

GWA Wingfoil Race European Championship 2022

Rhodes, Greece 14.-17.7.2022

It is a pleasure to announce the first official GWA Wingfoil Race Class Continental Championship event

which will be the

held in beautiful Rhodes, Greece.

The dates will be from the 14th to the 17th of July 2022.

This is a GWA Wingfoil Race Class Continental Championship and the competition is sanctioned and governed by the 2022 GWA Wingfoil World Tour Rulebook.

Registration

Entry procedure and Registration

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

- <https://www.wingfoilworldtour.com/register/#Rhodes-2022>

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 register or to apply for an entry 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 latest by the time that 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 30th of June 2022.**

All attending riders need to have a valid membership with the GWA to be allowed to participate in the event.

Cost of entry is 80.- Euro for competing in the Race discipline. Entry fee is to be paid via credit card through this payment link:

<https://buy.stripe.com/6oE8zEe2cd9c33WcN8>

Every competitor needs to hold a valid GWA Race Class membership. The GWA Race Class membership needs to be obtained before or at the same time when registering 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 days.

Cost of the GWA Race Class membership is 60.- Euro for a One Event GWA Race Class Membership and 120.- Euros for a Full Year GWA Race Class Membership.

All entry fee and GWA Race Class membership payments must be made before the 3th of July 2022 via credit card payment through the online registration tool:

- GWA Race Class One event membership 2022 (60€)
 - <https://buy.stripe.com/cN2aHM4rC0mq480dRb>
- GWA Race Class Full Year Membership 2022 (120€)
 - <https://buy.stripe.com/eVa3fk5vG9X033WaEY>

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 Race Class.**

Entry allocation

There is no limitation on the number competitors entering this event.

The GWA Wingfoil Race European Championship is an open event, any international athlete can enter the competition and win the event. The European Champion title though will be given to the highest ranked rider with a European passport.

Seeding

The seeding for the GWA Wingfoil Race European Championship 2022 in Rhodes, Greece will be done according to the current ranking of the GWA Wingfoil World Tour. Competitors without ranking, will be seeded by draw.

Disciplines

There will be one official discipline in this GWA Wingfoil Race Class European Championship, which will crown the GWA European Champion in Wingfoil Race Class discipline.

- **Wingfoil Race Class**

In addition to the official main discipline, there can be also run the Surf-Freestyle discipline as a show discipline in an expression session format.

Divisions:

- Youth male Under 19 (age 16-18 in the year of competition, born in between 01.01.2004 and 31.12.2006)
- Youth male Under 16 (age 14-15 in the year of competition, born in between 01.01.2007 and 31.12.2008)
- Youth male Under 14 (age 13 or less in the year of competition, born after 01.01.2009)
- Youth female Under 19 (age 16-18 in the year of competition, born in between 01.01.2004 and 31.12.2006)
- Youth female Under 16 (age 14-15 in the year of competition, born in between 01.01.2007 and 31.12.2008)
- Youth female Under 14 (age 13 or less in the year of competition, born after 01.01.2009)
- Open Men: any age (minimum 12 years in the year of competition)
- Open Women: any age (minimum 12 years in the year of competition)
- Masters Men: 40+ (minimum 40 years in the year of competition born 31.12.1982 or older)
- Masters Women: 40+ (minimum 40 years in the year of competition, born 31.12.1982 or older)

There is a minimum number of 3 competitors needed to have a valid result in a separate division. The decision if competition will be run in separate fleets per division or combined fleets with separate results will be done by the Race Director according to the conditions and timing.

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 Race Class, the GKA Event GmbH and/or the Organizer, neither the GWA Race Class, 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 Race Class, 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!
All riders need to wear impact vest 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 with an individual number 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 b 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 Euro 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 @rhodes #wingfoilworldtour #gwawingfoil #gwaraceclass

Equipment storage

There will be a secure storage for all riders' equipment at the equipment storage tent from Thursday, the 14th of July until Sunday, the 17th of July 2022. Access only allowed with valid Rider/Caddy ID-Straps.

Travel info:

Airports:

Closest international airport to fly to is Aeropuerto Internacional de Rodas-Diágoras.
Hotel's distance from the airport is approximately 15 to 20 minutes by car with traffic and another 10 minutes by car from the town. There are a lot of restaurants, bars, super market, pharmacy and e.t.c. around the hotels.

Map of event location:

The event will take place in Sirene Beach, Rhodes.
851 00, Greece



Travel documents and Visa:

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

- <https://www.schengenvisainfo.com/greece-visa/>

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

Organizer Contact:

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- Webstie: www.highlight.gr

Accommodation for competitors

There are special rider rates at the partner accommodations, Rhodes:

SUGGESTED HOTEL - RODOS PALACE HOTEL IN RHODES (5*) SPECIAL PRICES FOR ATHLETES

- Executive garden view single 110 Euros
- Executive garden view double 125 Euros
- Premium garden view single 125 Euros
- Premium garden view double 140 Euros
- Garden Suite triple 160 Euros
- Garden Suite quadruple 175 Euro

The above NET prices concern accommodation per room, per day with breakfast and include VAT and all legal taxes, except for the Night Tax 4 euros per room per day.

Reservation link : Is created only for WINGFOIL and is valid from 11 until 20 of July

<https://rodospalace.reserve-online.net/?bkcode=WINGFOIL22&checkin=2022-07-11>

Weather and wind and water conditions:

Rhodes spot has a Meltemi east wind that blows regular 15-20knots usually in the afternoon with a side onshore direction.

Water conditions are choppy.

Rhodes temperature in July goes in between 23° - 30°.

The water temperature is about 24 C, so summer wetsuit should be fine. Sunrise is around 06.00h and sunset around 20.24h.

Event Schedule

Thursday, 14th July 2022

08.00-10.00: Inscription @ event site.

11.00: Riders briefing

12.00: Start of competition

20.00: End of day

Friday, 15th July 2022

09:00: Riders briefing @ event site

09.30: Start of competition

20.00: End of day

Saturday, 16th July 2022

09:00: Riders briefing @ event site
09:30: Start of competition
20:00: End of day

Saturday, 17th July 2022

09:00: Riders briefing @ event site
09:30: Start of competition
19:00: End of competition.
20:00 Closing ceremony @ Rodos Palace Hotel.

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 prize money for the Rhodos, GWA Wingfoil Race European Championship held in Rhodes will be **10.000 Euro**. The prizemoney is paid via bank transfer to the competitors in line with the GWA Rulebook.

Any competitor who, in the opinion of the Race Director, causes any unnecessary delay in the smooth running of an event (e.g. not attending the prize giving ceremony on time), or violates any part of the WWT Code of Conduct, may be excluded from this prize split. The Race Director's decision may not be appealed, although they may be required to give their reasons for the decision in writing.

Any rider is responsible by himself or herself for paying the applicable taxes for the prize money received. The rider keeps the WWT, the GWA, the event-organiser and any third party free from the riders' personal tax liabilities. The WWT, the GWA and the event-organiser have the right to inform the tax- authorities about the name of the rider and the amount of prizemoney received by him or her, if required by the tax- authorities.

Prize money distribution

The full amount of the advertised prize money shall be payable when a valid result stands as specified in the relevant subsections of the GWA Rulebook.

The GWA Race Class and/or the event organizer have got the right to subtract the competitors' individual withhold-tax from the prize-money to be paid out. The GWA Race Class and/or the event organizer have got the right to pay the individual withhold-tax on behalf of the competitor to the national tax- authorities of the country in which the event takes place. The GWA Race Class and/or the event organizer shall give all necessary information and documents of the tax-payment made to the competitor for his personal disposal.

The prize money distribution per event between genders will be done equally until 4th position. After that, the prize money will be distributed between genders based on the number of participants. The prize money distribution of each discipline for a valid and completed WWT event is specified in the relevant subsections of this Rulebook.

Race Class prize split.

The prize money distribution for a valid and completed WWT event will be done according to the following:

- If there is 16 or more competitors in one gender and less than 16 competitors in the other gender then the prize split will be as followed:
 - 40% of total prize money are split between Top 4 women
 - 40% of total prize money are split between Top 4 men
 - 20% of total prize money are split between Positions 5-8 of the gender with more than 16 competitors.

gender with 16 or more		gender with less than 16	
position	percentage (%)	position	percentage (%)
1	15	1	15
2	10	2	10
3	8	3	8
4	7	4	7
Total 1- 4	40	Total 1- 4	40
5	6,5		
6	5,5		
7	4,5		
8	3,5		
Total 5-8	20		

- if there is 16 or more competitors in both genders the prize split will be as followed:
 - 50% of total prize money are split between Top 8 women
 - 50% of total prize money are split between Top 8 men

16 or more women		16 or more men	
position	percentage (%)	position	percentage (%)
1	14	1	14
2	9	2	9
3	7	3	7
4	6	4	6
5	5	5	5
6	4	6	4
7	3	7	3
8	2	8	2
Total	50	Total	50

- if there is less than 16 competitors in both genders the prize split will be as followed:
 - 50% of total prize money are split between Top 4 women
 - 50% of total prize money are split between Top 4 men

Less than 16 women		Less than 16 men	
position	percentage (%)	position	percentage (%)
1	19	1	19
2	14	2	14
3	10	3	10
4	7	4	7



Total	50	Total	50
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Incomplete Events

An event is considered incomplete when there is no official result and no points are awarded as specified in the relevant subsections of this Rulebook.

The prize money for any incomplete event is divided into this parts:

- Twenty per cent (20%); 2.000 Euro. will be returned to the Event Organizer
- Seventy per cent (80%); 8.000 Euro will be evenly distributed to all officially registered competitors in the relevant event that are still in the competition.

Should it be decided to unofficially run competition for the incomplete discipline - up to 10% of the 50% allocated to the competitors at an event, may be offered as unofficial prize money.

Shared positions

When a number of competitors share a single position and their ranking order is not determined, the payment for those competitors shall be distributed as follows:

- The prize money for the occupied position and the following unoccupied positions (equal in number to the competitors that end up in a single position) shall be added together, then divided by the number of the group of competitors being paid in this manner.

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.

The use of protection vest in Surf-Slalom it's mandatory.

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.



Race Class 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 80 Riders Single Elimination:



	ROUND 1	ROUND 2	ROUND 3	SMALL FINAL	WINNER FINAL
	SEED				
#1	5	1st#1	1st#9	#15	#16
	11	2nd#1	2nd#9		
	22	3rd#1	3rd#9		
	27	4th#1	4th#9		
	38	5th#1	5th#9		
	43	6th#1	6th#9		
	54	7th#1	7th#9		
	69	8th#1	8th#9		
#2	3	1st#2	1st#10	#17	#18
	14	2nd#2	2nd#10		
	19	3rd#2	3rd#10		
	30	4th#2	4th#10		
	35	5th#2	5th#10		
	46	6th#2	6th#10		
	51	7th#2	7th#10		
	62	8th#2	8th#10		
#3	7	1st#3	1st#11	#19	#20
	10	2nd#3	2nd#11		
	23	3rd#3	3rd#11		
	28	4th#3	4th#11		
	39	5th#3	5th#11		
	42	6th#3	6th#11		
	55	7th#3	7th#11		
	58	8th#3	8th#11		
#4	2	1st#4	1st#12	#21	#22
	15	2nd#4	2nd#12		
	18	3rd#4	3rd#12		
	31	4th#4	4th#12		
	34	5th#4	5th#12		
	47	6th#4	6th#12		
	50	7th#4	7th#12		
	63	8th#4	8th#12		
#5	6	1st#5	1st#13	#23	#24
	12	2nd#5	2nd#13		
	21	3rd#5	3rd#13		
	26	4th#5	4th#13		
	37	5th#5	5th#13		
	44	6th#5	6th#13		
	53	7th#5	7th#13		
	60	8th#5	8th#13		
#6	4	1st#6	1st#14	#25	#26
	13	2nd#6	2nd#14		
	20	3rd#6	3rd#14		
	29	4th#6	4th#14		
	36	5th#6	5th#14		
	45	6th#6	6th#14		
	52	7th#6	7th#14		
	61	8th#6	8th#14		
#7	8	1st#7	1st#15	#27	#28
	9	2nd#7	2nd#15		
	24	3rd#7	3rd#15		
	25	4th#7	4th#15		
	40	5th#7	5th#15		
	41	6th#7	6th#15		
	56	7th#7	7th#15		
	57	8th#7	8th#15		
#8	1	1st#8	1st#16	#29	#30
	16	2nd#8	2nd#16		
	17	3rd#8	3rd#16		
	32	4th#8	4th#16		
	33	5th#8	5th#16		
	48	6th#8	6th#16		
	49	7th#8	7th#16		
	64	8th#8	8th#16		
65	9th#8	9th#16			

WWT 40 Riders Single Elimination:



ROUND 1

ROUND 2

SMALL FINAL

WINNER FINAL

#1

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11		
22		
27		
38		
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19		
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#2

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31		
34		

#3

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29		
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#4

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#5

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2nd #1		
3rd #1		
4th #1		
5th #1		
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4th #4		
5th #4		

#7

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9th #5		
10th #5		
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8th #6		
9th #6		
10th #6		

1st #7 = 11th
 2nd #7 = 12th
 3rd #7 = 13th
 4th #7 = 14th
 5th #7 = 15th
 6th #7 = 16th
 7th #7 = 17th
 8th #7 = 18th
 9th #7 = 19th
 10th #7 = 20th

#8

1st #5		
2nd #5		
3rd #5		
4th #5		
5th #5		
1st #6		
2nd #6		
3rd #6		
4th #6		
5th #6		

1st #8 = 1st
 2nd #8 = 2nd
 3rd #8 = 3rd
 4th #8 = 4th
 5th #8 = 5th
 6th #8 = 6th
 7th #8 = 7th
 8th #8 = 8th
 9th #8 = 9th
 10th #8 = 10th

WWT 20 Riders Single Elimination:



ROUND 1

SMALL FINAL

WINNER FINAL

#1

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19		
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14		
7		
10		
2		
15		
18		

#3

6th #1		
7th #1		
8th #1		
9th #1		
10th #1		
6th #2		
7th #2		
8th #2		
9th #2		
10th #2		

#4

1st #1		
2nd #1		
3rd #1		
4th #1		
5th #1		
1st #2		
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3rd #2		
4th #2		
5th #2		

#2

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1st #3 = 11th
 2nd #3 = 12th
 3rd #3 = 13th
 4th #3 = 14th
 5th #3 = 15th
 6th #3 = 16th
 7th #3 = 17th
 8th #3 = 18th
 9th #3 = 19th
 10th #3 = 20th

1st #4 = 1st
 2nd #4 = 2nd
 3rd #4 = 3rd
 4th #4 = 4th
 5th #4 = 5th
 6th #4 = 6th
 7th #4 = 7th
 8th #4 = 8th
 9th #4 = 9th
 10th #4 = 10th

Scoring Race Class Discipline

When Surf Slalom 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.

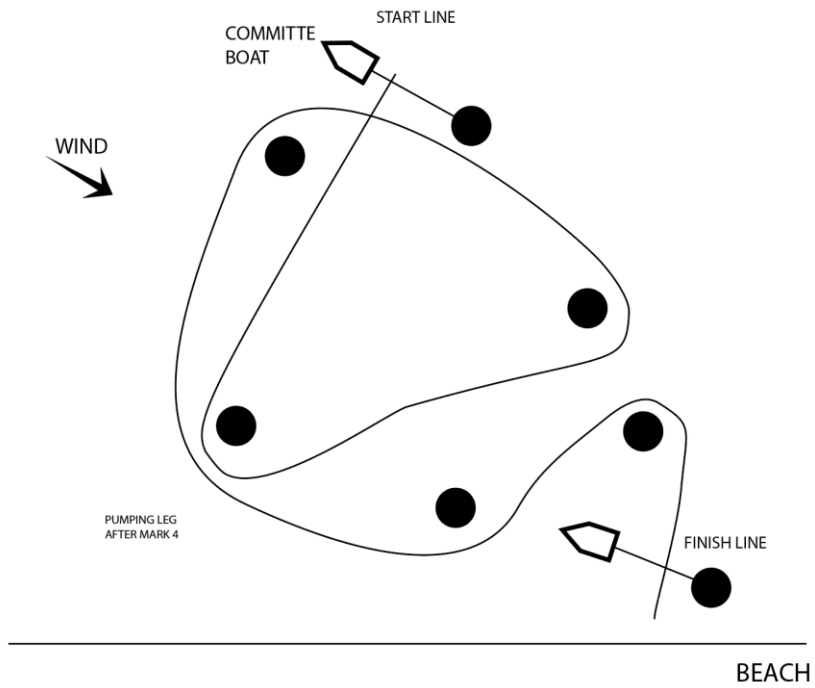
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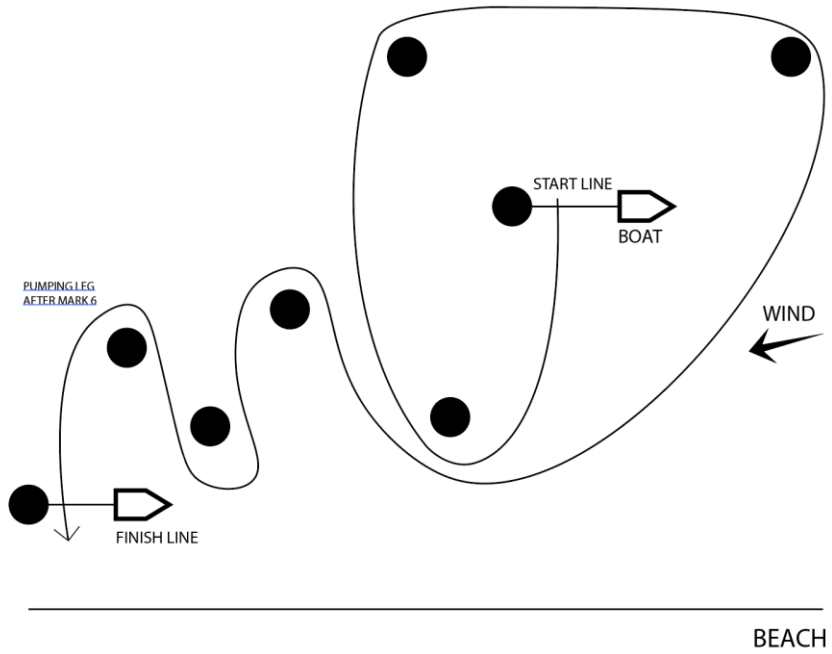
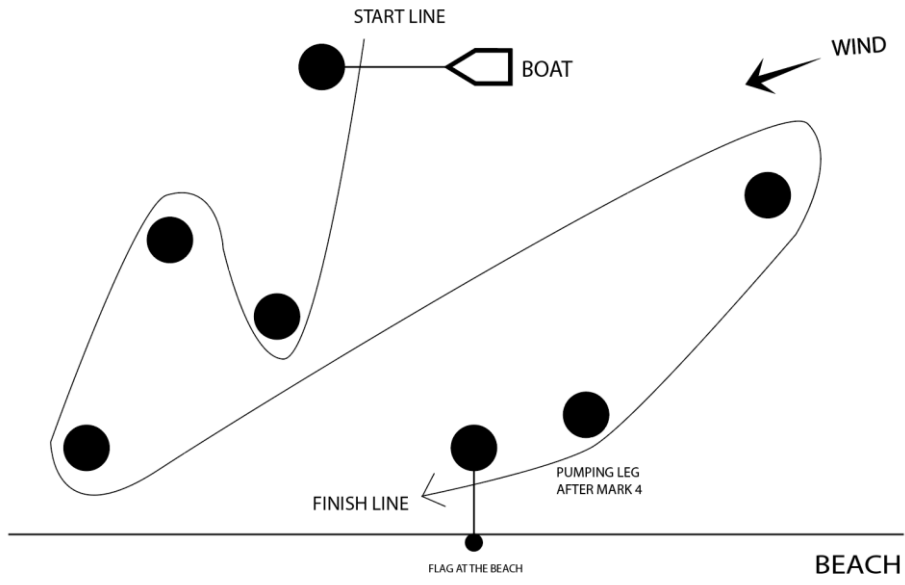
Depending upon the number of discards permitted, the highest, then second highest and third highest scores are discarded. The lowest total score, with discards, if any, taken into account, wins. Scores may be discarded as set out in the following table.



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

Examples of courses:







Rulebook

The “GWA Wingfoil World Tour Rulebook 2022 ” is available for download on the official GWA Wingfoil World Tour website:

- <https://www.wingfoilworldtour.com/rulebooks/2022/GWA%20Rulebook%202022.pdf>

Any question please contact our Tour Manager Tom Hartmann at tom@globalwingsportsassociation.org

We look forward to seeing you very soon!

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