

Notice of Race

ISWC Speed Windsurfing World Championship 2008

1. EVENT

1.1 The ISWC Speed Windsurfing World Championship 2008 will be held from Friday July 25 to Saturday August 2 2008 at Sotavento Beach on Fuerteventura, Spain.

1.2 The regatta give points for the annual ranking of the International Speed Windsurfing Class. The World Championship is the top-level world tour event, categorized as Grade A event.

2. ORGANISER

2.1 The event will be organised by Pro Center René Egli in collaboration with the local municipality of Pájara, the government of Fuerteventura and the Canary Islands 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 in front of Pro Center I at Sotavento Beach, Fuerteventura, Canary Islands.

3.2 During July the weather conditions are usually: average wind of 20-35 Knots sideoffshore, water conditions: from flat water up to 2-3 m waves, temperature 23 to 24 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 futher 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 70 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 not restricted except through the class rules.

8.3 There is no separate scoring for Production Equipment.

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 the Centre, 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 skippersmeeting 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

Friday 25th 15.00h - 17.00h Arrival & Registration

18.30 ISWC AGM

22.00h Official Opening Party (**mandatory**)

Saturday 26th 10.00h Skippers meeting, 11.00h First possible start

Sun/Sat. 27th / 2nd 10.00h Skippers meeting, 10.30h First possible start

Saturday 2nd 14.00h Last possible start

22.00h Prize giving (**mandatory**), 22.30h Closing Party (**mandatory**)

19. MEDALS AND PRIZES

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

19.2 The Prize fund of 35000 Euro (net of taxes) will be split according to the ISWC Rulebook.

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

24.1 The Hotel Sol Gorriones**** is the HQ Hotel of the regatta with 431 air conditioned rooms equipped with satellite TV which can be booked half board or all-inclusive basis. The hotel has restaurants, beach, swimming pool, tennis courts, the Hotel offers special rates as well other hotels nearby; please see below 24.4.

24.2 For any request or help needed please do not hesitate to contact the LOA by emailing to christin@rene-egli.com.

24.3 Lunch-box and drinking water will be placed at the competitor's disposal free of charge.

25. TRANSPORT

25.1 It is possible to fly direct to Puerto del Rosario the Airport of Fuerteventura using normal scheduled airlines.

25.2 Transfers of passengers, luggage and their equipment from the Airport of Fuerteventura (80 Km's away) to regatta site cannot be arranged! There are taxis at the airport available by charging about 60 Euro each way per 2 persons incl. 2 board and 2 sail-bags per person.

26. REGISTRATION

26.1 The registration will take place in front of the storage tent and the race offices

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 cash on registration desk.

27.2 Membership formalities can be completed 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.)

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.