

2024 Slalom Nationals

Organised by:



Sailing Instructions

[DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the Race Committee and may be less than disqualification.

[NP] denotes that a breach of this rule will not be grounds for protests by a board.

1 Rules

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the 'Rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing - Windsurfing Competition Rules (WCR) (as applied to respective classes), except as modified by these Sailing Instructions.

1.2 [DP][NP] The following Safety Regulations shall apply:

1.2.1 All competitors shall wear buoyancy vests, impact vests, or lifejackets and properly secured about their persons at all times while afloat.

1.2.2 [DP][NP] A suitable protective helmet must be worn at all times while afloat except for Techno class.

1.3 Equipment must comply with the rules set out in these Sailing Instructions.

1.4 For protests where only a Rule of Part 2 is alleged to have been broken an informal mediation may be offered prior to any formal hearing.

1.5 If there is conflict between these Sailing Instructions and any other document governing the regatta, these Sailing Instructions will take precedence.

2.0 Advertising [DP][NP]

2.1 Sailors may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.

2.2 Event bibs, if provided, shall be worn outside any other clothing or equipment at all times when afloat and during media interviews ashore.

2.3 Event bibs and stickers shall not be cut, trimmed or altered in any way.

3 Notice to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB) located at listed race venues.

4 Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any change to these Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board at least 10 minutes before the scheduled start of the first race affected, except that any changes affecting the first possible start of the next day's racing shall be posted not later than 2000hrs on the day before.

5 Signals Made Ashore

5.1 Signals made ashore will be communicated via notice board at listed race venues.

5.2 Signals made over a class flag apply to that class only.

5.3 [DP][NP] Flag D with one sound means - the warning signal will be made not less than 10 minutes after flag D is displayed. Boards are requested not to leave the shore until this signal is made.

5.4 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 10 minutes'.

6 Schedule of 2024 Slalom Nationals

Race schedule is as described in NOR.

7 Format of Racing

7.1 Racing will be Slalom Format (including Sprint Slalom)

7.2 There may be evenly divided fleets with heats and a final. If so, qualification process to finals will be displayed on ONB prior to start.

8 Equipment and Measurement [DP][NP]

8.1 Slalom Class. Any board, any sails, any fin, any foil mast and any foils can be used.

8.2 Techno Class. Only Techno Board and Sail can be used.

8.3 Wing Foil Class. Any board, any wings, any foil mast and any foils can be used.

9 Divisions and Class Flags

9.1 There will be 1 scoring for each class in Slalom, Techno and Wing Foil.

9.2 All divisions race together in one start, unless heats/finals are run in Slalom (refer to 7.2).

9.3 Class flag will be:

Wind Foil: RED FLAG with WHITE 'W'

Techno: Techno FLAG

Wing Foil: BLUE FLAG with WHITE "WG"

10 Racing Area

10.1 The Race Area will be in waters off land locations as described in NOR.

11 Courses

11.1 The diagrams in Annex A show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

11.2 The Race Committee will determine the race formats at their discretion.

11.3 If more than one race format and/or if more than one course option is prescribed for the day's racing, no later than one minute before the warning signal the Race Committee signal vessel shall display the course to be sailed on a white board.

12 Marks

The starting marks, finishing marks, and marks on the course will be described at the daily briefing.

13 The Start

13.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the starting boat and the starting mark (As shown in Annex A).

13.2 The following shortened start sequence will be used:

- 3 minutes – Warning Signal - Class Flag displayed.
- 2 minutes – Red Flag (as Preparatory Signal)
- 1 minute – Yellow Flag (Red Flag removed)
- Starting Signal – Green Flag (Class Flag and Yellow Flag removed)

13.3 [DP][NP] If Flag R has been displayed at the Preparatory Signal then:

- A board shall not start the race on port tack; and
- A board shall not foil in the immediate start line area during the last minute and until the start gun goes. The 'immediate start line area' is defined as an area 10 meters behind the start line and its extensions.

-The purpose of this rule is to promote the safety of competitors.

13.3 A boat starting later than 2 minutes after their starting signal will be scored Did Not Start.

14 Change of Course

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move a mark (or move the finishing line).

15 The Finish

The finishing line will be as shown in Annex A.

16 Target Times and Time Limits & Rest Periods [NP]

16.1 The target time for each Course are listed in Annex A.

16.2 Rest Periods

- Ashore for Slalom Races: After a series of 5 back-to-back races there shall be a rest period of a minimum of 10 minutes ashore for the last finisher in the last race of that series.

- Code Flag AP will be displayed to signal that racing is postponed. A warning signal will be made not less than 10 minutes after it is lowered.

16.3 There is no time limit for the Slalom Races. These are short courses designed to be completed in less than 5 minutes.

16.4 Minimum wind strength for starting races is sustained wind strength of more than 7 knots throughout the racing area.

17 Penalty System

B44.4 WCR shall apply: If an infringement is acknowledged by a competitor, they shall complete a One-Turn penalty clear of any other competitor.

18 Protests and Requests for Redress

18.1 Please note clause 1.4.

18.2 There will be no protests or redresses for the National Slalom, with infringements to be exonerated via penalties during racing.

18.3 Breaches of rules in the Sailing Instructions marked [NP] will not be grounds for protest by a board. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for breaches marked [DP] are at the discretion of the Race Committee and may be less than disqualification if they so decide.

19 Scoring

19.1 Refer to NOR.

20 Safety [DP][NP]

20.1 Competitors may be required to sign on and off at the listed venue before and after sailing.

20.2 Boards not leaving shore for the day's races shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

20.3 A board that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

21 Official Boats

Official boats will be as described at the briefing.

22 Radio Communications

Except in an emergency, a board shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boards. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

23 Trophies/Prizes

As described in NOR.

24 Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 4, Decision to Race. The Organising 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 National Slalom.

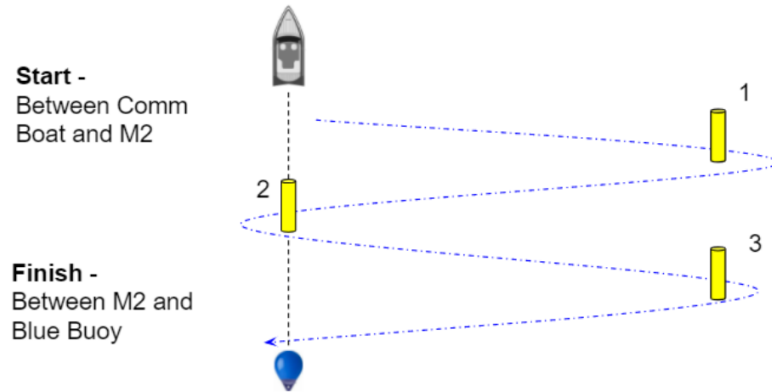
25 Media Rights, Cameras and Electronic Equipment

25.1 By entering the National Slalom, competitors automatically grant the Organising Authority and their sponsors, 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 reproductions of them or their equipment, taken during the period of the event, for the said National Slalom as defined in the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions in which he/she participates without compensation.

25.2 Competitors may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment, or positioning equipment as specified by the Organising Authority.

Annex A

Slalom Race (SR) Format: Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – Finish (Target Time 5min)
(Marks to be left to opposite sides for starboard start configuration)



Sprint Slalom Race (SSR) Format: Start – 1 – 2 – Finish (Target Time 3min)
(Marks to be left to opposite sides for starboard start configuration)

