

Notice of Race

Belgian Championships Slalom 2023

ONLY FIN

1. Place, dates and organizing authority

1.1. The events are organized by the clubs, assisted by the Wind & Watersport Vlaanderen and by the Belgian Association for Boardriding Competitors.

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Dates	Event	Club	Location
27 – 28 May	BC Slalom	Windhaan	De Haan
2023 (standby)			On call!
16 - 17 Sep	BC Slalom	Windhaan	De Haan
2023 (standby)			On call !

1.3. Depending on the weather forecast, the organizing club can, in coordination with the BABC decide to launch slalom. This decision will be announced through www.babc.be ultimately 17.00 hours on the day before the racing day.

2. Rules and prescriptions

- 2.1. Following prescriptions apply:
 - 2.1.1. The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 (RRS) with appendix B
 - 2.1.2. The International Class Rules, modified by National prescriptions.
 - 2.1.3. The prescriptions of Belgian Sailing
 - 2.1.4. "Internationale Bepalingen ter Voorkoming van Aanvaringen op Zee of Zee Aanvaringsreglement (ZAR)"
 - 2.1.5. "Politie en scheepvaartreglement voor de Belgische Territoriale Zee, Kusthavens en stranden"
 - 2.1.6. The "plaatselijke reglementeringen op de binnenwateren"
 - 2.1.7. The applicable, event specific, NOR (if any)
 - 2.1.8. The Sailing Instructions 2023
 - 2.1.9. The Windsurfing Slalom Racing Rules (June 2021)
- 2.2. In case of language conflicts the English language shall prevail.

3. Disciplines, courses and limits

- 3.1. Races will be sailed ONLY ON FIN in the Slalom discipline
- 3.2. Both Long Distance and normal slalom course can be sailed.
- 3.3. On the Official Notice Board courses will be displayed at least 30 minutes before a start. Down-wind, figure 8-courses or long distance are possible.
- 3.4. The minimum wind limit is: standby from wind expectations of 13 knots for the event day. Official races can only be sailed with a minimum of 11 knots.

4. Age categories

- 4.1. Junior: Under 17 years old (born in or after 2007)
- 4.2. Youth: Under 21 years old (born in or after 2003)
- 4.3. Senior
- 4.4. Master :
 - 4.4.1. Men older than 35 years (born in 1987 or earlier)
 - 4.4.2. Women older than 30 years (born in 1992 or earlier)
- 4.5. Grand master:
 - 4.5.1. men older than 45 years (born in 1977 or earlier)
 - 4.5.2. Women older than 40 years (born in 1982 or earlier)

5. Entry conditions

The regatta is open to all competitors

- 5.1. Fill out and sign the Entry form
- 5.2. Pay the entry fee
- 5.3. Be **a member of a club**, associated with de W.W.S.V., who are member of the Belgian Sailing and have a valid starting license (membership card).
- 5.4. Non-Belgian members must present the documents required by their National Authority at entry and have a license number.
- 5.4. Be a member of the *Belgian Association for Boardriding Competitors* Non-Belgians need to be member of their national windsurfing authority and present proof at entry.
- 5.5. Have a valid third party insurance and present proof it if requested.
- 5.6. The used equipment should follow the Class Rules concerned.

6. Entry fee

- 6.1. Day-entry
 - 6.1.1. Youth (born after 2004) : 10 €/day
 - 6.1.2. Adults (born in or before 2004): 20 €/day

7. Program

- 7.1. Inscriptions daily from 09.00 10.00 hr
- 7.2. Daily Skippers meeting at 10.30 hr
- 7.3. First possible start at 11.00 hr
- 7.4. Subsequent starts will be scheduled in function of the circumstances.
- 7.5. Participants that have not paid the entry fee before 10.00 hr will not be allowed to start that day.

A maximum of 9 races per day is scheduled

A minimum of 3 completed races and a minimum of 8 participants is required to make it an official Belgian Championship.

8. Advertisement

- 8.1 Sailors may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority. ISAF Regulation 20 'Advertising Code' shall apply.
- 8.2 Event branding shall be worn at all times when afloat, and as requested by the organizers during media interviews and during the prize giving.

9. Sailing Instructions

9.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available at registration.

10. Scoring

- 10.1. RRS appendix A, low point system will be applied.
- 10.2. First place will receive 1 point, 2nd place 2 points,...
- 10.3. All results will be counted towards the year ranking Slalom Belgian Championships.
- 10.4. Each board's elimination series score shall, subject to rule 90.3(b) be the total of her race scores excluding her
 - a) worst score when 3 or 4 races are completed,
 - b) two worst scores when from 5 to 7 races are completed,
 - c) three worst scores when 8 or more races are completed.

11. Support boats

11.1 Teamleaders and/or coaches shall register at the registration office before the start of the first race and give the sail numbers of all boats they are supporting.

12. Disclaimer of liability

- 12.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority or any person directly or indirectly involved in the organization shall not be liable for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, after the regatta, ashore or afloat.
- 12.2. Parents/guardians are responsible for the safety of the sailor. It is the sole responsibility of the parents/guardians of the sailor to decide if the sailor should sail in the weather and sea conditions that might arise during the Regatta. Parents/guardians

not personally attending any part of the event must ensure that another adult is authorized and designated to make these decisions for the sailor.

13. Safety

13.1. Adequate personal buoyancy shall be worn at all times while afloat by decision of the organization. Wet suits and dry suits do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy.

14. Media and image rights

14.1. Participants authorize the organization to use any media it deems necessary for commercial purposes. By entering this regatta, sailors on the competing boats grant the absolute right and permission to use their names, voices, images, likenesses as well as representations of their boats in any media published by the organization (including television, print and internet).

15. Information

15.1. Additional information can be requested with the class president

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