.
15.2. Flotation devices: When flag "Y"  is displayed, every competitor shall wear a personal flotation device that shall conform to the minimum standard ISO 12402-5 (Level 50).
15.3. If either one of the signals "N"  over H" , "N over A" , "AP"  over H" or "AP over A" is made on one or more RC vessels, boards shall return to the competitors area on the beach as soon as possible.
15.4. Competitors shall go afloat and ashore in the competitors' area only on the beach in front of the club.

16. Replacement of equipment [DP] [NP]

- 16.1. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the Race Committee. Request for substitution shall be made in writing at the first reasonable opportunity. Forms for replacement are available at the Race Office.

17. Equipment and measurement checks [DP] [NP]

- 17.1. An Online Equipment Inspection Form shall be completed by each competitor and submitted before the end of registration on Saturday December 2nd 11:00 hrs.

- 17.2. A board or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Class Rules and Sailing Instructions. On the water, a board can be instructed by the Race Committee to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.
- 17.3. National letters and numbers: Penalties for breaches of ESCR appendix G may be less than disqualification.

18. Shore Regulations [DP] [NP]

- 18.1. The instructions of the RC or the Beach master shall be strictly obeyed.
- 18.2. Unless otherwise directed by the organising authority, boards and equipment shall be launched and retrieved from the designated area at the event site.

19. Trash disposal [DP] [NP]

- 19.1. Trash may be placed aboard of support- and race committee boats.

20. Prizes & Titles

- 20.1. Trophies may be awarded to the first three competitors in each valid division.
- 20.2. The first man and women in the 'overall championship ranking' from a South American nation shall be declared: **"2017 IFCA South American Slalom Champion"**.

21. Disclaimer of Liability

- 21.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See ESCR 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.

22. Insurance

- 22.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of 300.000 euro per incident or the equivalent.

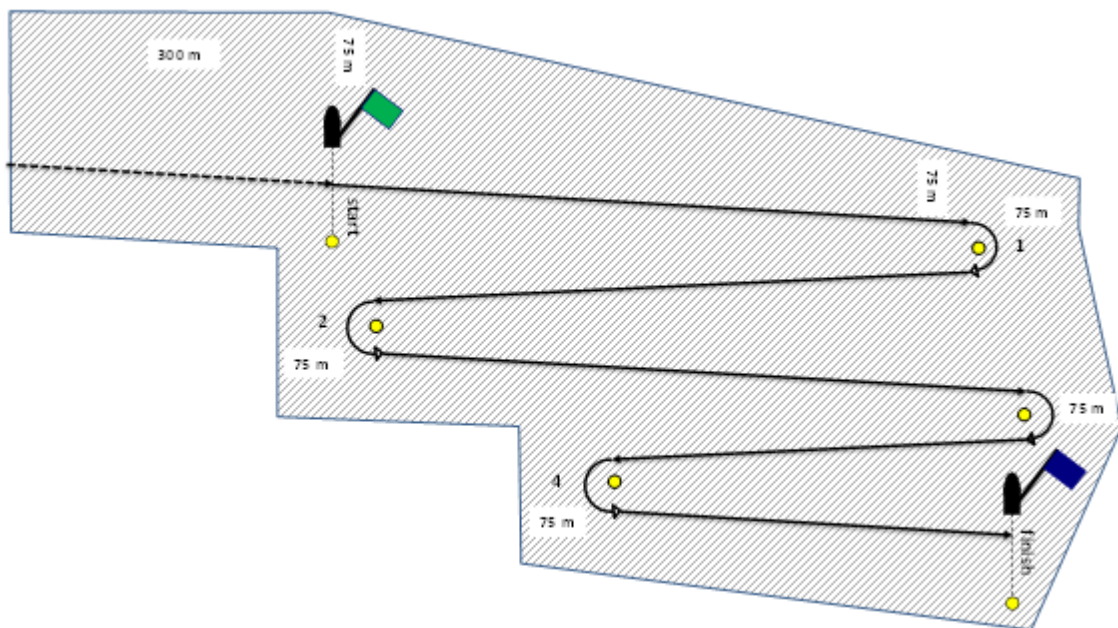
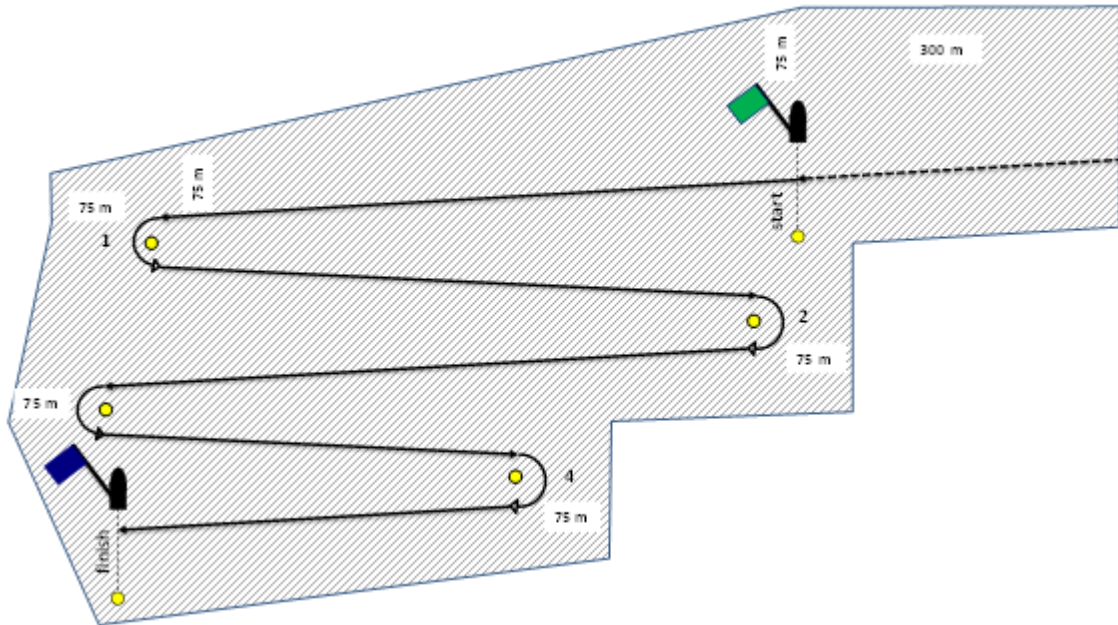
23. Official Ceremonies

- 23.1. The attendance of all competitors to the opening and closing ceremonies are mandatory, however, the organising authority may refuse entry to those whose standard of attire is not commensurate with the occasion. **Prize winners may forfeit prizes for non-attendance at the prize giving ceremony.**

24. Officials

Organizer Representative	Sergio Binad
Principal Race Officer	Alexandre Neves
International Jury Chairman	Eric Kling
International Jury members	Sergio Richter
IFCA Representative	Eric Kling (NED)

APPENDIX -A- RACING AREAS:



The areas are defined as follows: not closer than 75 metres to any board racing (except a board in distress requiring assistance) or to a mark, layline or rumblin, and inside the course trapezoid. Until the starting signal boards NOT RACING and coach boats shall be at least 300 metres below the starting line or its extensions.