



# **GWA WINGFOIL WORLD CUP BOOT, Dusseldorf**

## **17.-19.01.2026**

*It is a pleasure to announce a special indoor event of the GWA WINGFOIL WORLD TOUR 2025*

*which will be held in BOOT, Dusseldorf.*

The dates will be from the 16<sup>th</sup> to the 18<sup>th</sup> of January 2026

This is a GWA Wingfoil World Tour special event, and the competition is sanctioned and governed by the 2026 GWA Wingfoil World Tour Rulebook.

### **Registration**

#### **Entry procedure and Registration**

All competitors competing will be reached out by invitation only.

#### **Entry restrictions**

There will be no Entry-fee payments however a membership of 40euro will be required.

After confirmation of participation, the rider will receive a membership 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

#### **Entry allocation**

A total of 16 riders consisting of both men and women will be contacted by the GWA Tour manager, Tom Hartmann prior to the event.



## **Disciplines**

There will be One official discipline in this GWA Wingfoil World Tour event.

### **Indoor-Slalom**

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**)

## **Seeding**

There is no seeding for this invitational event.

## **Important Info**

- All riders need to wear a helmet during competition!
- For Indoor Slalom discipline an 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.
- Please use these media hash tags for all social media posts provided by the GWA social Media manager.

## **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 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 for this event is 40euro . Competitors competing for the whole year are advised to pay the standard 160 € per year to cover you for all remaining events in 2025.



- 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 hold 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.

### **Equipment storage**

There will be equipment storage next to the indoor pool on event site.

### **Travel info**

The closest Airport to fly to is Dusseldorf directly. Then it is a short drive to the event venue where the address can be found below.

### **The event address**

Messe Dusseldorf  
Stockumer Kirchstraße 61,  
40474 Düsseldorf,  
Germany

### **Organiser Contact:**

Michael Walther  
[Walter@hoeppner-kommunikation.de](mailto:Walter@hoeppner-kommunikation.de)  
Whatsapp: 0049 1736228467

### **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.

### **Pool information:**

The largest recommended foil mast length must not exceed larger than 75cm.

### **Weather:**

The event will be indoors however water temperature in the pool will sit around 18 degrees Celsius, so we recommend a wetsuit for athletes.

### **Wind Information**

With an indoor event the wind is generated at approximately 12-14 knots by powered wind fans (wind is stronger close to the fans).

### **Event Schedule**

Friday 16.1.2026  
Training day:



9.00-9.30 Registration Pump  
10.00-13.00h Pump training  
11.00-13.00h Press round  
11.30-12.00 Registration Wing  
13.00-16.00h Wing training  
16.00-17.00h Pump training  
17:00h pool closed for opening

Saturday 17.1.2026

1st comp day:

9.00 Riders briefing pump  
10.00 Riders briefing wing  
11.00-12.00 Pump time trials  
13.00-14.00 Wing time trials  
16.00-17.00 Pump R1  
17.45-19.30 Wing R1  
19.30-21.00 Party (possible pump training)

Sunday 18.1.2026

final comp day:

8.15-9.00 Pump training  
9.00-10.00 Wing training  
13.00-14.30 Pump finals  
14.30-14.45 Pump podium  
15.00-16.30 Wing finals  
16.30-16.45 Wing podium

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**

The prizemoney for the GWA Wingfoil World Cup 2026 in BOOT, Dusseldorf will be **5.000 Euro**.

### **Rulebook**

GWA Rulebook: <https://wingfoilworldtour.com/rulebooks/2024/GWA%20Rulebook%202024.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 always wear the official event-competition-lycra 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 times 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.

We look forward to seeing you very soon!

**The GWA Team**