



2010-2011 TASMANIAN FORMULA WINDSURFING AND SLALOM SERIES



Notice of Series:

1. Title:
Tasmanian Formula Windsurfing and Slalom Series 2010-2011.
2. Venue and dates:

Round 1	RYCT. Hobart	30- 31 October 2010
Round 2	Hawley Beach	15-16 January 2011
Round 3	Tamar River	5-6 February. 2011
Round 4	Stanley	12-13 March 2011
3. Organising authority:
Windsurfing Tasmania Inc.
4. Classes: Divisions (min. of 3 entrants):

Overall	Open	Masters (40-49)	Grand Masters (50+)	Ladies	Youth
Most Improved					
Formula	Open				
Slalom	Open				

Racing will be held in winds ranging from 8-35 knots. Any board can be used. There is a maximum size limit for sails of 12.5 m². Generally, if the course involves an upwind leg, points will be awarded toward Formula (and Longboard). For all other courses points will be awarded toward Slalom. Generally, Formula races will not be held in winds above 18 knots and Slalom races will not be held in winds below 18 knots. Please note: It will be at the discretion of the Officer of the Day as to what type of course is set (Formula or Slalom) and whether points will be awarded toward Formula (and longboard) or Slalom.

5. Schedule of races
Sat.: Registration between 10-11 AM. Briefing at 11 AM followed by first race no earlier than 11:30 AM. (Unless advised otherwise by a separate Notice of Race) Maximum of four Formula or six Slalom races will be held. Courses to be specified at briefing.

Sun.: Briefing at 10.00 AM. First race no earlier than 10:30 AM. Maximum of four Formula or six Slalom races will be held. Courses to be specified at the briefing.
6. Rules
This event will be governed by the 1993-1996 International Yacht Racing Rules (IYRR) and the prescriptions and safety regulations of the Australian Yachting Federation (AYF), Notice of Race (except as these are altered by these Sailing Instructions) and the Sailing Instructions. This event is classified as a Category B event.
7. Eligibility and Entry
Entry is open to all members of WINDSURFING TASMANIA or other associations affiliated with the AUSTRALIAN WINDSURFING ASSOCIATION upon acceptance of Sailing Instructions and payment of the Heat entry fee, which is paid at the time of registration.
8. Race Briefing
Briefings will be conducted by the race officials and will include information on:
Course location and configuration;
Sign on/sign off procedures.

9. **Start/finish**
At 5 minutes to start, 1 minute to start and upon starting a signal will sound. An alternative starting procedure of a 'gate start' may be employed. Competitors should note their finishing order in relation to other competitors finishing immediately before and after them.
10. **Abandonment**
Race abandonment will be signalled in accordance with Racing rule 4/1 accompanied by three short sound signals.
11. **Time Limit**
The time limit for all races will be 90 minutes for the first to finish in each class or division. Sailors finishing more than 20 mins after the first to finish will be recorded as "did not finish".
12. **Alternative penalties**
Alternative penalties in accordance with racing rules, appendix B4, 7.1, apply.
13. **Safety**
Buoyancy vests or harnesses complying with AS1499 or approved by the Race Committee must be worn as intended whilst afloat. A competitor not complying in this regard will be ranked as a non-starter. Each intending competitor shall personally sign on for racing before leaving the shore for any race or racing period and shall personally sign off from racing upon returning to shore after completion of racing or retirement. They shall sign off within 30 minutes of the last valid finisher in that race or the last race of the relevant racing period. Failure to comply in every regard will result in disqualification from that race. If more than one race is sailed in a racing period, then failure to sign on will result in disqualification from the first race of the racing period and failure to sign off will result in disqualification from the last race of the racing period. Failure to both sign on and sign off will result in disqualification from all races of that racing period. The sign on/sign off area will be indicated at the briefings. In the need for race abandonment, all competitors shall proceed to the launching area and shall sign off as soon as possible.
14. **Equipment**
There is a maximum sail size of 12.5 m² and a maximum fin length of 70 cm.
15. **Trophies**
Trophies will be awarded to the top three place-getters for the Overall (combined formula and slalom) Open division, with first place also receiving a perpetual trophy. Trophies will be awarded to first place in all other divisions. The Perpetual 'Ron Cook Memorial Trophy' will be awarded to first place in the Overall 40+ category (which encompasses Master and Grand Master divisions).
16. **Entry disclaimer**
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 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 hold harmless the organising authority, its officers, members, servants and agents in respect of all liability for injury to person and or damage to property howsoever arising from their participation or intended participation in this event and acknowledge that the organising authority, its officers, members, servants and agents accept no responsibility in respect of loss of life, personal injury or loss or damage to property which may be sustained by reason of a competitor's participation or intended participation in this event or arising for whatever reason in connection with this event.
17. **Insurance**
All competitors shall have personal liability insurance for not less than \$AUD10m for any one incident. All competitors who enter and sign the entry form are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover.