



MONDIAL DU VENT 2021 GWA Wingfoil World Cup France, Leucate

It is a pleasure to announce the first official World Cup event of the GWA WINGFOIL WORLD TOUR 2021

which will be the

Mondial du Vent

held in Leucate, France.

The dates will be from the 28th of April to the 2nd of May 2021.

This is a GWA Wingfoil World Cup and the competition is sanctioned and governed by the 2021 GWA Wingfoil World Tour Rulebook.

Registration

Entry procedure and Registration

All competitors planning to enter a GWA Wingfoil World Tour event shall pre-register through the GWA Wingfoil World Tour website or under the following direct link:

<http://bit.ly/GWA-Registration>

or via email to tom@globalwingsportsassociation.org or by other means to be specified by the GWA Sports Commission, no later than the published closing date for entries for that specific event.

Ultimately it is the competitors' responsibility to pre-register or to apply for an entry for an event and to ensure that the application has been received timely and correctly.

According to rule 11.2, fines and/or having their next events applications cancelled may be handed out to a pre-registered and / or qualified competitor who, without advanced notice fails to show up at an event.

Complete and signed entry forms for event registration must be signed and complete online after the application of the competitor got approved by the GWA Sports committee by latest one day after the preregistration period closes. Exceptions can only be granted by the GWA Representative.



If a competitor is unable to complete registration at the published time and place in the Race Notice for reasons beyond their control, then the competitor should contact the GWA Representative with details of their delay, and must gain consent for their registration period to be extended. Evidence must be supplied to support reasons showing that the circumstances were out of the competitor's control. Failure to comply with the above will prohibit a competitor from entering the event.

All riders must preregister for the event **by 23.59h of the 6th of April 2021.**

The registration mail should contain:

- Full Name:
- Nationality:
- Date of Birth:
- Email
- Telephone/Whatsapp:

All attending riders need to have a valid membership with the GWA to be insured during the participation in the event.

All French Riders need to have a valid license with FFVoile to be allowed to compete at this event.

Cost of entry is 80.- Euro for competing in one discipline (either Surf-Freestyle and Surf-Race) or 160.- Euro for competing in both disciplines. Entry fee is to be paid via credit card during the online registration.

Every competitor needs to hold a valid GWA membership. The GWA membership needs to be obtained before or at the same time when confirming participation for an event and can be paid during the online registration. The membership includes athletes insurance for accident and third party liability during the competition.

All entry fee and GWA membership payments must be made before the 20th of April 2021 via credit card payment through the online registration tool.

Entry restrictions

Entry-fee payments must be made no later than the end of the inscription-time at the respective event. In the case that the full amount of the inscription fee is not paid by the end of the announced inscription-time, the rider will not be allowed to compete. For certain exceptions, late payments can be made in cash at the inscription at the respective event. Cash-payments will only be accepted in Euros or USD currency!

In order to enter the event, parental consent / authorization must be received for all competitors who are under the age of 18 years old at the registration date.



Eligibility

A competitor is eligible for any GWA event if he meets the following conditions:

- (ii). He has a personal medical insurance with worldwide coverage. A valid membership card or certificate, or other satisfactory evidence of worldwide medical coverage may be requested.
- (iii) The competitor cannot hold the GWA, the GKA Event GmbH or the event-organizer responsible for any claims for damages as a consequence of the competitor not having sufficient personal medical insurance.
- (iv) The competitor cannot hold the GWA, the GKA Event GmbH or the event-organizer responsible for any legal liabilities and/or any claims for damages by third parties caused by the competitor.

(vi). He holds a valid competitors membership with the GWA Wingfoil World Tour

Entry allocation

There is a maximum number of 24 male competitors and 24 female competitors entering this event in the Surf-Freestyle discipline.

There is a maximum number of 40 male competitors and 40 female competitors entering this event in the Surf-Race discipline.

If the number of preregistered riders exceeds 24 or 40 the GWA Sports Commission will select competitors based on their participation and results in other international and national events as well as their wingfoil merits. For riders with no ranking aiming for GWA wildcards, kite merits as well as video footage may be requested and used for selection.

The GWA will publish the GWA wildcard allocation latest on **7th of April 2021**, one day after the registration period closes.

Wild card applications need to be done via mailing to tom@globalwingsportsassociation.org

Seeding

The seeding for the GWA Wingfoil World Cup 2021 in Leucate, France will be done according to the ranking from previous events. Competitors without ranking, will be seeded by draw or if time allows we will run a qualification round and the competitors will be seeded in the main event ladder according to their result of the qualification round.

Disciplines

There will be two official disciplines in this GWA Wingfoil World Tour event, which each will crown the winners of the event per discipline

Surf-Freestyle

Surf-Race

In addition to the two official main disciplines, there will be also an overall winner to be crowned from the combined ranking of both disciplines (Wingfoil Overall Event Champion)



Divisions:

- Pro Men (Surf-Freestyle and Surf-Race): any age (minimum 14 years old in the year of competition)
- Pro Women (Surf-Freestyle and Surf-Race): any age (minimum 14 years old in the year of competition)

There is a minimum number of 6 competitors needed to run a separate division, otherwise all male and female competitors will run together in one division.

Competitors younger than 14 years need to request a special permission from the GWA Sports Committee to be able to enter the event.

Covid-19 Pandemic Disclaimer

Every competitor must be aware of the Covid-19 pandemic situation and its changing restrictions and regulations on travel protocols and event regulations. In case the event will be cancelled because of reasons not under the responsibility of the GWA, the GKA Event GmbH and/or the Organizer, neither the GWA, nor the GKA Event GmbH, nor the Organizer can be held legally responsible for any financial losses.

The rider is aware about the global Covid-19 pandemic, which might cause travel restrictions, the changing of laws and custom-procedures worldwide on very short notice. Each rider takes part in the event at his or her own risk, which includes also all travels because of his or her participation at this event. Each rider is responsible for ensuring and fulfilling all relevant individual travel requirements as well as fulfilling all legal requirements for border controls, which are necessary for the participation in the event and for the return home. The GWA, the GKA Event GmbH and the event Organizer cannot be held legal and/or financial liable by the rider for damage and/or financial losses caused by travel restrictions, quarantine measures, flight changes or flight cancellations, tests required for entering or exit countries or because of any other regional, national or international measures associated with the Covid-19 Pandemic.

Important Info

All riders need to wear a helmet during competition!

Competitors have to wear the official lycra at all times when proceeding to the water – also during training .

Each rider will get one competition riders' vest at the registration. Each rider is responsible for his competition riders' vests. In case of loss a replacement is not possible!

Competitors shall wear the event advertising lycra vest supplied by the Event Organizer over all other clothing, including harness on the water at all times during the event and one (1) board sticker to be placed on the top or on the bottom of the board.

All competitors are required to abide by the advertising rules as laid out in the Rule Book. Competitors breaching these rules may be warned in writing for the first offence and may incur a fine at the second offence of not more than \$ 500 for each violation.

All rider meetings and opening/closing ceremonies in the schedule are mandatory to all riders. Please be on time and ready.



The Riders ID-Strap authorizes you to enter the equipment storage container. You will receive the Riders ID-Strap personally and only at the registration.

Riders are not permitted to publicly associate their names in non-authorized parties/autograph sessions.

There will be a social event-calendar for each side event that all riders have to join via social media and share.

Please use these media hash tags for all social media posts:

@wingfoilworldtour @mondialduvent @leucate tourism #GWAwingfoilworldtour #GWAwingfoil #mondialduvent #leucate

Equipment storage

There will be secure storage for all riders' equipment at the equipment storage container from Tuesday, the 27th of April until Sunday, the 2nd of May 2021. Access only allowed with valid Rider/Caddy ID-Straps.

Travel info:

Airports:

Closest Airport to fly to is Perpignan, but most international flights connection are to Barcelona, Girona, Montpellier or Toulouse. Driving distances from the different airports are ...

Perpignan: 30 minutes

Montpellier: 1 h 20

Girona: 90 minutes

Toulouse: 2 h

Barcelona: 2 h 50

There is a special discount on flight rates with Air France/KLM for participants of the Mondial du Vent. You will receive the rate by entering the following code when making your Air France or KLM booking:

<https://globalmeetings.airfranceklm.com/search/promodefaut.aspx?vendor=AFR&promocode=37375AE>





By car:

The address of the event headquarter of the GWA Wingfoil World Cup Leucate (Mondial du Vent):

Mondial du Vent
SAS VIGLAMO – Domaine Presqu'île de la Franqui
Chemin des Coussoules
11370 La Franqui

Organiser contact

Valerie Salles
Email: valerie.salles@orange.fr

Map of event location:





Travel documents and Visa:

According to the current regulations, every traveller coming into France needs to present a negative PCR-Covid test that is less than 72 hours old. The entry regulations for France are subject to change, therefore make sure to check the specific travel and health regulations regularly.

You can find detailed information about immigration, mobility rules and health measures on the French government website:

<https://www.interieur.gouv.fr/Actualites/L-actu-du-Ministere/Certificate-of-international-travel#from2>

Due to regional travel restrictions in France it might be necessary for competitors to present a document with an event invitation to travel by car, plane and sea within France and some other countries. If you need such a document or a Visa invitation, please email:

tom@globalwingsportsassociation.org

Accommodation for competitors:

SAS VIGLAMO – Domaine Presqu'île de la Franqui
Chemin des Coussoules
11370 La Franqui

Viglamo is the official accommodation and also place of the event headquarter. There is a promotional code for all competitors and company to stay at Viglamo, online booking code on the Viglamo website for -15% discount: MDVPRO21

www.viglamo.com

Weather:

Leucate has a Southern European climate with typical spring temperatures that can vary a lot. The average air temperature can be between 18°C the highest and the lowest of 11°C in this time of the year. The average water temperature in April is around 15°C, so don't forget to bring a wetsuit. Sunrise is around 07.00h and sunset around 20.30h.

Wind direction:

Tramontana: strong and offshore, can reach up to 40 knots

Marin: light to moderate sideonshore seabreeze

You can find the best online wind forecasts on Windguru and Windy.



Event Schedule

Wednesday, 28th April 2021

08.00-09.30: Registration @ Media office
10.30: Riders briefing @ Judge Tower
11. 00: Start of competition
20.00: End of day

Thursday, 29th April 2021

09.00: Riders briefing
09.30: Start of competition
20.00: End of day

Friday, 30th April 2021

09.00: Riders briefing
09.30: Start of competition
20.00: End of day

Saturday, 1st May 2021

09.00: Riders briefing
09.30: Start of competition
20.00: End of day

Sunday, 2nd May 2021

09.00: Riders briefing
09.30: Start of competition
19.00: End of day
19.30: Prizegiving

Be aware that times of competition can change and will depend on weather conditions. Riders briefing for the following day will always be communicated at the end of the previous day!

Prize money

The prizemoney for the Mondial du Vent, GWA Wingfoil World Cup France 2021 held in Leucate will be **7.000 Euro**. The prizemoney is paid in cash by the organizer to the competitors in line with the GWA Rulebook.

In the case of “no results” due to an Act of God (i.e. bad weather, no wind) 5.000 Euro of the total prizemoney will distributed equally amongst all riders entered in the event. 1.000 Euro will be kept for the Overall End of the Year prize purse and 1.000 Euro will be retained to the GWA.

The prize money distribution for a valid and completed GWA Wingfoil World Tour event will be done according to the following table:



(i) Surf-Freestyle discipline:

16 to 24 competitors		6 to 15 competitors	
Position	Percentage	Position	Percentage
1	30,00 %	1	40%
2	22,00 %	2	30%
3	15,00 %	3	20%
4	9,00 %	4	10%
5	6,00 %	Total	100%
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Total	100%		

(ii) Surf-Race discipline:

Above 19 competitors		6 to 19 competitors	
Position	Percentage	Position	Percentage
1	25,00 %	1	34%
2	18,00 %	2	24%
3	14,00 %	3	18%
4	10,00 %	4	14%
5	8,00 %	5	10%
6	7,00 %	Total	100%
7	6,00 %		
8	5,00 %		
9	4,00 %		
10	3,00 %		
Total	100%		

The prize money will be equally split between the two disciplines Surf-Freestyle and Surf-Race. Woman's prize division will be a minimum of 20% with 6 participants and will increase depending on the final number of woman competitors in proportion of the number of men competing. If the women's division doesn't take place, the full amount allocated as prize money will be added to the men's division.



Different scenarios:

	Participants	Percentage
Men	24	80%
Woman	4	20%
Total	28	

	Participants	Percentage
Men	24	67%
Woman	12	33%
Total	36	

	Participants	Percentage
Men	24	50%
Woman	24	50%
Total	60	

Equipment

Only hydrofoils are eligible for use in competition. There are not any restrictions on the size, length and width of the quiver

The leading edge from the wing must be inflatable.

Footstraps, pads and wax are allowed.

The use of a safety leash to secure the wing is mandatory.

The use of a helmet is mandatory.

The use of a board leash could be mandatory depending on the conditions. It will be announced by the Race Director and posted in the Official Notice Board at least thirty (30) minutes before the start of the heat.

Surf-Freestyle Discipline

Elimination Ladders:

The elimination ladder used for the Wingfoil Surf-Freestyle discipline shall be no more than 1 Dingle elimination.



Scoring the Surf-Freestyle Discipline

This is the first season of the Wingfoil competition format, therefore the Surf-Freestyle discipline format will be kept as open as possible to allow the competitors to express themselves with their own style of riding.

The Surf-Freestyle expression discipline will be scored either with the (1.1.) Individual Scoring Procedure or the (1.2.) Overall Impression Scoring Procedure of the competitors performance including:

- Surfing waves/swell
- Air-tricks
- Carving/Surface-Tricks

Here is a general guideline on scoring the Surf-Freestyle Discipline.

1.1. Individual Scoring Procedure.

(i) Judging Criteria are applied to score individual waves or tricks performed. Each judge analyzes the major elements when scoring a wave or a trick.

(ii) In order to bring the variety criteria into effect, the judges won't count a repeated maneuver.

(iii) The maximum of attempts per wave or trick will be up to the Head Judge. A notice must be made on the Official Notice Board 30 minutes before the heat starts.

(iv) One or two panels of judges, each panel comprising an odd number of judges, no less than three (3) in number, shall score each heat. When there are five (5) judges, the highest and the lowest scores per wave or scoring category will be withdrawn and the average scores of the other three (3) judges will be counted as the final wave or category score.

(v) If a judge misses a wave or a trick they should place an "M" and that score will be given points equal to the average to the nearest thousandth of a point (0.005 to be rounded upward) of the other judges' scores.

(vi) The judges shall award each competitor's wave or trick or judging category points on a scale from 0.1 to 10.0, broken into one-thousandth increments (e.g 6.444).

(vii) Each individual score is rounded to the nearest thousandth place. The rounded scores are added to calculate the final score.

(viii) The scores of the respective competitors shall be tabulated together to determine the winner: highest points wins.

(ix) The weight given to waves, tricks and judging categories will be announced by the Head Judge and in the Official Notice Board at least thirty (30) minutes before the start of the heat.

(x) If a competitor lands the trick wet (sinking the board) and doesn't lose the board, the judges will still give some credit to the trick. It's at the discretion of each judge to consider if it's a crash or a wet landing and to consider how much credit they will give to the trick.

(xi) The credit given to wet trick landings is directly related to the risk factor involved in the execution of the trick. For tricks with a high degree of risk factor, judges won't deduct points for a wet landing.



(xii) A trick is a crash only if the majority of the judges consider it as a crash. If the minority of the judges consider a trick as a crash, those crashes will be withdrawn and the judges will reconsider the trick in the other scoring categories

(xiii) A crash will be considered when:

- (a) a competitor finishes the trick by pulling the leash to get the wing back.
- (b) when landing a trick, a competitor is capsized, losing control of the board or wing.
- (c) a competitor lands a jump but loses the wing.
- (d) a competitor lands a jump but crashes the wing into water and completely stops.
- (e) a competitor is completely stopped when landing a jump.
- (f) a competitor lands on their back and loses control of the board.

(xii) Judges may give credit to a landed trick that is not a crash when:

- (a) a competitor lands a jump and crashes the wing into the water, but manages to relaunch it and keep riding without completely stopping.
- (b) The credit given to such a trick is directly related to the risk factor and technicality involved in the execution of the trick.

It's at the discretion of each judge to consider how much credit they will give to the trick.

1.1.1. Judging criteria for the waves:

Judging Criteria are applied to score individual waves ridden. Each judge analyzes the following major elements when scoring a wave .

- (a) Degree of difficulty of the maneuvers performed.
- (b) Commitment in the maneuvers performed and the risk taken to perform them.
- (c) Variety and combination of maneuvers within the same wave.
- (d) Speed and power.
- (e) Flow and linking of maneuvers.
- (f) Size of the waves ridden, directly linked to the degree of difficulty of maneuvers performed in each wave.
- (g) Innovative and progressive maneuvers.

It's important to note that the emphasis of certain elements is contingent upon the location and the conditions on the day, as well as changes of conditions during the day.

Competitors must combine the major key elements in order to be awarded scores in the excellent range



1.1.2. Judging criteria for Freestyle tricks.

- (a) Height and amplitude – The combination of height and amplitude of the tricks completed during the heat. As the wind conditions increase, this aspect will exponentially become more and more into consideration, but only when the height and amplitude are achieved along with risk factor and technical difficulty.
- (b) Technical Difficulty – The technical difficulty of tricks completed during the heat.
- (c) Power – The power during the execution of the tricks. Power will be considered as a combination of speed into the trick to pop and speed out during the landing, height and amplitude during the trick.
- (d) Risk factor – The risk factor is directly linked to the power, height, amplitude and technical difficulty of the jump, but also to the commitment of the competitor and physical challenge during the execution, duration of the critical moment, and energy on the execution.
- (e) Smoothness – Smoothness and fluidity during the execution and landing of tricks completed during the heat.
- (f) Innovation – Tricks that have never been landed in competition before.

The following scale may be used to describe a wave ridden or a trick performed that is scored:

- 0 – 1.9 = Poor;
- 2.0 – 3.9 = Fair;
- 4.0 – 5.9 = Average;
- 6.0 – 7.9 = Good;
- 8.0 – 10.0 = Excellent.

1.2. Overall Impression Scoring Procedure

Judges shall not assign numerical values to each trick. They will have a shorthand notation for taking brief notes of the moves, carves and waverides performed on each tack during the heat, and points will be awarded to a number of scoring categories based on an overall impression of the heat:

- (i) Technical Difficulty: The technical difficulty in relation with the risk factor of tricks, surf and carving during the heat. Tricks landed with more control and without letting the board touch the water are rewarded in this category.
- (ii) Execution: A combination of smoothness, flow and fluidity. The linking of air-tricks, quality vs quantity, carving and surfing, innovation and “wow” factor fall in this category.
- (iii) Variety: Variety of air tricks, carves and surfing completed during the heat on both tacks.



Surf-Race Discipline

Elimination ladders

- (i) Competitors' names shall be entered on the appropriate elimination ladder according to the event seeding and the heat distribution table below
- (ii) Competitors with no ranking will be distributed in the WWT ladder according to the name drawing that shall be done by the Race Director at the first day mandatory meeting for all competitors before the competition starts.
- (iii) "Byes," if any, shall be positioned so that they are allocated to the most highly ranked competitors.
- (iv) Competitors shall ride all versus all, in groups of up to 10. The declared winners shall advance on the elimination ladder.
- (v) If a division has less than 20 competitors, it can be run as a full fleet race with all the competitors at once.

WWT 40 Riders Single Elimination:

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WWT 20 Riders Single Elimination:

ROUND 1

SMALL FINAL

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Scoring Surf-Race Discipline

When Surf Race is run using an elimination system, competitors will score points based on the following principle. Competitors in the final shall score their finishing position (0.7 for 1st place). Competitors in a small final shall score their finishing position plus the number of competitors in the final. Competitors in previous heats shall score the average of the positions covered by all sailors who finished in the same position in the other heats in that round of the elimination.

(i) in a ten men single 40 elimination.

Finishing Position	Points
FINAL	
1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th	0.7, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10
SMALL FINAL	
1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th	11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20



ROUND 1	
6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th	21, 25, 29, 33, 37

(iii) in a ten men single 20 elimination

Finishing Position	Points
FINAL	
1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th	0, 7, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10
SMALL FINAL	
1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th	11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20

Scoring of Incomplete Heats

Where the minimum number of heats for a valid race/elimination series has been completed but not all places determined, competitors qualified for heats which have not been run shall be awarded the total of the points for all the positions not decided, divided by the number of competitors in the remaining heats.

An elimination needs to be completed including the finals to be scored for the event ranking.

If the first elimination is completed including until the semi-finals it will count as a valid race for the event ranking.

All riders that qualified for the final which is incomplete will get rewarded the average points from positions 1st to 10th, and all the riders that qualify to the small finals which are incomplete will get the average points from 11th till 20th.

Number of Eliminations and discards

The maximum number of Surf-Race eliminations that can be run per division in an event is 11 eliminations/races.

Depending upon the number of discards permitted, the highest, then second highest and third highest scores are discarded. The lowest total score, with discards, if any, taken into account, wins. Scores may be discarded as set out in the following table.



Nº OF RACE / ELIMINATIONS	DISCARDS
1 to 3	0
4 to 6	1
7 to 9	2
10 to 11	3

Rulebook

The “GWA Wingfoil World Tour Rulebook 2021 ” is available for download on the official GWA Wingfoil World Tour website.

Covid-19 Pandemic Disclaimer

Every competitor must be aware of the Covid-19 pandemic situation and its changing restrictions and regulations on travel protocols and event regulations. In case the event will be cancelled because of reasons not under the responsibility of the GWA, the GKA Event GmbH and/or the Organizer, neither the GWA, nor the GKA Event GmbH, nor the Organizer can be hold legally responsible for any financial losses.

The rider is aware about the global Covid-19 pandemic, which might cause travel restrictions, the changing of laws and custom-procedures worldwide on very short notice. Each rider takes part in the event at his or her own risk, which includes also all travels because of his or her participation at this event. Each rider is responsible for ensuring and fulfilling all relevant individual travel requirements as well as fulfilling all legal requirements for border controls, which are necessary for the participation in the event and for the return home. The GWA, the GKA Event GmbH and the event Organizer cannot be held legal and/or financial liable by the rider for damage and/or financial losses caused by travel restrictions, quarantine measures, flight changes or flight cancellations, tests required for entering or exit countries or because of any other regional, national or international measures associated with the Covid-19 Pandemic.

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