



GWA YOUTH WINGFOIL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP LA PALMA, CANARY ISLANDS, SPAIN 2023 29.06.-02.07.2023

It is a pleasure to announce the first and only Youth World Championship event of the GWA WINGFOIL WORLD TOUR 2023

which will be held in La Palma, Canary Islands, Spain.

The dates will be from the 29th June to the 02nd 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 Youth World Tour event shall pre-register through the GWA Wingfoil World Tour website or under the following direct link:

<https://www.wingfoilworldtour.com/events/gwa-youth-wingfoil-world-championships-la-palma-2023/>

or via email to liam@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 01st 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. All riders will also need to have a valid health insurance.

Cost of entry is €125 including entry in both disciplines and 4 lunches.

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 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. 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:

- 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

Entry allocation

For this year's youth event there is no limitations on the number of competitors.

Seeding

Competitors will be seeded in the elimination ladder based on their 2022 GWA YOUTH WORLD ranking in the discipline Surf-Freestyle and Freely Slalom.



Disciplines

There will be TWO official World Cup disciplines in this GWA Youth Wingfoil World Championship event.

- 1. Surf-Freestyle**
- 2. FreeFly-Slalom**

Divisions:

Pro Men (Surf-Freestyle/FreeFly-Slalom): U19, U16 & U14

Pro Women (Surf-Freestyle/FreeFly-Slalom): U19, U16 & U14

Important Info

- All riders need to wear a helmet during competition!
- For FreeFly-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

All riders will be responsible for their own equipment during the event.

Travel info

Airport: Closest Airport to fly to is La Palma Airport (SPC) with plenty of routes coming from Spain and other destinations.

The event address –

Playa de Santa Cruz de La Palma,
Provinz Santa Cruz de Tenerife,
Spanien

Organiser Contact:

Spain kiteboarding association

Juan Antonio Martin – “Peluka”

Email: info@spainkiteboardingleague.es

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Location map:










Travel documents and Visa:






If an invitation letter is needed for riders, please email liam@globalwingsportsassociation.org and he will issue you the document.

Accommodation for competitors:

Santa Cruz de la Palma	https://holidaytimehotel.es/		Tlf: 822.90.74.63 Movil: 619.74.15.93
Santa Cruz de la Palma	https://bananagardenlapalma.com/		Tlf: 922.41.07.96

Los Cancajos (10 mint en coche hasta spot)	https://www.h10hotels.com/es		Tlf: 900.444.446
Los Cancajos (10 mint en coche hasta spot)	https://www.centrocancajos.com		Tlf: 922.18.13.00
Los Cancajos (10 mint en coche hasta spot)	https://www.lacaletaapartamentos.com/es		Tlf: 922.43.31.70
Los Cancajos (10 mint en coche hasta spot)	http://www.hotellasolas.es/index.php/es/		Tlf: 922.43.30.15



Santa Cruz de la Palma	https://www.hotel-santelmo.com/		Tlf: 922.41.53.85
Santa Cruz de la Palma	https://hotelcastillete.com/		Tlf: 922.41.07.96
Santa Cruz de la Palma	https://apartamentosrocamar.com/		Tlf: 922.41.19.46
Santa Cruz de la Palma	https://www.la-fuente.com/		Tlf: 922.41.56.36
Santa Cruz de la Palma	https://hotelegaleon.com/en/home-form/		Tlf: 922.41.10.00

Weather:

Average **highs of 28°C** and lows just 4°C lower at 24°C. The **UV index** will be **high** at this time of year, so protection against skin and eye damage is needed. The water temperature around La Palma reaches a pleasant **23°C during July**.



Wind Information

North Easterly winds channel down to La Palma on a consistent basis during this time of year. Expect winds from 15-25 knots.

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

Event Schedule –

Thursday 29th June

09:00 – 11:00: Registration

12:00: Skippers Meeting

13:00: First Possible Start

Friday 30th June

09:00: Rider Briefing

09:30: First Possible Start

Saturday 01st July

09:00: Rider Briefing

09:30: First Possible Start

Sunday 02nd July

09:00: Rider Briefing

09:30: First Possible Start

19:00: Closing Ceremony

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.

Judging Criteria

Judging Criteria will be available mid-May 2023.

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 Staff at the Youth Wingfoil World Championship, La Palma 2023 –

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Judge: David Marin

Judge: Guillaume

Judge Slalom: Curro Suardiaz.

Judge Slalom: Gogui Pérez

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We look forward to seeing you very soon!

The GWA Team