

APPENDIX C.1 SLALOM

1. Competition Categories

- Men
- Women

2. Rules

2.1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the *2021 – 2024 Racing Rules of Sailing*). *The only rules from Appendix B – Windsurfing Fleet Racing Rules (RRS (WE)) are covered by the amendments below.*

- The International Windsurfer Class Association rules for slalom will apply.
- Rule 31 is changed to:

While racing, a board shall not touch a starting mark before starting or a finishing mark after finishing

a board may touch a mark that begins, bounds or ends the leg of the course on which she is sailing.

- Sailors will be informed to take a penalty, by the on water judges by blowing of a whistle and their sail number called by loud halier.

- Rule 44 is changed to:

44.1 Taking a Penalty

A board may take a 360°-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 in an incident while racing.

However, if the board caused injury or serious damage or, despite taking a penalty, gained a significant advantage in the race or series by her breach, her penalty shall be to retire.

44.2 360°-Turn Penalty

After getting well clear of other boards as soon after the incident as possible, a board takes a 360°-Turn Penalty by promptly making a 360° turn with no requirement for a tack or a gybe. When a board takes the penalty at or near the finishing line, her hull shall be completely on the course side of the line before she finishes.

- Sailors who want to protest must inform the Jury boat, flying a yellow “J” flag, just beyond the finish line; the protest will be held on the water at the jury boat, each sailor may make a short statement, then the decision will be made immediately by the jury.

2.1.7 Sailors who miss their heat for any reason have no right to redress except:

- for major damage where they were in the right during a slalom race.
- Where the race committee was in error about the qualified competitors

3. Elimination System

3.1 Men

3.1.1 Split into 4 groups of up to 80 sailors.

Group A are Light weight

Group B are Medium weight

Group C are Heavy weight

Group D are Super Heavy weight

3.1.2 For each group sailors are placed in **sailor weight order** in 8 heats of 8 to 10 sailors and compete in a single elimination system.

3.1.3 Four winners from each heat progress for up to 8 sailors, 5 for 9 + sailors

3.1.4 Positions in Heats 1 to 15 determine the scoring for overall points.

3.1.5 If time permits the winners from heat 15 from each group are put into two heats and compete in a double elimination with a 3 heat final to determine the overall slalom winner.

Groups A and C form heat 1. Groups B and D form heat 2.

3.1.6 The 3 heat final will be scored using RRS Appendix A – ‘Low Point System’ with all races to count.

3.2 Women

3.2.1 Placed alphabetically in 8 groups of 8 to 10 sailors and compete in a single elimination system.

3.2.2 Four winners from each heat progress for up to 8 sailors, 5 for 9 + sailors.

3.2.3 The four winners from heat 13 and 14 form the final.

3.2.4 The 3 heat final will be scored using RRS Appendix A – ‘Low Point System’ with all races to count.

4. Starting

- Races will be started in accordance with the following procedure.

This changes RRS (WE) 26.

<i>Signal</i>	<i>Flag and sound</i>	<i>Seconds before starting signal</i>
Warning	Red flag up; one sound	60
Preparatory	Red flag removed; one sound	30
Starting	Class flag up; one sound	0

4.1.1 The starting line will be between staffs displaying orange flags on the starting marks.

4.1.2 The number of the heat about to start will be displayed on the slalom start boat at or before that heat's warning signal and will be removed at the starting signal for that heat. The number may also be displayed adjacent to the launching area.

4.1.3 A board that does not start within 1 minute after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS(WE) A4 and A5.

4.1.4 Boards whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area during the starting sequence for other divisions or races.

4.1.5 When a general recall is signaled, a new warning signal will be made 30 seconds after the general recall signal is lowered. This changes RRS (WE) 29.2 and Race Signals.

Buoyancy

All competitors shall wear whilst racing personal flotation devices which are in good condition and are in accordance with the specifications approved by the National Authority at or above the minimum level required (ie L50/ level 50). Attention is drawn to rule 1.2.

Responsibility

Attention is drawn to Fundamental Rule 3 - Decision to Race, which states "The responsibility for a board's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone". It is the competitor's sole decision to enter this event and to start and or to continue to compete. By way of entering, competitors acknowledge and agree that participation in this event can be dangerous and accept that their participation is at their exclusive risk in every respect. In addition, by way of entering competitors shall

