# UKWA NATIONAL WIND SPORTS CHAMPIONSHIPS

## and Regional Windsurfing League Champions Cup

Rutland Water Sailing Club – 26th & 27th September 2026

# NOTICE OF RACE

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*The Organising Authority is the United Kingdom Windsurfing Association (UKWA)*

## 1 Rules

**1.1** The events and the series will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025 - 2028.* These include Appendix B (windsurfing fleet racing rules), World Sailing Development Rule Appendix WF Wing foiling Racing Rules, the Prescriptions of the RYA, this Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions, and the rules of the relevant international classes as amended by national class rules where applicable.

**1.2** Club, council rules and byelaws apply if displayed on the premises of the club or council hosting the event.

**1.3** Under rule 87, International Raceboard class rule C.8.1 is changed with the permission of the International Class Association to allow competitors in the Raceboard fleet to use 3 sails per event for National competition – all other equipment limitations within this rule remain unchanged.

**1.4** Competitors should note that the UKWA implements the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be expected to sail in compliance with it. The Charter can be found at the front of the RYA rule book (RRS), or at https://www.rya.org.uk/racing/rules/racing-charter or on the UKWA website at www.ukwindsurfing.com / RYA website at www.rya.org.uk/racingrules

**1.5** The Exoneration Penalty, Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available.

**1.6** The Champions Cup Competition Rules shall apply including Champions Cup Scoring as detailed in appendix A and appendix B of the Sailing Instructions.

## 2 Advertising

**2.1** Advertising will be allowed in accordance with the class rules of the competing classes. If no limitations are prescribed within the class rules, WS Regulation 20- Advertising Code shall take precedence.

**2.2** Boards may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.

## 3 Eligibility and Entry

**3.1** Racing will be in the following fleets and sub-divisions where notified:

- BIC Techno
    - 3.5 Open, 5.0m open and 5.8 Open – Supplementary Champions Cup rules may apply based on the sailor's entry preference
    - 6.8 Techno – Supplementary Champions Cup rules may apply based on the sailor's entry preference – variations in rig options are permitted
    - 7.8 Techno - Supplementary Champions Cup rules may apply based on the sailor's entry preference – variations in rig options are permitted
    - 7.8 over age (youth)
    - Techno+ 8.5
- Raceboard
- WindFoil – iQFOiL / Formula Foil / Freeride Foil - equipment limitations apply, see Appendix A
- WingFoil – There will be no equipment limitations

**Within these fleets the following age categories (divisions) may be recognised:**

- Junior (aged 13 or under as at 31st December 2026)
- Junior (aged 14 or under as at 31st December 2026)
- Junior (aged 16 or under as at 31st December 2026)
- Youth (aged 18 or under as at 31st December 2026)
- Master (aged 40+ born 1985 or before)
- Grand Master (aged 50+ born 1975 or before)
- Legend (aged 60+ born 1966 or before)
- Super Legend (aged 65+ born 1960 or before)
- WingFoil categories – Junior (16 or under as above) / Youth (18 or under as above) / Adult (All competitors over 19 will be scored as adult regardless of DOB).

**Within these fleets the following National class divisions may apply:**

- Raceboard
    - 7.8
    - Raceboard Lightweight
    - Raceboard Heavyweight
    - Div II
    - Windsurfer class see Appendix B

**3.2** A sailor must be a member of the UKWA, or a non-UK resident who is a member of either their national windsurfing association or a World Sailing Member National Authority. Except that UK Champions Cup Juniors (3.5, 5.0 and 5.8 only) may instead be a member of the RYA. If you are neither you can buy weekend membership which includes third part insurance for £15 on the day

**3.3** Entries should be made in advance through the UKWA website www.ukwindsurfing.com. Except at the discretion of the Organising Authority. Online pre-entry closes at 10pm on the Monday prior to the event. Should you miss the deadline please contact Sue@windsports.uk a £10 late entry fee will apply.

**3.4** Before competing, each competitor shall register for the event at the Race Office and update or confirm an equipment registration form if required. A club representative must nominate up to 15 sailors to compete per team at registration by completing the team registration form.

**3.5** Parents of competitors under the age of 18 must agree a Parent / Guardian Declaration online at time of entry, accompany them at registration and attend the sailors briefing.

**3.6** Fleets may race together on a single start, depending on the number of entries. Individual classes within a fleet shall be raced and scored as a single fleet.

**3.7** Boards must display sail numbers on both sides of the sail in accordance with RRS Appendix G and in accordance with B9. For the purpose of Appendix G, this is not an international event. Breaches of NOR 3.7 shall not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Wing Foil competitors shall wear a numbered rash vest available from the race office. A £10 cash returnable deposit is charged. It is the wingers responsibility to make sure this number is visible at all times, large number to be worn at the front.

**3.8** Competitors must enter and race under their allocated number, other than with the express permission of the Race Committee.

**3.9** A competitor not complying with 3.7 will be scored DSQ but may seek redress via a results query form and accept a 20% place penalty for each race whilst in breach of 3.7 without written permission of the Race Committee. This amends A5.

## 4 Fees

**4.1** Entry fees are set out on the event website and UKWA website.
Before competing, each competitor shall pay online in advance any appropriate parking / camping charges or face rejection of their entry with no refund of entry fees. Whenever possible these charges will be announced in advance

**4.2** The Organising Authority may cancel the event, cancel classes and reject or cancel entries in its absolute discretion, subject to RRS 76. If the Organising Authority decides to cancel the event, cancel a class or reject an entry they shall give at least 36 hours' notice to the affected competitors, and shall refund the entry fee, less any costs already incurred.

## 5 Schedule

**5.1** Competitors shall register and confirm entry details at the Race Office on the first morning of racing from 08.00 - 09.30.

**5.2** There will be a welcome and briefing for all competitors on the first morning of racing at 10:00. Thereafter any additional days at 09:15.

**5.3** Manual Tally System: Tally numbers will be posted on the Official Notice Board, follow the link from the event page at www.ukwindsurfing.com Competitors take their tally from the tally board each time they go afloat and return it to the tally board as required.

**5.4** Electronic Tally System: A tally will be issued at registration which should be retained throughout the event. Competitors tap out and tap in as required. Tallies will be returned at the end of the event.

**5.5** The scheduled time of the first warning signal is 10.55 and 09.55 on each subsequent day

**5.6** On the last scheduled day of the event no warning signal will be made after 15:00.

**5.7** The normal programme for each fleet will be 4 races per day, but 3 races on the last day of each event. Except that foiling fleets may be more.

## 6 Sailing Instructions

Sailing Instructions can be downloaded from the UKWA website and will be posted on the ONB. Follow the link from the event page at www.ukwindsurfing.com

## 7 Venue

| **National Wind Sport Championships** |
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| Sponsored by Boardwise / Starboard / Severne / iQFOiL / Surfdoctor / OTC |
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## 8 Courses

The course to be sailed will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions, should there be a long-distance race details will be posted on the ONB or via a competitor briefing. Follow the link from the event page at www.ukwindsurfing.com

## 9 Scoring

**9.1** The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply. Appendix B A8 Series Ties does not apply.

**9.2** A competitor does not become eligible by 'pre entering', but only by registering at the event and being capable of sailing and intending to do so.

## 10 Safety Regulations

**10.1** All competitors shall carry at all times a SOLAS approved whistle.

**10.2** All junior sailors who will be aged 17 or under on 31st December 2026 shall wear a personal flotation device appropriate to class rules at all times when afloat except briefly when changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Excluding windfoils.

**10.3** All windfoil & Wing Foil crew shall wear an impact vest which may also act as personal flotation device with a minimum of 50 Newtons at all times whilst afloat.

**10.4** Sailors who enter on a Windfoil and Wing Foil shall wear a helmet at all times. A helmet shall be of a minimum standard EN1385, EN1077, EN966, ASTM 2040, Snell S98 or equivalent with a brightly coloured region of at least 300 square centimetres of the exterior surface that can be seen from above the water with crew lying face down or face up.

| Class | Whistle (Solas approved) | Helmet (detailed in class rules) | Impact Vest (detailed in class rules) | Wing Leash |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Techno | ✓ | | | |
| Raceboard | ✓ | | | |
| Wing Foil | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Wind Foil | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |

**10.5** If the Y flag is flying, all competitors shall wear a personal flotation device appropriate to class rules at all times when afloat except briefly when changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. A personal flotation device may include an impact vest with a minimum of 50 Newtons.

**10.6** If conditions dictate, the organisers may require all competitors to wear personal floatation devices and/or wet or dry suits.

**10.7** A tally system will be in use

**10.8** **Mandatory Instructions on the Water - Boards and Competitors in Difficulty.** When the race committee considers that a board, its equipment or crew are not adequate for the existing or anticipated conditions, or that a board or crew member is in difficulty, it may instruct the board or crew not to launch, or to retire or to sail ashore or to accept outside help. The board and crew shall comply with such instructions without delay.

**10.9** A detachable wing-leash shall be used and worn as intended at all times when afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.

**10.10** If prescribed by the race committee, a detachable brightly colored board-leash shall be used and worn as intended at all times when afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.

## 11 Electronic Communication

A board shall neither make nor receive radio or mobile telephone transmissions while racing.

## 12 Prizes

Prizes will be awarded to the first competitor in each fleet with 3 or more registered at the event, provided that at least one race has been completed. Additional fleet prizes, and category /sub-division prizes, may be awarded depending upon the numbers of competitors.

## 13 Support & Coach Boats/ Persons

No coach boats, support boats will be permitted. Except that a Class Chair or the RYA may appoint coach and or support boats but only with the prior approval of the Head of Racing at Sue@windsports.uk. All applications must include completion of forms

**a)** UKWA coaches code of conduct

**b)** UKWA support boat code of conduct

**c)** UKWA coach & support boat registration form

Applications and forms must be submitted no later than the Monday prior to the said event.

## 14 Risk Statement

**14.1** RRS 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

**14.2** Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event.

b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their property whether afloat or ashore.

c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions.

d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate.

e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.

f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

G) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risk specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event, in person or virtually.

## 15 Insurance

Each participating board shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of five million per event or the equivalent. This cover is automatically provided as part of UKWA membership.

## 16 Further Information

Further information relating to the event including, Covid, news, directions to the event site, parking and camping, accommodation, and the social programme, will be published on the UKWA website prior to the event.

# Appendix A

## Windfoil equipment limitations iQFOiL

**The following equipment limitations apply to the iQFOiL Junior under 17 Foil Fleet**

- 1 x Any Board Maximum 85cm
- 1 x Any Sail to Maximum class rules size (7m), plus 1 change down
- Any Front Wing Maximum 800
- Any Fuselage 115 maximum length
- Any Mast/vertical maximum length 95 but may be carbon or aluminum

**The following equipment limitations apply to the iQFOiL Youth under 19 Foil Fleet**

- 1 x Any Board Maximum 85cm
- 1 x Any Sail to Maximum class rules size (7.3m Women, 8m Men), plus 1 change down
- Any Front Wing Maximum 900
- Any Fuselage 115 maximum length
- Any Mast/vertical maximum length 95 but may be carbon or aluminum

**The following equipment limitations apply to the iQFOiL Senior Foil Fleet**

- Class Rules Apply
- iQFOiL 95 Carbon Reflex hull for the Men and Women division
- 8m sail for the Men division. 7.3m sail for the Women division.
- Carbon foil for the Men and Women
- Foil mast 95cm
- Front wing 900
- Tail wing 255
- One of the two fuselages (95 plus or 115 plus)

## Windfoil equipment limitations Formula Foil

**The following equipment limitations apply to The Formula Foil Fleet**

- Class Rules Apply
- Board
  - Max width 1005mm
- Foil
  - 1 mast any size
  - 2 fuselage any size
  - 2 front wings any size
  - 2 back wings any size
- Sails
  - Any three sails
  - Men max 11m
  - Women max 9m
  - Youth max 9m
  - Junior max 8m

## Windfoil equipment limitations Freeride foil

**The following equipment limitations apply to The Freeride Foil Fleet**

- There are no equipment restrictions

## All

- The use of board nose protectors will be allowed.
- When equipment is not specified, Class Rules apply

# Appendix B

## Windsurfer Class

### 1 Assigned weight categories (floating system)

**1.1** Men shall be divided into 2 weight categories (Lightweight and Heavyweight).

**1.2** Women shall race in one category.

**1.3** If the number of competitors cannot be evenly divided among the applicable categories, a draw shall determine which category receives the additional competitor.

**1.4** If two competitors have identical body weight, the younger competitor shall be considered the lighter competitor.

**1.5** Late entries shall not affect category limits if at least one race has already been completed.

### 2. Propulsion

**2.1** This changes RRS 42.

**2.2** Class Rule C.1.1 shall apply:

**2.3** "A board shall be propelled only by the action of the wind on the sail, the action of the water on the hull, and by the unassisted actions of the competitor.

**2.4** While racing, when sailing upwind or on a close-hauled course, pumping (continuous and/or repetitive movement of the equipment intended to induce airflow over the sail) is prohibited except during the first 30 seconds after the starting signal."

**2.5** Pumping shall be unrestricted during a Long Distance Race.

### 3. Penalty System

**3.1** For infringements of Part 2 rules, the penalty shall be a One-Turn Penalty (360°) in accordance with RRS 44.2. **3.2** Breaches of Rule 42 shall be penalized in accordance with RRS Appendix P (2025–2028).

**3.3** RRS Appendix P2.1 is changed as follows: "When a board is penalized for the first time under rule P1.2, its penalty shall be a One-Turn Penalty (360°)."

### 4 Titles

For the purpose of The Windsurfer Class

- Christchurch August 22/23 will be Known as The Windsufer Class UK National Championships 2026 and as such winners of The Lightweight, The Heavyweight and The Ladies category will be known as **The National Champions.**
- National Racing Series 1-7 winners of The Lightweight, The Heavyweight and The Ladies category will be known as **The National Series Champions.**
- National Windsports Championships Rutland Water September 26/27 winners of The Lightweight, The Heavyweight and The Ladies category will be known as **The Windsports Inland National Champions.**
- National titles may only be awarded to UK sailors. Non-UK sailors may win their category and will be awarded prizes as such but are not eligible to be awarded Titles.