



NOTICE OF RACE

The Auckland Slalom Series 2015 is organised by the Auckland Windsurfing Association and sanctioned by Windsurfing NZ Inc.

The series will consist of 6 race days in 2015, with 2016 event dates to be confirmed in the new year. Race days are to be on a flexible day basis, with the most suited day in the chosen weekend to be used. The following dates have been selected as possible race days for 2015:

- 17 or 18 October 2015.
- 31 October or 1 November 2015.
- 7 or 8 November 2015.
- 14 or 15 November 2015.
- 21 or 22 November 2015.
- 28 or 19 November 2015

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in The 2009/2012 ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing – Windsurfing Competition Rules (WCR).
- 1.2 The following prescription of Yachting NZ will apply – Safety Regulations Part 1. A suitable wetsuit will satisfy clause 1.
- 1.3 The 2009 IFCA Class Rules and Championship Rules will apply, as amended by this Notice of Race (NoR) and/or sailing instructions.
- 1.4 If there is a conflict between the NoR and the Sailing Instructions (SI's), the SI's will take precedence.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The event is open to all slalom funboards.
- 2.2 Competitors must be 16 or older as at 9 September 2015.
- 2.3 Competitors shall be members of Windsurfing New Zealand (WNZ) or an affiliated club. Membership formalities can be completed at registration of each race day.
- 2.4 Eligible competitors may enter by completing the attached form and with the required entry fee bringing this to the registration desk for registration on race day. Competitors under 18 years of age as at 9 September 2015 must have a parent or guardian sign the entry form. Signed entry forms and payment may also be mailed to the AWA (see awa.org.nz for address) before 2 September 2015.

3 FEES

- 3.1 The entry fee is
\$30 for each race day, or
\$100 for the series.
- 3.2 The entry fee must be paid at registration in cash or online via bank transfer to the AWA.
- 3.3 Online payment information:
Auckland Windsurfing Association
Kiwibank : 38-9009-0361313-00
Reference: Your name or sail number
- 3.4 A series entry in either 2014/2015 and 2015/2016 will include an Auckland Slalom Series T-shirt. One T-shirt per series entrant in either of these series.

4 RACE FORMAT & DIVISIONS

- 4.1 Each race of the series shall be a single discipline, "open entry", Racing event for men and women, which may include figure 8 or downwind slalom formats.
- 4.2 Men and women may race separately, depending on entry numbers.
- 4.3 There will be a gold fleet.
- 4.4 A "silver" fleet will be run if there are more than 10 entries. Entry to the silver fleet is based on your racing experience or your desire to mix it up with the top competitors. The organisers may decide which fleet you should compete in.
- 4.5 You will remain in the chosen fleet for all races of the entire race series.

5 SCHEDULE

- 5.1 A decision to race / and which day will be made on the Thursday at 8pm and location 24 hours before each scheduled race day. This will be announced on deepfried.tv and facebook group: Auckland Windsurfing Association.
- 5.2 On each race day the schedule will be as follows:
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| 9.00- 10.00 | Registration |
| 10.00am | Competitors briefing. All competitors must attend this. |
| 11.00am | Start of first possible race. |
| 4:00pm | Latest start time for the last race. |
- 5.3 This schedule may change and will be notified on deepfried.tv and facebook and on the race office notice board.
- 5.4 There will be a maximum of 8 races on a race day for the gold fleet and 4 races for the silver fleet if the same course is used by both fleets. Silver may do beach starts with up to 8 races with up to 8 races within the allowed time or in between gold fleet races.
- 5.5 Silver Fleet will race every second round hence rounds on each day will be scheduled as follows: Gold, Gold, Silver, Gold, Gold, Silver... until the minimum amount of races is reached or if racing is cancelled.
- 5.6 Organisers will schedule a short break in racing and details will be notified to competitors at the competitors briefing.

6 EQUIPMENT

- 6.1 It is the responsibility of each competitor to ensure his/her equipment conforms to the Class Rules.

- 6.2 Sail Identification. Letters or sail numbers may be used and must be visible from both sides of your sail. This amends Class Rule C.8.1.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 7.1 The SI's will be available upon registration.
7.2 Organisers may change and re-issue sailing instructions. Changes will be notified on the Race Office notice board at the venue on race day.

8 COURSES

- 8.1 The course may be selected from (i) downwind slalom and (ii) figure of 8 slalom. Details will be provided at the Competitors Briefing.

9 SCORING

- 9.1 For both gold and silver fleets, 3 races are required to be completed to constitute a completed race day.
9.2 When fewer than 3 races have been completed, the day's results will not stand.
9.3 For both gold and silver fleets, one discard will apply once race 4 has been completed. Two discards will apply once 8 races have been completed.
9.4 A competitors placing on a race day will be counted toward an overall series score with the worst day placing being discarded.
9.5 For silver fleet, if 4 or more race events / days are completed, there will be two event drop races 2 race days, so if for example if 4 races are sailed only 2 will be counted toward the overall series score. If 5 races are sailed only 3 will count toward the overall series score. If 6 race days are completed, only the best 4 race days will be counted toward the overall series score. (In the event of a tie break the next best race day performance will be the decider) If 3 events happen there will be one drop.

10 SAFETY

- 10.1 Competitors are entirely responsible for their own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing reduces this responsibility. It is for competitors to decide whether they and their equipment are fit to sail in the conditions in which it will find itself. The provision of patrol boats does not relieve owners and competitors of their responsibilities. By signing the entry form the competitor acknowledges that they have read this safety notice and the general safety notice below.
10.2 A tally system shall be in use.

11 PRIZES

- 11.1 Each of the gold and silver fleet will compete for both Men and Women, 1st 2nd and 3rd place titles. Sailors under 18 years old at 9 September 2015 are also eligible to win the AWA Junior Slalom title.

12 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

This event is a high-risk activity and you will be participating in this event and all associated activities solely in reliance on your own judgment. By entering the event, you waive any rights you may have against the event organisers and anyone else involved in the promotion, sponsorship, sanctioning,

administration or participation of the event (including AWA and WNZ and its offices), and acknowledge that they shall have no liability for any personal or property damage you may cause or sustain during or in connection with the event. You will agree to this by signing the waiver in the entry form. If you are under the age of 18, your parents must also sign the entry form.

GENERAL SAFETY NOTICES AND RULES

You must make yourself familiar with the following event safety information and rules. Failure to comply with 1, 2, 10c below, may result in disqualification from the race day.

Off the water

1. A tally system shall be in use to account for all competitors to determine if they have all made it ashore after racing is finished for the day. This system will be explained at the competitors briefing on each race day and must be followed by you.
2. All boards, sails and other gear that are in a location making them vulnerable to being picked up by wind gusts must be tied down or safely stowed when unattended by you.

On the water

3. The start boat will also act as the rescue boat and will be on station at the start line.
4. If you have sustained an injury during racing or have gear damage that prevents you making your own way to shore, the rescue boat will come to your assistance.
5. Any competitor needing assistance shall try to signal by making the international distress signal (waving both arms above the head making an 'X' with open hands). If no assistance is needed the competitor shall signal by waving one hand with closed fist.
6. If the race committee or its delegated representative deems any competitor to need assistance, the competitor shall accept this assistance and shall follow the directions given.
7. Racing may be delayed until the rescue boat is back on station. The postponement flag may or may not be raised in this situation depending on the likely length of the delay.
8. If you see a competitor in serious trouble in the water, you must stop racing and assist that competitor. Appropriate redress will be provided to the competitor(s) providing assistance, as defined in The 2009/2012 ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing – Windsurfing Competition Rules (WCR).

General information

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whether they and their equipment are fit to sail in the conditions in which it will find itself. The provision of rescue boats does not relieve competitors of their responsibilities.

10. BEFORE ENTERING THE WATER

- a. Check your rigging for worn ropes, loose fittings or a cracked universal joint.
- b. Be sure of your self-rescue capabilities with any rig you may be using.
- c. Dress correctly - A wetsuit must be worn as it provides buoyancy and protection from the cold.
- d. Be aware of dehydration - drink water
- e. Be aware of your limitations. If in doubt don't go out!

11. ON THE WATER

- a. Sail slowly when leaving and returning to shore to avoid running aground or colliding with others.
- b. Stay with your board no matter what happens, it is your largest buoyancy aid, and use the International hand distress signals if necessary (slowly and repeatedly raising and lowering arms outstretched to each side).
- c. Be aware of hypothermia and leave the water if symptoms occur (shivering, numb extremities and poor co-ordination).
- d. Know the "rules of the road" in relation to other water users.

12. ETHICAL GUIDELINES FOR SAILORS

The club endorses the YNZ Ethical Guidelines for Sailors, and expects all competitors to adopt these guidelines.

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Ethical Guidelines for Sailors

- > Show respect to your fellow sailors and show good sportsmanship.
- > Know and abide by the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- > Take a penalty or retire when you know you have broken a rule.
- > Lodge a protest when appropriate.
- > Use clean language. Swearing at officials and other competitors is unacceptable and punishable under the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- > Obey event rules, on and off the water, including club rules.
- > Respect Race Officials and volunteers; treat them in a way that shows you value their time and input into the sport.
- > Be organised, prepared and responsible for your own equipment.
- > Protect your sailing environment, do not drop litter on land or in the water.

“You haven’t won the race if, in winning the race, you have lost the respect of your competitors.”

PAUL ELVSTRÖM
Four-time Olympic Gold Medallist

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13. GROSS MISCONDUCT

13.1 Obligation not to Commit Gross Misconduct

(a) A competitor (including their friend/spouse/partner) shall not commit gross misconduct, including a gross breach of the YNZ ethical guidelines or a rule, good manners or sportsmanship, bad behaviour or conduct bringing the sport into disrepute.

(b) An allegation of a breach of rule 13(a) shall be resolved in accordance with the provisions of rule 13.

13.2 Action by the Officer of the Day

(a) When the Officer of the Day, from its own observation or a report received from any source before the completion of the event on the day, believes that a competitor(including their friend/spouse/partner) may have broken rule.

13.1 (a), they may call a hearing at the event on the day and duly notify all parties to attend.

(b) The Officer of the Day shall conduct the hearing,

(c) If it is established to the comfortable satisfaction of the Officer of the Day, bearing in mind the seriousness of the alleged misconduct, that the competitor (including their friend/spouse/partner) has broken rule 13.1(a), it shall either :

(1) warn the competitor (including their friend/spouse/partner),

(2) impose a penalty (yellow card) by excluding the competitor (including their friend/spouse/partner) and disqualifying the competitor (including their friend/spouse/partner), from a race or the remaining races of the day's events.

A disqualification under this rule shall not be excluded from the competitor's series score.

(d) If the competitor does not provide good reason for being unable to attend the hearing on the day and does not come to it, the Officer of the Day may conduct it without the competitor present. If

the Officer of the Day does so and penalizes the competitor, it shall record this, the decision and the reasons for it and will take effect regardless of the competitors non attendance but will notify in writing to the competitor of the decision and the reasons for it

(3) if by imposing a penalty, this becomes the competitor's second penalty for the current season (red card), this will automatically disqualify the competitor from attending any events for the remainder of the current season.

All penalties (warning, yellow or red card) will be in effect for the current season, and then expire

13.3 The Race committee following any such events may determine whether any additional disciplinary action is required.

14. PETS AT THE VENUE

14.1 People with pets at the venue must be responsible for them in every way and damage caused to competitor equipment by pets will be the responsibility of the owner of the pet to repair or compensate the owner of the damaged equipment.

