



# 2022 WA WASZP Slalom State Championships

13 November and 17 December 2022

## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**Organising Authority**  
Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club  
1 Hobbs Pl, Peppermint Grove WA 6011

and  
Perth Dinghy Sailing Club (PDSC)  
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*For and on behalf of the WASZP Sailing Association of Australia (WSAA)*

*The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).*

*The notation '[DP]' in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of the rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. This changes Rule 64.2.*

**1. RULES**

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) except as altered by the Notice of Race and / or Sailing Instructions
- 1.2 The WASZP Class rules will apply except:
  - 1.2 (a) Rule D.2.9(g); an additional "in-line" cleat may be used.
  - 1.2 (b) Lines / bungy for the rudder pull down system may be removed.
- 1.3 This is a WASZP Class Tier 3 event.
- 1.4 The Australian Sailing (AS) prescriptions and AS special regulations of Part 2 will apply.
- 1.5 RRS Appendix T – Arbitration will apply.
- 1.6 In the event of a conflict between the NOR and the SIs, the SIs shall prevail (changes RRS 63.7).
- 1.7 Competitors must comply with applicable COVID-19 regulations.

**2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 2.1 Any change to the SIs will be posted before 1200 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take effect.
- 2.2 The Race Committee may change the SIs whilst afloat by informing all competitors of the change.

**3. COMMUNICATION**

- 3.1 The Official Notice Board is the notice board at the relevant club.
- 3.2 A Whatsapp Group may be used for timely non-official communication; this does not substitute for the Office Notice Board. The link for this may be published as part of Competitor Information on the Event page of RaceHub.
- 3.3 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a competitor shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

**4. CODE OF CONDUCT**

- 4.1 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.
- 4.2 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall handle anything provided by the OA with care, seamanship, in accordance with instructions for its use and without interfering with its function.

**5. SCHEDULE**

- 5.1 The format of racing is 2 round robins (one on each race day); exact format to be confirmed each day at competitor briefings.
- 5.2 Schedule of activities

DATE	ACTIVITY	TIME
<b>Sun 13 Nov</b>	Competitor Briefing Slalom Racing (RR1)	1400 hrs 1500 hrs
<b>Sat 17 Dec</b>	Competitor Briefing Slalom Racing (RR2) Presentation	1400 hrs 1500 hrs Approximately 15-45 minutes after protest time limit.

- 5.3 No warning signal will be made after 1800 hrs on either day.

**6. EQUIPMENT**

- 6.1 Boats / equipment may be inspected at any time.
- 6.2 Boats / equipment shall comply with RRS 78.1 [DP]

**7. VENUE**

- 7.1 The venue for racing will be set out in each day's Competitor Briefing

**8. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 8.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the official flagpole of the relevant club.
- 8.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 20 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

**9. [SP, NP] SIGNING ON/OFF**

- 9.1 All competitors must "Sign On" before leaving the shore and "Sign Off" as soon as practicable after returning to shore and within the time periods set out below. To Sign On and Sign Off each competitor shall complete and sign the declaration sheet located near the briefing area.
- 9.2 The Sign On period will close at the scheduled warning signal time of the first race for that session on that day. Competitors who wish to sign on for subsequent races in that session must advise the Regatta Office.
- 9.3 The Sign Off period will close 45 minutes after the last boat has completed the last race of the session, or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 9.4 On water Sign On or Sign Off will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.
- 9.5 Competitors failing to comply with 9.1 will incur a 5 point penalty applied to the race(s) in closest proximity to the infringement(s), without a hearing (amends RRS 63.1).

## **10. COURSE**

- 10.1 Racing will be on a downwind "Slalom" course. See Attachment.
- 10.2 The course will not be changed during a race.

## **11. MARKS**

- 11.1 The colour of the marks will be set out at each day's Competitor Briefing

## **12. SCORING**

- 12.1 The Low Point System of RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 12.2 RRS A5.3 applies.
- 12.3 Three completed races are required to constitute a series.

## **13. FORMAT**

- 13.1 The event will consist of up to 12 Qualifying races and up to 3 Finals races.
- 13.2 For Qualifying races, competitors will be randomly allocated to colour groups of roughly equal number with each Qualifying race consist of specific colour groups.
- 13.3 Qualification discards:
  - 13.3 (a) When fewer than 4 Qualifying races have been completed, a competitor's Qualifying series score shall be the total of the competitor's race scores.
  - 13.3 (b) When 4 to 7 Qualifying races have been completed, a competitor's Qualifying series score shall be the total of the boats' race scores excluding the competitor's worst score.
  - 13.3 (c) When 8 to 12 Qualifying races have been completed, a competitor's Qualifying series score shall be the total of the boats' race scores excluding the competitor's two worst scores.
- 13.4 For Finals races, the top 10 competitors from the Qualification races results will be in Gold Fleet and the remainder will be in Silver fleet.
- 13.5 Finals will consist of 3 races for Gold Fleet and 2 or 3 races for Silver Fleet (TBC at the competitor brief on that day).
- 13.6 Finals scoring and discards:
  - 13.6 (a) Each competitor's Qualification result will count as 1 Finals race result; for Silver Fleet this will be scored as the Qualification result less 10 points.
  - 13.6 (b) Except for the last race of the Finals in each of Gold Fleet and Silver Fleet, 1 Finals race result may be discarded (including a competitor's Qualification Result).

## **14. PENALTY SYSTEM, OCS AND FINISHING WINDOW**

- 14.1 In RRS 44.1, the two-turns penalty is replaced by a tack penalty.
- 14.2 OCS whilst attempting to Start; competitors OCS shall safely drop back to approximately the middle of the fleet of competitors who have started correctly and shall do so prior to halfway to Mark 1 (changes RRS 28 and 29).
- 14.3 After the first finisher crosses the finish line, the Finishing Window opens and remains open for 5 minutes
  - 14.3 (a) While the Finishing Window is open, competitors will be scored in their finishing order.
  - 14.3 (b) At the time the Finish Window closes, any competitor who has not finished will receive a place allocated by the race committee (reflecting the competitor's progress along the course).

## **15. CLASS FLAG**

- 15.1 Flag with a WASZP insignia.

## 16. START AND FINISH

- 16.1 To alert that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange start line flag will be displayed with one sound at least one minute before a warning signal is made.
- 16.2 If two fleets are in operation, the colour(s) for the fleet to start next will be displayed with one sound at least one minute before a warning signal is made.
- 16.3 [DP] Competitors whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the start sequence for other races (particularly to windward of the start area).
- 16.4 The start line will be between an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and the Start Mark (see Attachment).
- 16.5 Races will be started using RRS 26, modified as follows:

Signal	Flag Movement	Sound Signal	Minutes
Warning	Class Flag displayed	1	3
Preparatory	P or Black Flag displayed	1	2
One-minute	Preparatory Flag removed	1 long	1
Starting	Class Flag removed	1	0

- 16.6 A competitor not starting within two minutes of their starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.
- 16.7 The finish line will be between a blue flag on the Race Committee boat and the Finish Mark (see Attachment).

## 17. RACE TIMINGS

17.1

Target Time	Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit (see RRS 35)	Finishing Window
5 minutes	2 minutes	10 minutes	5 minutes

- 17.1 If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.
- 17.2 If no boat Finishes within the Race Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.
- 17.3 Operation of the Finishing Window is set out in 12.3.
- 17.4 Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

## 18. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1 [DP] A competitor retiring from a race shall notify the race committee at their first reasonable opportunity.
- 18.2 A Safety boat in close attendance to a craft or competitor in difficulty is an Obstruction.
- 18.3 [DP] Competitors shall follow the instructions of Safety boats. Failure to do so may be reported to the Race Committee, which may protest the competitor. Competitors penalised under this instruction may be scored DNE, or such other penalty the Protest Committee decides (changes RRS 64.1(a)).
- 18.4 [DP] Competitors who received outside help shall retire or report this to the Protest Committee on a form available from the race office before the protest time limit of that session.

**19. PROTEST AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 19.1 Protest forms are available with the Sign Off sheets. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 19.2 The protest time limit is 15 minutes after the protesting party has reached shore after the last race of the session.
- 19.3 The time limit for scoring queries is 15 minutes after results are published.
- 19.4 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest is received to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or names as witnesses and where the hearings will be held.
- 19.5 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform competitors under RRS 61.1(b).
- 19.6 On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 15 minutes after the decision was posted.

**20. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

- 20.1 [DP] Substitution of competitors is not allowed.
- 20.2 [DP] Competitor's attention is drawn to Class Rule D.3.5.

**21. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

- 21.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with Class Rules, NOR and / or SIs.
- 21.2 [DP] When instructed by a race official on the water, a competitor shall proceed to a designated area for inspection with their boat / equipment.

**22. [DP] COACHES AND SUPPORT TEAMS**

- 22.1 Team leaders, parents, coaches and other support persons shall stay outside racing areas from the time of the preparatory signal for the first start until all competitors have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 22.2 All support teams shall monitor the Race Officer nominated VHF channel for race committee communications.
- 22.3 All coaches and support teams shall render assistance when and as directed by the Race Officer.
- 22.4 When the Race Committee boat displays code flag 'W', all support boats must remain on water and provide safety assistance until code flag 'W' is lowered. The Race Officer will endeavour to notify support boats by radio when code flag 'W' is hoisted or lowered.

**23. TRASH DISPOSAL**

- 23.1 Trash may be placed aboard official or support vessels.

**24. PRIZES**

- 24.1 Prizes may be given as follows:
  - 24.1 (a) WASZP Slalom State Champion; highest placed resident of WA
  - 24.1 (b) First, second and third overall

**25. FURTHER INFORMATION**

- 25.1 For further information please contact Grant Alderson or David von Felton

## ATTACHMENT; Courses and Course Map

### Course configuration and mark rounding order

Start – 1 (port) – 2 (stbd) – 3 (port) – Finish (at Mark 4)

