



SAILING INSTRUCTION

2023 IFCA Fin&Foil Slalom EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

7th – 11th June 2023

Borkum, Germany

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Organised by:

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THE INTERNATIONAL FUNBOARD CLASS

An International Windsurfing Association sanctioned event *including*

2023 IFCA MEN SLALOM FIN EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP

2023 IFCA WOMEN SLALOM FIN EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP

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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.

[SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee without a hearing.

1. Rules

- 1.1. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the [Windsurfing Slalom Racing Rules \(WSRR\)](#).
- 1.2. The International Funboard Class Association (IFCA) Championship Rules apply.
- 1.3. If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.
- 1.4. In case of a discrepancy within the Notice of Race and the Sailing instructions, these Sailing Instructions will take precedence.

2. Notice to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB) next to the raceoffice.

3. Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 3.1. Any change to the SI will be posted at least 15 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:
 - within the protest time limit or
 - before AP   over A  is displayed whichever is later.
- 3.3. If oral instructions or changes to the sailing instructions will be given on the water, 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 next to the Raceoffice.
- 4.2. When flag AP   is displayed ashore, 1 minute is replaced with "not less than 15 minutes". This changes WSRR Race Signals.

5. Schedule of Races and Official Briefings

- 5.1.

Wednesday June 7 th	14:00 – 18.00	Registration
	19:00	Opening Ceremony
Thursday June 8 th – Saturday June 10 th	10:00	First possible warning signal
Sunday June 11 th	09:00	First possible warning signal
	13:00	Last possible warning signal of a heat
	15:00	Closing and Award Ceremony
- 5.2. There will be a daily skipper meeting 1 hour before the first possible warning signal of that day.
- 5.3. The starting schedule will be posted on the Official Notice board at least 15 minutes before the first warning signal of the elimination involved.

- 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 who may races a maximum of 8 races per day.
- 5.8. The numbering of the eliminations will be in order of sailing, expect if an elimination is abandoned after it has been sailed.

6. Class Flags

6.1. Class flags will be:

Men



Blue flag with white IFCA logo

Women



Orange flag with blue IFCA logo

7. Racing area and courses [DP] [NP]

- 7.1. The racing area will be as illustrated on the ONB as an area extending 75 meters beyond the course including the finishing line and their extensions, in which a board normally sails while racing and 300 meters in all directions from the starting line. See appendix A of these SIs.
- 7.2. The courses will be as illustrated on the ONB. The course diagram (not to scale) will be posted on the ONB at least 15 minutes before the start of the heats to which it applies. Courses will be as prescribed in the IFCA Slalom Championship Rules or variations of it.
- 7.3. Restricted areas are:
 - The shipping lanes which will be published on the Official Notice Board

8. Marks

Mark	
Course marks	Orange cylindrical buoys
Starting marks	Orange cylindrical buoy
Finishing marks	A checkered buoy

9. **Start**

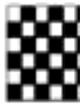
- 9.1. The starting line will be between the flagpole with the orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat and the starting mark.
- 9.2. Start on water; according to WSRR 26.1
- 9.3. Start from beach; according to WSRR 26.2
- 9.4. The starting signals will be shown from the Race Committee Signal Boat on the windward end of the starting line, seen in the direction of the first mark or from a flagpole to windward of the starting line in case of a beach start.
- 9.5. Repetitive sound signals will be given when flag "1st substitute" >(general recall) is displayed. This changes WSRR Race Signals

10. **Recalls [NP]**

Recalls will be signaled accordance with WSRR 29(a).

11. **Finish [DP] [NP]**

- 11.1. The finishing line will be between the finishing mark and a pole with a checkered flag.



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

12. **Time limits**

- 12.1. Boards failing to start within 1 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes WSRR 63.1, A4 and A5.
- 12.2. Boards failing to finish within 2 minutes after the first board in her heat has sailed the course and finished will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes WSRR 63.1, A4 and A5.

13. **Jury & Protests**

- 13.1. 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.
- 13.2. The protestor shall make every reasonable effort to bring the protestee and the witnesses if any, to the jury.
- 13.3. The location of the jury on the beach near the competitor's area will be signaled by a white flag with "JURY".



- 13.4. Special attention will be for WSRR 61.1: "The protesting board shall inform the other board at the first reasonable opportunity. She shall also inform the race committee on the finishing line of her intention to protest as soon as practicable after she finishes or retires and shall inform the protestee."

14. Scoring

- 14.1. WSRR Appendix A applies.
- 14.2. There will be a separate scoring and ranking for the Fin and Foil divisions.

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. [SP] 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. [SP] 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 reasonably possible. Penalty will be to the race closest to the incident.
- 15.4. [DP] Competitors shall go afloat and ashore in the competitors' area only on the beach in front of the Race office.

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 Wednesday June 7th 18:00
- 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. Use of a foil is not permitted in the Fin Slalom Europeans (see Class Rule C6.1)
- 17.4. Use of a foil is mandatory in the Foil Slalom Europeans. (see Class Rule C6.2)
- 17.5. [SP] National letters and numbers: Penalties for breaches of WSRR appendix G may be less than disqualification. Penalty for a breach of this SI will be 1 point for every races.

18. Event Advertising [DP] [NP]

- 18.1. Competitors are required to wear the advertising lycra, as provided by the organizer at the registration, while racing and training and on the race site. In case of loss or damage of the original lycra vest a new lycra vest can be collected at the race office. A refundable deposit of 20 euros shall be paid and returned if the spare Lycra vest is returned undamaged at the end of the event.
- 18.2. The lycra vest shall be worn outside other clothing when going afloat for training or racing.
- 18.3. Organizers sail stickers are mandatory on all sails. The sticker shall not be cut or adopt in any way.

19. Shore Regulations [DP] [NP]

- 19.1. The instructions of the RC or the Beach master shall be strictly obeyed.

- 19.2. Unless otherwise directed by the organizing authority, boards and equipment shall be launched and retrieved from the designated area at the event site.

20. Trash disposal [DP] [NP]

- 20.1. While afloat trash may be placed aboard of support- and race committee boats.

21. Prizes & Titles

- 21.1. Trophies may be awarded to the first three competitors in both disciplines and each valid division.
- 21.2. The first competitor in a well constituted division of the European championship shall be declared:
1st man fin discipline “**IFCA Fin Slalom European Champion – Men 2023**”
1st man foil discipline “**IFCA Foil Slalom European Champion – Men 2023**”
1st woman fin discipline “**IFCA Fin Slalom European Champion - Women 2023**”
1st woman foil discipline “**IFCA Foil Slalom European Champion – Women 2023**”
- 21.3. A total prize money of 9.000,00 Euro will be paid out to the successful competitors. The prize money will be divided in even shares between the two disciplines fin slalom and foil slalom.
The prize money split will be handled according to the Appendix of this NOR.
- 21.4. The Grand Prix of LVM insurance provides a special prize money for the top racers of the first elimination of the event (no matter what discipline). The winner will receive 500,00 Euro, while the second and third placed can look forward to 300,00 Euro and 200,00 Euro respectively. The prize winners will be celebrated at a separate ceremony immediately after the race.
- 21.5. **Prize winners may forfeit prizes for non-attendance at the prize giving ceremony.**

22. Disclaimer of Liability

- 22.1. Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk. See WSRR 4,
- 22.2. Decision to Race. The organizing authority or any of their officials or representatives or sponsors or their officials or representatives will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event.

23. Official Ceremonies

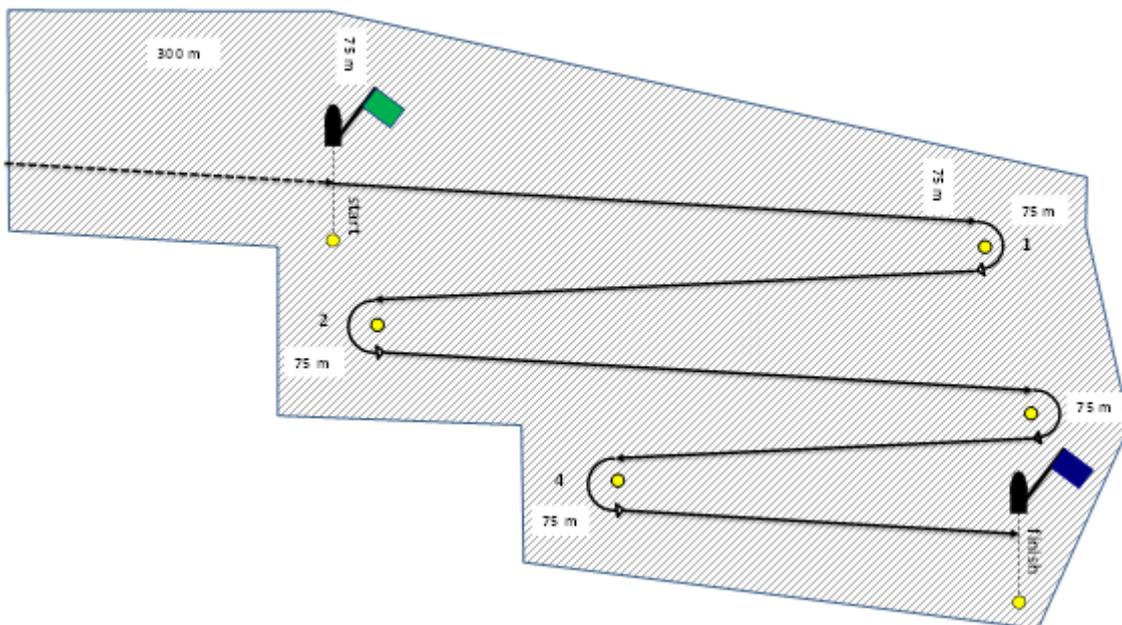
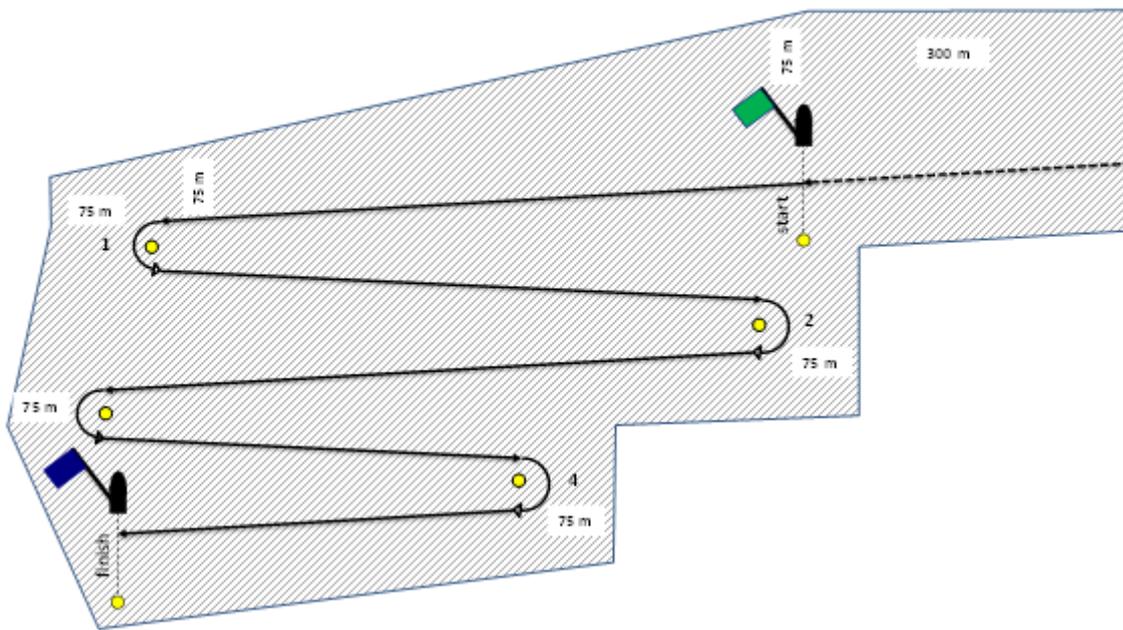
The attendance of all competitors to the opening and closing ceremonies are mandatory, however, the organizing authority may refuse entry to those whose standard of attire is not commensurate with the occasion. **Prize winners may forfeit prizes for non-attendance at the prize giving ceremony.**

24. Officials

Organizer Representative	Mattias Regber GER
Principal Race Officer	Holger Lass NRO GER
IFCA Representative	Eric Kling NED
International Jury	Baptist Verniest IJ - FRA Jan Madsen NJ – DEN Eric Kling NJ - NED

APPENDIX -A-

RACING AREAS



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