



# **GWA WINGFOIL WORLD CUP Gran Canaria, Spain 2023**

## **11.-16.07.2023**

*It is a pleasure to announce the next World Cup event of the GWA WINGFOIL WORLD TOUR 2023*

*which will be held in Gran Canaria, Spain.*

The dates will be from the 11<sup>th</sup> to the 16<sup>th</sup> of July 2023

This is a GWA Wingfoil World Tour event and the competition is sanctioned and governed by the 2023 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:

<https://app.wingfoilworldtour.com/>

or via email to [tom@globalwingsportsassociation.org](mailto: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 10th June 2023

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.**



Cost of entry is 80.- Euro for competing in one discipline. If competing in two disciplines entry fee will be €160 and in three €240.

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 20<sup>th</sup> June 2023 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. After confirmation of participation, the rider will receive a payment link. Payments must be made via credit card. 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 this case an amount of 40,- Euro processing fee will be added to the regular entry-fee. 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.

### **Eligibility**

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

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- He holds a valid competitor's membership with the GWA Wingfoil World Tour

### **Membership**

- Every competitor needs to hold a valid GWA membership. The duration of GWA membership is from the first to the last event of the WWT season.
- Membership fees shall be determined by the GWA at the start of the year and may be changed at any notice during the course of the year.
- At the end of the inscription-time, the rider must be able to prove a valid GWA membership. After confirmation of participation, he will receive a payment link. Payments must be made via credit card. 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.
- The cost of the GWA membership is 80 € for competing in one event and 160 € per year (to be paid 80 € at the first event entered and 80 € at the second event entered. The total amount of 160 € can also be paid in once at the first event for the complete year. Membership fees are excluding event fees.)
- The GWA membership fee for Local / National Wildcard holders is reduced to 20 € for competing in one event and 100 € per year (to be paid 20 € at the first event entered when receiving a wildcard and 80 € at the second event entered).
- The membership includes athletes' insurance for accident and third-party liability during the competition. Benefits are only provided in accordance with the current ERAG insurance policy.



The GWA Wingfoil World Tour, the GKA Event GmbH, the Global Wingsports Association cannot held liable for any legal and/or financial liability, losses, damages, which might occur from the participation in the competition/event.

Please note that the insurance is only valid for riders not competing in their country of residence. Local riders are **not** insured through their GWA membership.

### **Entry allocation**

There is a maximum number of 28 male competitors and 28 female competitors entering this event in the Surf-Freestyle discipline.

There is a maximum number of 48 male competitors and 48 female competitors entering this event in the FreeFly-Slalom discipline.

There is a maximum number of 18 male competitors and 18 female competitors entering this event in the Big Air discipline.

If the number of preregistered riders exceeds 32 or 48, the GWA Sports Commission will select the GWA Wildcards based on their participation and results in other international and national events as well as their wingfoil merits. For riders aiming to enter through a video wildcard application, their application video needs to be submitted to Liam via email – [liam@globalwingsportsassociation.org](mailto:liam@globalwingsportsassociation.org)

When sending video applications, we kindly ask that they are no longer than 2 minutes long, raw footage is provided and this can be sent in the form of a YouTube link or standard file that can be easily downloaded.

The GWA will publish the GWA wildcard allocation latest on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2023, two days after the end of preregistration.

CATEGORY	GWA Surf-Freestyle & FreeFly-Slalom		
	28 Surf-Freestyle Riders	48 FreeFly-Slalom	18 Big Air Riders
Seeding List	1-16	1-35	-
Qualification Round	-	-	1-8
GWA QS	17-21	36-40	-
GWA Wildcards	22	41-44	9-13
Video Wildcards	23-26	N/A	14-17
Organiser Wildcards	27-28	45-45	18

### **Seeding**

The seeding for the GWA Wingfoil World Cup 2023 in Gran Canaria, Spain will be done according to the current seeding list after Leucate 2023. For the third event of the season, the 2022 overall ranking will count 33% and the current 2023 world ranking will count 67% for the seeding list of this event.

Surf-Freestyle;

**MEN**

**WOMEN**



1	Malo	Guénolé	1	Nia	Suardiaz
2	Christopher Jr.	MacDonald	2	Bowien	VanDerLinden
3	Titouan	Galea	3	Orane	Ceris
4	Alan	Fedit	4	Paula	Novotna
5	Francesco	Cappuzzo	5	Kylie	Belloeuvre
6	Bastien	Escofet	6	Christina	Koenig
7	Lilian	Juppet	7	Sofia	Marchetti
8	Jeremiah	Mcdonald	8	Mar	De Arce
9	Ancor	Sosa	9	Sonia	LeBouteiller
10	Oscar	Leclair	10	Flora	Artzner
11	Max	Robinson	11	Aimee	Bright
12	Vinnicius	Martins	12	Tatiana	Grant
13	Xavier	Corr	13	Viola	Lippitsch
14	Camille	Bouyer	13	Cristelle	Baud
15	Balz	Müller	15	Manuela	Jungo
16	Axel	Gerard	16	Maaike	Hauvermann
17	Noe	Cuyala	17	Fiona	Wylde
18	Tom	Auber	18	Roberta	Sullini
19	Riccardo	Zorzi	18	Lidiane	Viana Sanders
20	Giulio	Gasperini	18	Rocio	Reigert
21	Julien	Bouyer	21	Charlotte	Baruzzi
22	Clément	Hamon	21	Agata	Blach
23	Jerome	Cloetens	23	Isabel	Trivino
24	Wesley	Brito	23	Margherita	Barro
25	Chucho	Nonnot	25	Eva	Wyss
26	Mathis	Ghio	25	Tessa	Beumer
27	Sebastiano	Zorzi	27	Maddalena	Spanu
28	Luca	Gasperini	27	Timma	Flanagan
29	Benjamin	May	29	Lucia	Trivino
30	Valentin	Lux	29	Maria	Behrens
31	Nicolas	Akgazciyan	29	Marina	Alabau
32	Clément	Colmas	29	Lena	Thysen
32	Zane	Schweitzer			
34	Gollito	Estredo			
35	Maxime	Chabloz			
36	Stefan	Spiessberger			
37	Hugo	Wigglesworth			
37	Cash	Bertzolla			
37	Anthony	Eppen			
40	Gregorio	Pugliese			
41	Jeremy	Burlando			
42	Hugo	Marin			
43	Hendrick	Lopes			
44	Fabian	Muhmenthaler			
45	Linus	Pünder			
46	Luca	Vuillermet			
46	Solenn	Gall			
46	Sam	Esteve			



49	Aidan	Nicholas
49	Callum	Robertson
49	Mateo	Ell
49	Basri	Halim
49	Kylie	Taylor
49	Josh	Collins
49	Kiran	Verma
49	Alvaro	Bon
49	Toby	Wigglesworth
49	Simon	Croft
49	Thomas	Robertson
49	Kosta	Gladiadis
61	Clement	Roseyro
62	Noa	Légier
63	Matteo	Guazzoni
64	Kauli	Sadi
65	Michael	Näf
66	Marius	Auber
67	Rubens	Nunes Teixeira
67	Daniel	Pereira
67	Victor	Habudzik
70	Lucas	Roguet
70	River	Moore Reynolds
70	Nathan	Berger
73	Jorge	Padilla
74	Sebastian	Kicking
74	Devin	Hauser
74	Bernhard	Mayrhofer
74	Heinar	Brandstötter
78	Julian	Salmonn
78	Jeffrey	Spencer
78	Liam	Dunkerbeck
81	Pablo	Amores
82	Charles	Brodel
83	Hector	Giraudier
84	Paolo	Brunelli
85	Zdenek	Maryzko
85	Baptiste	Cloarec
85	Miro	Tykal
85	Lasse	Harbacek
85	Thomas	Vincent
85	Paolo	Averono
85	Marco	Ortiz Bey
85	Leo	Suardiaz Munzinger
93	Sam	Carentz
93	Yeray	Garcia
93	Pablo	Padilla
93	Charly	Martins



93 Vince Duschneit  
98 Finn Spencer

FreeFly Slalom;

<b>MEN</b>			<b>WOMEN</b>		
1	Bastien	Escofet	1	Nía	Suardiaz Munzinger
2	Francesco	Cappuzzo	2	Orane	Ceris
3	Titouan	Galea	3	Bowien	Van Der Linden
4	Vinnicius	Martins	4	Paula	Novotna
5	Alan	Fedit	5	Aime	Bright
6	Oscar	Leclair	6	Kylie	Belloeuvre
7	Christopher Jr.	Macdonald	7	Mar	De Arce
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11	Max	Robinson	11	Christina	Koenig
12	Camille	Bouyer	12	Marta	Monge
13	Zane	Schweitzer	13	Sonia	LeBouteiller
14	Nicolò	Spanu	14	Sofia	Marchetti
15	Hugo	Wigglesworth	15	Vanessa	Perina
16	Tom	Auber	16	Cindy	Robert
17	Clément	Colmas	17	Charlotte	Baruzzi
18	Aidan	Nicholas			
19	Yannik	Holste			
20	Riccardo	Zorzi			
21	Axel	Gerard			
22	Callum	Robertson			
23	Hugo	Dobrijevic			
24	Noe	Cuyala			
25	Kosta	Gladiadis			
26	Thomas	Robertson			
27	Chucho	Nonnot			
28	Mateo	Ell			
29	Balz	Müller			
30	Lloyd	Perratt			
31	Luca	Vuillermet			
32	Josh	Collins			
33	Hector	Giraudier			
34	Lilian	Juppet			
35	Sam	Thom			
36	Giulio	Gasperini			
37	William	Novak			
38	Jonathan	Eckardt			
39	Finn	Pye			
40	Yaris	Dell'Omo			
41	Sebastiano	Zorzi			



42	Toby	Wigglesworth
43	Julien	Bouyer
44	Loukas	Fedit
45	Solenn	Gall
46	Matthew	McIntosh
47	Luca	Gasperini
48	Anthony	Eppen-Van Der Aa
49	Hugo	Marin
50	Cash	Bertzolla
51	Paul Snow	Hansen
52	Benjamin	May
53	Kyle	Taylor
54	Julien	Rattotti
55	Arnie	Armstrong
56	Nicolas	Raffi
57	Paul	Artzner
58	Alex	Yakimkin
59	Sam	Esteve
60	Alvaro	Bon
61	Xavier	Corr
62	Sebastiano	Baruffaldi
63	Basri	Halim
64	Nicolas	Akgazciyan
65	Luc	Crestey
66	Sebastien	Jourdant
67	Wesley	Brito
68	Olivier	Morin
69	Anthony	Smith
70	Valentin	Lux
71	Benjamin	Le Hebel

### Disciplines

There will be THREE official World Cup disciplines in this GWA Wingfoil World Tour event.

- **Surf-Freestyle**
- **FreeFly-Slalom**
- **Big Air**

Additionally to the 3 World Cup disciplines, there will be the Red Bull Rockets Award at this World Cup Event, which will crown the highest jump of a male and a female competitor throughout the all the competition.

Divisions:

Pro Men (Surf-Freestyle/FreeFly-Slalom/Big Air): Any age (**minimum 14 years old in the year of competition**)

Pro Women (Surf-Freestyle/FreeFly-Slalom/Big Air): Any age (**minimum 14 years old in the year of competition**)



There is a minimum number of **4 competitors needed** to run a separate division, otherwise all male and female competitors will run together in one division.

### **Important Info**

- All riders need to wear a helmet during competition!
- For Surf-Slalom discipline an impact vest is mandatory!
- For Surf-Freestyle discipline, the Race Director can decide impact vest is mandatory.
- 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 and 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 tent. 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:

### **Equipment storage**

There will be equipment storage on site from 10<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> July.

### **Travel info**

The closest Airport to fly to is Las Palmas Gran Canaria Airport (LPA).

### **The event address**

Pozo Izquierdo Beach  
Gran Canaria

### **Organiser Contact:**

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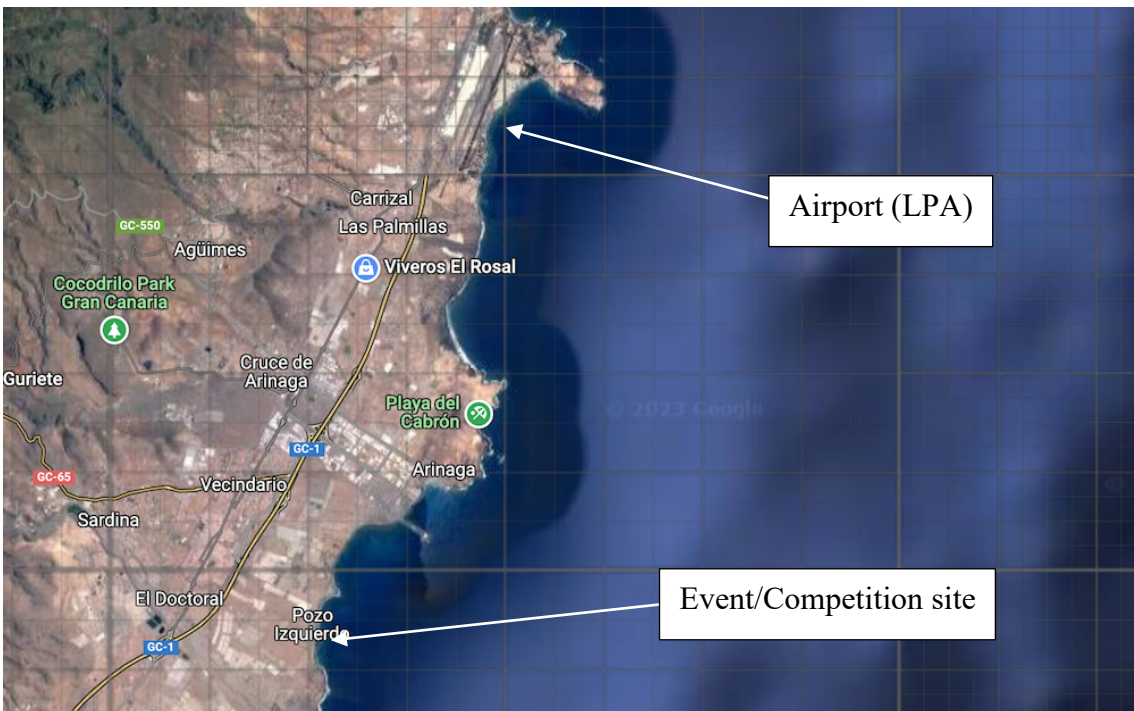




**Location map:**



**Please note, the competition spot can ONLY be accessed during competition days. You CANNOT train here before. You MUST train at another spot further downwind/upwind.**





### **Travel documents and Visa:**

If an invitation letter is needed for riders, please email [liam@globalwingsportsassociation.org](mailto:liam@globalwingsportsassociation.org) and he will issue you the document.

### **Accommodation for competitors:**

Accommodation providers will be provided very shortly. The top 5 male riders from Surf-Freestyle and FreeFly-Slalom, and the top 3 women from Surf-Freestyle and FreeFly-Slalom will get free accommodation from the 10<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> July. The hotel will be announced shortly.

### **Weather:**

The weather in Gran Canaria during July ranges around 25-30 Degrees Celsius with sunrise around 07:15 and sunset at 21:00.

### **Wind and water Information**

July is a great month for wind in Gran Canaria. Pozo Izquierdo is famous for its strong winds. The wind regularly blows 30+ knots with gusts up to 40+. The wind direction comes from the North/Northeast which blows onshore in Pozo Izquierdo Beach. The strong wind creates decent chop and some windswell that can break on the reef at low tide.

The water temperature is 23-24 C so bring a shorty or summer wetsuit.

### **Event Schedule**

#### **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July**

09:00-10:30: Riders Registration

11:30-12:30: Riders Briefing

13:00: First Possible Start

#### **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July**

09:00: Riders Briefing

10:00: First Possible Start

#### **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July**

09:00: Riders Briefing

10:00: First Possible Start

#### **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July**

09:00: Riders Briefing

10:00: First Possible Start

#### **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July**

09:00: Riders Briefing

10:00: First Possible Start

#### **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July**

09:00: Riders Briefing

10:00: First Possible Start

18:00: Prize Giving

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



## 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.

## Prize money – Surf Freestyle, Freefly-Slalom & Big Air

The prizemoney for the GWA Wingfoil World Cup 2023 in Gran Canaria, Spain will be **30.000 Euro**. The prizemoney split will be equally for the three official disciplines, which means that there is **10.000 Euro for FreeFly-Slalom** discipline, **10.000 Euro for Surf-Freestyle** discipline and **10.000 Euro** for Big Air discipline.

## 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 WWT, the GWA and/or the event organiser have got the right to subtract the competitors' individual withhold-tax from the prize-money to be paid out. The WWT, the GWA and/or the event organiser 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 WWT, the GWA and/or the event organiser shall give all necessary information and documents of the tax-payment made to the competitor for his personal disposal.

Ten per cent (10%) of the available prize money in Surf-Freestyle and FreeFly-Slalom (1.000 Euro of each of these 2 disciplines at this event) will be allocated to the overall ranking.

For Surf-Freestyle and FreeFly-Slalom 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.

## Prize Split – Surf Freestyle

- 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 (4 riders in equal 5th place)
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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	5		
5	5		
5	5		
5	5		
Total 5-8	20		

- If there are 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	3,5	5	3,5
5	3,5	5	3,5
5	3,5	5	3,5
5	3,5	5	3,5
Total	50	Total	50

- If there are 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
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position	percentage (%)	position	percentage (%)
1	19	1	19
2	14	2	14
3	10	3	10
4	7	4	7
Total	50	Total	50

### Prize Split – FreeFly Slalom

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 16 or more 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
<b>Total 1- 4</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>Total 1- 4</b>	<b>40</b>
5	6,5		
6	5,5		
7	4,5		
8	3,5		
<b>Total 5-8</b>	<b>20</b>		

- 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
<b>Total</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>50</b>

- 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

<b>Total</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>50</b>
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### **Prize split – Big Air**

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

If there is 12 or more competitors in one gender and less than 12 competitors in the other gender, then the prize split will be as followed:

- - 42% of total prize money are split between Top 3 women
- 42% of total prize money are split between Top 3 men
- 16% of total prize money are split between Positions 4-6 of the gender with more than 12 competitors



Gender with 12 or more		Gender with less than 12	
Position	Percentage (%)	Position	Percentage (%)
1	17	1	17
2	14	2	14
3	11	3	11
<b>Total 1-3</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>Total 1-3</b>	<b>42</b>
4	7		
5	5		
6	4		
<b>Total 4-6</b>	<b>16</b>		

If there is 12 or more competitors in both genders the prize split will be as followed:

- 50% of total prize money are split between Top 6 women
- 50% of total prize money are split between Top 6 men

12 or more women		12 or more men	
position	percentage (%)	position	percentage (%)
1	15	1	15
2	12	2	12
3	9	3	9
4	6	4	6
5	4.5	5	4.5
6	3.5	6	3.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>50</b>

If there is less than 12 competitors in both genders the prize split will be as followed:

- 50% of total prize money are split between Top 3 women



- 50% of total prize money are split between Top 3 men

Less than 12 women		Less than 12 men	
position	percentage (%)	position	percentage (%)
1	20	1	20
2	17	2	17
3	13	3	13
<b>Total</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>50</b>

### **Surf-Freestyle Discipline**

The Elimination procedure shall be:

- (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 one against one, or in groups of up to 4. The declared winners shall advance on the elimination ladder. Once a round is started, the format shall stay the same until that round is completed.

### **Elimination Ladders – Surf Freestyle**

The elimination ladder used for the WWT Surf-Freestyle events shall be a 28-dingle elimination.

### **SURF-FREESTYLE JUDGING RULES**

#### General Judging Rules

Selection of judges

- (i) Only the WWT Sports Commission can make appointments and substitutions for an event.
- (ii) An attempt shall be made to ensure that no judge has a vested interest. There should not be family tie with a competitor.

#### Individual Scoring procedure

- In order to bring the variety criteria into effect, the judges won't count a repeated manoeuvre.
- Judging Criteria are applied to score individual waves or tricks performed.
- 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.





- 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.
- 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.
- 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-hundredths increments (e.g 6.444).
- Each individual score is rounded to the nearest hundredths place. The rounded scores are added to calculate the final score.
- The scores of the respective competitors shall be tabulated together to determine the winner: highest points wins.
- 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.
- If a competitor lands the trick wet 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, based on the commitment, technical difficulty, height, and time spent going up to the board.
- 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.

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. A crash will be considered when:

- a competitor finishes the trick by pulling the leash to get the wing back.
- when landing a trick, a competitor is capsized, losing control of the board or wing.
- a competitor lands a jump but loses the wing.
- a competitor lands a jump but crashes the wing into water and completely stops.

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

a competitor lands a jump and crashes the wing into the water, but manages to relaunch it and keep riding without completely stopping.

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.

### Overall Impression Scoring procedure

An overall impression score may be used in addition to the trick scores counting towards the final heat result. Criteria of variety, “wow” factor, smoothness, innovation, tricks landed vs crashes, and commitment impact the Overall Impression score. The points awarded to the Overall Impression score counting towards the final result per competitor during a heat will be announced by the Head Judge and posted in the Official Notice Board at least thirty (30) minutes before the start of the heat.

### Judging Criteria

#### Judging criteria for the waves

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



- (i) Degree of difficulty of the manoeuvres performed.
- (ii) Commitment in the manoeuvres performed and the risk taken to perform them.
- (iii) Variety and combination of manoeuvres within the same wave.
- (iv) Speed and power.
- (v) Flow and linking of manoeuvres.
- (vi) Size of the waves ridden, directly linked to the degree of difficulty of manoeuvres performed in each wave.
- (vii) Innovative and progressive manoeuvres.

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

The following scale may be used to describe a wave ridden 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.

#### Judging criteria for Freestyle tricks

- (i) *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.
- (ii) *Technical Difficulty* – The technical difficulty of tricks completed during the heat.
- (iii) *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.
- (iv) *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.
- (v) *Smoothness* – Smoothness and fluidity during the execution and landing of tricks completed during the heat.
- (vi) *Innovation* – Tricks that have never been landed in competition before.

#### Innovation factor

Extra coefficient for Innovation

Scores for innovative maneuvers will be multiplied by a coefficient value depending on the level of difficulty to help incentivize innovations to be performed. After the average score comes up on the system, the Head judge will multiply it by the relative value for innovation tricks.

There are two extra coefficient values:

- The inverted maneuvers will be multiplied by x 1.3
- The flat maneuvers will be multiplied by x 1.2

#### FreeFly-Slalom Discipline

The Elimination procedure shall be

- Competitors' names shall be entered on the appropriate elimination ladder according to the event seeding and the heat distribution table below.



- Competitors with no ranking will be distributed in the WWT ladder according to the name drawing that shall be done by the Head Protest Judge at the first day mandatory meeting for all competitors before the competition starts.
- "Byes," if any, shall be positioned so that they are allocated to the most highly ranked competitors.
- Competitors shall ride all versus all, in several surf-slalom/heats. The declared winners shall advance on the elimination ladder.
- If a division has less than 20 competitors, it can be run as a full fleet race with all the competitors at once. The Full fleet can be only used in the long-distance format. It is recommended to don't run heats with a bigger fleet of 15 competitors.

Scoring FreeFly-Slalom Discipline

When FreeFly 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 single 48 elimination with 12 riders in each heat.

Finishing Position	Points
<b>FINAL</b>	
1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9 <sup>th</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup>	0.7, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12
<b>SMALL FINAL</b>	
1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9 <sup>th</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup>	13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24
<b>ROUND 1</b>	
7th, 8th, 9th, 10 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup>	26.5, 30.5, 34.5, 38.5, 42.5, 46.5

(iii) in a single 24 elimination with 12 riders in each heat.

Finishing Position	Points
<b>FINAL</b>	
1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup>	0,7, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12
<b>SMALL FINAL</b>	



1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup>	13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24
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### 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 the semi-finals it will count as a valid race for the event ranking.
- All riders that qualified for the final which is incompleted will get rewarded the average points from positions 1st to 12th, and all the riders that qualify to the small finals which are incomplete will get the average points from 13th till 24th.

### Number of Eliminations and discards

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

### Big Air Discipline

The 2 best moves will be counted towards your score and will be judged on 80% height, 20% technical difficulty. With the landings depending in the commitment and height the landing score can be more flexible from the judges. Sinking landings are allowed as long as the foil comes back out of the water quickly.

The 2 (TWO) best moves will be counted towards your score and will be judged on 80% height and 20% technical difficulty. Judges will be more tolerant when scoring tricks with unclear landings depending on the commitment, power and the height.

Judges will be more tolerant when scoring tricks with unclear landings depending on the commitment, power and the height



## Elimination Ladders

### Ladder of 18

ROUND # 1			ROUND # 2			ROUND # 3			SEMI-FINALS			FINAL		
Heat	Seed	Name	HEAT # 7			HEAT # 10			HEAT # 13			HEAT # 16		
#1	2		2nd#1			1st#1			1st#10			1st#13		
	11		3rd#6			1st#8			2nd#11			1st#14		
	17		2nd#2			1st#2						1st#15		
#2	5		3rd#5			2nd#9								
	8		HEAT # 8			HEAT # 11			HEAT # 14			HEAT # 15		
	14		2nd#3			1st#3			1st#11			1st#12		
#3	3		3rd#4			1st#9			2nd#12					
	10		2nd#2			1st#4								
#4	4		3rd#1			2nd#7								
	9		HEAT # 9			HEAT # 12			HEAT # 15					
#5	6		2nd#5			1st#5			1st#12					
	7		3rd#2			1st#7			2nd#10					
	13		2nd#4			1st#6								
#6	1		3rd#3			2nd#8								
	12													
	18													

### Ladder of 9

ROUND # 1			ROUND # 2			SEMI-FINALS			FINAL		
Heat	Seed	Name	HEAT # 4			HEAT # 6			HEAT # 9		
#1	2		2nd#5			1st#10			1st#6		
	6		3rd#6			2nd#12			1st#7		
	8		2nd#2						1st#8		
#2	3		HEAT # 5			HEAT # 7					
	5		2nd#3			1st#11					
	7		3rd#4			2nd#11					
#3	1		2nd#6								
	4		HEAT # 8								
	9		1st#12			2nd#10					

## Red Bull Rockets Awards

Red Bull will give a special prize to the highest jump of a female and the highest jump of a male competitor during the whole event.

The athletes will wear devices provided by Surf App during the Surf-Freestyle and Big Air competition. The devices will measure jump height, airtime and travel distance of the athletes jumps during the heats and submit the data live to the beach.

The single highest jump of any male or female rider during the all the heats will be awarded with the Red Bull Rockets Award and 1.500 Euro for each male and female winner.

## Rulebook

The "GWA Wingfoil World Tour Rulebook 2023" can be accessed here - <https://wingfoilworldtour.com/rulebooks/2023/GWA%20Rulebook%202023.pdf>

## Covid-19 Pandemic Disclaimer

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.

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 not under the control of the GWA, the GKA Event GmbH and/or the Organizer.



## **GWA Wingfoil World Tour**

As a competitor, I agree to respect the racing rules and in particular:

- to display visibly the sailing-number attributed to me.
- to wear the official event-competition-lycra at all times when proceeding to the water (also during training) as well as during interviews, official presentations and on podium.
- to wear a life jacket and safety helmet during the competition,
- to follow the recommendations and/or instructions provided by the crew.
- to place board stickers (GWA Wingfoil World Tour & Event sponsor) on the top and on the bottom of the board at all time during the event (competitions, interviews, media conferences, award ceremony...).
- to take note that all rider meetings, opening/closing ceremonies and media conferences requested by the Event Organizer are mandatory to all riders. I assure that I'll be on time and ready.
- I'm aware that a non-observance of this rule will incur a fine of up to 500 USD. Any competitor finishing in the top 3 positions who fails to attend the awards ceremony on time - without being justified by a force of major circumstance - will incur a fine equal to their earned prize money for the event. Furthermore fine can incur an additional penalty of up to 1.000 USD and suspension for the next event.

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