



GWA WINGFOIL WORLD CUP Gran Canaria, Spain 2025

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It is a pleasure to announce the next Surf-Freestyle event of the GWA WINGFOIL WORLD TOUR 2025

which will be held in Gran Canaria, Spain.

The dates will be from the 05th to the 08th of August 2025

This is a GWA Wingfoil World Tour event, and the competition is sanctioned and governed by the 2025 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/register>

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 28th of June 2025**

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 80euro

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 **11th July 2025** 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

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

If the number of preregistered riders exceeds 28, 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.

When sending video applications, the athlete needs to upload 4 trick videos through the GWA Riders App. Here is the direct link:

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

	GWA Surf-Freestyle & FreeFly-Slalom	
CATEGORY	28 Surf-Freestyle Riders	48 FreeFly-Slalom Riders
Seeding List	1-16	1-35
GWA QS	17-21	36-40
GWA Wildcards	22	41-44



Video Wildcards	23-26	N/A
Organiser Wildcards	27-28	45-48

Video Contest Format Guidelines

Make sure to follow the guidelines below for full consideration with your application:

- **1 VIDEO - 1 Rider = 1 video clip.** The riders do have the option to remove/update/replace a video with a newer/better before the video entry closes, but only one video per rider will be scored. This can be done via the GWA rider app.
- **TAKE OFF & LANDING** - Each filmed trick shown in the video clip **MUST** include the rider's start, the execution and the landing. Make sure that take-off is clearly visible as well as the landing. If the take-off/landing is cut off or removed it will reduce chances of consideration from the panel. (No take-off or landing = No score.)
- **FOCUS** - Do not split the video-clip/camera-angles at mid-jump. The clip will need to show and follow the entire jump from take-off to landing. No slow-motion playback; regular speed playback only.
- **EDITING** - No fancy editing required. Raw unedited will also work. Videos do not need to be a masterpiece of editing; all we need is to clearly see the potential of the rider and the value of the moves.
- **LENGTH - Max 1 minute** – The video clip cannot exceed 60 seconds (1.00). We are not looking for long video clips (clip can be shorter but no further judgment will be made after 60 seconds or after the fourth move is shown/completed).

What is not allowed:

POV SHOTS - No point of view videos, line, mouth, board, kite, harness mount-cam footage, as it does NOT show the real perspective (height and length) of the jump and the period in air. Also, no drone shots from a FPV/ follow drone.

Seeding

The seeding for the GWA Wingfoil World Cup 2025 in Gran Canaria, Spain will be done according to the current seeding list after Tarifa.

Disciplines

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

- **Surf-Freestyle**

Divisions:

Pro Men: Any age (**minimum 14 years old in the year of competition**)

Pro Women: 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 must join via social media and share.

Travel info

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

Event Address – El Burrero, Gran Canaria

https://maps.app.goo.gl/LeNAL8d8S2Vs2LGq8?g_st=iw

Organiser Contact:

Name: Manuel Martinez

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Map of event location





Travel documents and Visa:

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

Accommodation for competitors:

There is no accommodation deals offered to riders for this world cup event.

Weather:

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

Wind Information

August is a great month for wind in Gran Canaria. The average wind speed in July is 30 kph. The wind direction comes from the North/Northeast.

Event Schedule

5.8.: Registration Day

10.30-11.00 registration

11.30-12.00 press conference @ stage

12.00 opening ceremony

18.00 Riders briefing



6.8.: Competition Day

09.00 skippers meeting
09.30 first possible start

7.8.: Competition Day

09.00 skippers meeting
09.30 first possible start

8.8.: Competition Day and Prize Giving

09.00 skippers meeting
09.30 first possible start
18.00h prize giving, closing party @ Centro Civico El Burrero

9.8.: El Burrero Wingfoil Open Slalom (No World Cup)

10.00 registration
11.00 beach cleaning
12.00-17.00 Fun slalom
20.00h closing ceremony Fun Slalom

Be aware that times of competition can change and will depend on weather conditions. Participants will be regularly updated on the riders WhatsApp group.

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

The prizemoney for the GWA Wingfoil World Cup 2025 in Gran Canaria will be **10.000 Euro**.

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 prizemoney 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 (1.000 Euro. at this event) will be allocated to the overall ranking.

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)

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	
position	percentage (%)	position	percentage (%)
1	19	1	19
2	14	2	14
3	10	3	10
4	7	4	7
Total	50	Total	50

Surf-Freestyle 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 Race Director 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 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 28 or 14 Dingle elimination 4 riders for the men and women.

Men



- 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 manoeuvres 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 manoeuvres will be multiplied by x 1.3
- The flat manoeuvres will be multiplied by x 1.2

Rulebook

The “GWA Wingfoil World Tour Rulebook 2025” can be accessed here -

<https://wingfoilworldtour.com/rulebooks/2025/GWA%20Rulebook%202025.pdf>

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.