

# Notice of Race

## ISWC Speed Windsurfing Production Board World Championship 2008

### 1. EVENT

1.1 The ISWC Speed Windsurfing Production Board World Championship 2008 will be held from Saturday November 29 to Saturday December 6 2008 at Dungarvan Speedstrip, Ireland.

1.2 The regatta gives points for the annual ranking of the International Speed Windsurfing Class. The Production World Championship is the second highest world tour event, categorized as Grade A event with a base factor of 2.5 (250 points for the winner).

### 2. ORGANISER

2.1 The event will be organised by Martin Waldron in collaboration with the Dungarvan Harbour Sailing Club as the LOA, for and on behalf of the Speed:World:Cup, and under specified conditions laid down by ISWC and the ISAF.

### 3. VENUE

3.1 The event will be based at the Dungarvan Speed strip.

3.2 During December the weather conditions are usually: average wind of 20-35 Knots sideoffshore, water conditions: flat water, air temperature around 10 degree Celsius, water temperature around 15 degree Celsius.

### 4. RULES

4.1 This is an ISAF sanctioned event governed by

4.1.1 The 2005/2008 ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing and App. B – Windsurfing Competition Rules;

4.1.2 The ISWC Class Rules;

4.1.3 Those Rules changed and complemented through the ISWC Championship Rulebook 2008;

4.1.4 The WSSRC Rules;

4.1.5 This Notice of Race ("NoR") and the Sailing Instructions (SIs);

4.1.6 Alterations to the SIs must be approved by the Race Committee.

### 5. ELIGIBILITY & DISCIPLINE

5.1 All entries shall meet the requirements of ISWC Rulebook 2008 part D with allowance made for further international results and personal best speeds.

5.2 A minimum of 1 round is required for a valid event result.

5.3 Competitors shall possess valid third party liability insurance.

5.4 Competitors shall be a member of a National Speed Windsurfing Association which shall be a paid up member of the IWA. National prescriptions apply.

5.5 All competitors must be members of the ISWC.

5.6 Membership formalities can be completed on site.

### 6. Fleets

6.1 The maximum size of the fleet is 80 competitors, including women and all wildcards.

6.2 This event shall be a single discipline event.

6.3 Entry is accepted as described in the ISWC Rules.

6.4 Women shall race together with the Men.

6.5 There shall be a maximum of 3 rounds per day for each fleet.

### 7. DIVISIONS

7.1 There are no other divisions than men and women.

### 8. EQUIPMENT

8.1 All competitors may bring their own equipment.

8.2 Equipment is restricted to boards listed on the ISAF/IFCA Speed/Slalom board list on the first day of the event.

## **9. MEASUREMENT**

**9.1** It is the responsibility of each competitor to ensure that his/her board and equipment conforms to the Class Rules.

**9.2** The measurers will pay special attention to sail identification rule compliance.

**9.3** Measurement and equipment checks may be made throughout the event.

## **10. SAIL INSIGNIAS / IDENTIFICATION**

**10.1** Sail numbers shall be of a contrasting colour to the body of the sail (black, or on dark sails in white, or black with white background), at least 23cm in height, with a spacing of 45mm between the numbers, and a minimal thickness of 30mm, clearly readable and placed immediately above the event advertising; and positioned according to ISWC Rulebook.

**10.2** Every competitor is required to wear a GPS unit provided by the timing crew. A deposit might be required. Wearing the GPS unit whenever competing is mandatory to get valid results.

## **11. BUOYANCY**

**11.1** If personal buoyancy is prescribed, each competitor & support boat crewmember shall wear, above the waist, a jacket, harness, or vest with a minimum buoyancy of 4kg uninflated, in fresh water. The buoyancy shall be tested with a ferrous metal weight of 4kg, which shall remain supported for a minimum of 5 minutes.

**11.2** The use of weight vests will be limited according to the actual wind and water conditions. If not otherwise stated, WSSRC rule 10 shall apply with the following interpretation: The weight harness or weight vest is defined as combination of any additional weight and an additional floating device, excluding the competitors personal equipment, e.g. wet suits.

## **12. LIABILITY**

**12.1** Competitors take part in all races at their own risk. The LOA, Speed:World:Cup, IFCA, ISWC, IWA, ISAF or any of their officials or representatives or the sponsors or their officials or representatives are not responsible, under any circumstances, for any damage, loss or injury either ashore or on the water either to persons or equipment, which may result. Participation in this event, supporting events and in each race in them is at the sole discretion of the sailor and at his/her own risk. Special attention is drawn to RRS 4.

## **13. COURSES**

**13.1** Courses shall be as described in the ISWC Rulebook and/or the Sailing Instructions.

**13.2** The Official Notice Board is located on Dungarvan Harbour Sailing Club, near the official Skippers Meeting Point. The Official Flag Pole is located near the Course.

## **14. SCORING**

**14.1** The alternative low point scoring system shall apply.

## **15. INTERNATIONAL JURY**

**15.1** An International Jury may be appointed. Their decisions will be final and cannot be appealed.

## **16. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SI)/EVENT PROGRAMME**

**16.1** The Event SIs' will be available at the first skippers meeting as will the Event Programme scheduling social events.

## **17. COACHES AND TEAM MEMBERS**

**17.1** Coaches and team members are required to register in advance directly with the LOA.

**17.2** Coach boats may support competitors. If you propose to bring your own boat, please advise the local organisers in advance.

**17.3** Coaches shall wear buoyancy aids at all time.

## **18. SCHEDULE**

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> 09.00 - 11.00h Arrival & Registration

12.00 Skippersmeeting, 13:00 first possible start

20.00h Official Opening Party (**mandatory**)

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> 09.00h Skippers meeting, 10.00h First possible start

Mon/Fri. 31<sup>st</sup> / 5<sup>th</sup> 09.00h Skippers meeting, 09.30h First possible start

20.00h Prize giving (**mandatory**), afterwards Closing Party (**mandatory**)

Holdover day: Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> 09.00h Skippers meeting only in case there is no official result until the 5<sup>th</sup> last possible start 16.00h, prizegiving afterwards on the beach

## **19. MEDALS AND PRIZES**

**19.1** Trophies/Medals may be awarded up to the first three competitors in each Division

**19.2** unfortunately no prize money is provided for this event, but 5300 Euro tour purse to be distributed to the top 10 men and top 3 women for the years world cup ranking.

## **20. DRUG TESTING**

**20.1.** Competitors are reminded of the ISAF rules and regulations concerning the use of banned methods and substances. Drug testing may take place during the event.

## **21. TELEVISION AND MEDIA**

**21.1** In registering for the event, competitors automatically grant to the Organising Authority 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 reproduction of them, taken during the period of the event, for the said event as defined in the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions in which he/she participates without compensation.

## **22. BIBS/VESTS & COMPETITORS SAIL BRANDING**

**22.1** During practice and racing, competitors may be required by the organisers to wear bibs/vests carrying the event sponsors' branding; and carry the event sponsor's advertising on their sails. The sticker may not be cut or trimmed in any way.

**22.2** Carrying the Speed:World:Cup sticker in the sail is mandatory, if provided. No other association stickers are allowed.

## **23. DRESS CODE**

**23.1** Smart casual clothes shall be worn for the Opening Ceremony and Prize Giving Ceremony.

**23.2** The organisers reserve the right to refuse entry to anyone whose standard of attire is not commensurate with the occasion.

## **24. ACCOMMODATION**

Park Hotel and Leisure Center ([www.flynnhotels.com](http://www.flynnhotels.com)), please refer to ISWC production worlds when booking !

## **25. TRANSPORT**

The best is to go via ferry/car to Cork or Rosslare. Flying into Cork or Dublin (2.5h drive) is also possible. There is no general transport. Cars can be rented at the usual agencies at the airports.

## **26. REGISTRATION**

**26.1** The registration will take place in the Dungarvan Harbour Sailing Club

**26.2** Competitors shall be required to produce the following prior to completing registration formalities on site:

- Original Regatta Entry Form
- Evidence of valid third party insurance
- Parental/legal Guardian Assent - *for those under age of 18*
- Medical Treatment Permission - *for those under age of 18 or on their parents medical insurance policy*
- Original Bank Transfer/Draft details starting fee and membership fee
- Proof of age

## **27. ENTRIES & PAYMENT**

**27.1** The entry fees are as stated on the entry form - 160 Euro per competitor - and must be paid per paypal or bank transfer after starting eligibility is given.

**27.2** Membership formalities can be completed on site during registration. The ISWC membership fee of 50 Euro (payable only in cash during registration) is available for rookies throughout the whole year. For regular members, the membership fee for payments received after 13.03.2008 is 100 Euro (50 Euro standard fee + 50 Euro late payment fine.)

**27.3** All outstanding fines must be paid prior to competition.

**Items not adhered to in this Notice of Race are substituted by the appropriate Point of the ISWC Rulebook or the Racing Rules of Sailing.**