



Irish Slalom Series 2009 Rules

1. Organising Authority

1. The Organising Authority is the Irish Slalom Series (ISS) in conjunction with the Irish Windsurfing Association (IWA).
2. The 2009 Irish Slalom Series comprises of the following events:

Event	Location	Date
ISS/ISC Round 1	Malahide, Co. Dublin	April 4 th / 5 th
ISS/ISC Round 2	Rhosneiger, Wales	May 16 th / 17 th
ISS Round 3	Castlegregory, Co. Kerry	June 13 th / 14 th
ISS Round 4	Downings, Co. Donegal	July 18 th / 19 th
ISS Round 5	Coolmaine, Co. Cork	August 15 th / 16 th
ISS Round 6	Silver Strand, Galway	September 12 th / 13 th
CC Round 1	Brighton, UK	September 19 th / 20 th
CC Round 2	Wimmeraux, France	Oct/ Nov 2009 (TBC)

All events in **RED** will count towards the Irish Slalom Series National Championships. There will be 1 event discard allowed for all age categories. Results from the Irish Sea Challenge events will be altered to include only Irish Slalom Series competitors.

ISS – Irish Slalom Series, ISC – Irish Sea Challenge, CC – Channel Challenge

2. Rules

1. Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2005 – 2008 including Appendix B: Windsurfing Competition Rules; and the Sailing Instructions.
2. The rules and byelaws of local sailing clubs or councils may apply.

3. Advertising

1. Category C of ISAF Regulation 20-Advertising Code-shall apply.

4. Eligibility and Entry

1. Racing will be for men and women in the following fleets:
 - Gold fleet
 - Silver fleet
 - Bronze fleet (where numbers permit)There are 3 equipment restrictions, as follows:
 - All competitors are permitted to only use 2 boards and 4 sails, which must be declared at the event registration. Only at the discretion of the organising committee may the equipment be changed from that registered, e.g. in the event of an item of equipment being beyond reasonable repair
 - Gold fleet competitors may only use "production" boards which do not exceed 85cm in width
 - Maximum sail size for all fleets is 10m², except for juniors, where the maximum permitted sail size is 7.8m²
2. Within the above mentioned fleets, the following age categories (divisions) may be recognised:
 - **Senior** 55 or over on 31st Dec 2009
 - **Grand Master** 45 or over on 31st Dec 2009
 - **Master** 35 or over on 31st Dec 2009
 - **Men/Ladies** Under 35 on 31st Dec 2009
 - **U-20 (Youth)** Under 20 on 31st Dec 2009
 - **U-17 (Youth)** Under 17 on 31st Dec 2009
 - **U-14 (Youth)** Under 14 on 31st Dec 2009
 - **U-12 (Junior)** Under 12 on 31st Dec 2009
 - **U-10 (Junior)** Under 10 on 31st Dec 2009
 - **U-8 (Junior)** Under 8 on 31st Dec 2009
 - **U-6 (Junior)** Under 6 on 31st Dec 2009
3. A sailor must be a current member of the IWA in order to compete or a non Irish resident who is a member of either their national windsurfing association or an ISAF Member National Authority. Note: Proof of Insurance required – see section 16. Temporary membership may be extended to non series competitors.
4. Competitors under the age of 18 maybe required to submit Parent/Guardian Declarations completed by the parents before commencing racing.
5. A competitor does not become eligible for series or event points by 'pre entering', but only by registering at the event and being capable of sailing and intending to do so.
6. Before competing, each competitor shall: register for the event at the race office, pay the required entry fee, and complete, update or confirm an equipment registration form, if required.
7. No entry will be accepted after 10.00 on the first scheduled day of racing, except at the discretion of the organising committee.

5. Registration/ Briefing

1. Competitors shall confirm entry details with the Registration Team by 10.00 on the first morning of racing. Tally numbers will be posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB) before racing commences. There will be a welcome and briefing for all competitors on the first morning of racing at approximately 10:15.

6. Sailing Instructions

1. Sailing instructions will be downloadable from the UKWA events website. Sailing instructions will also be posted on the ONB. Questions on the sailing instructions may be emailed to info@irishslalom.ie. Questions and answers will be posted to the ISS website (Forum) and will be posted on the ONB at events.

7. Racing Programme and schedule

1. There will be no maximum number of races per day. The warning signal for the first race on the first day will not be before 10.30.
2. There shall be no warning signal after 15.00 on the last day of the regatta.

8. Minimum Conditions

1. The intention is that all racing takes place in suitable conditions. The Race Officer shall be the sole judge of the suitability of conditions, and will take into account the effect of the speed and direction of any current, and wind measurements from as many parts of the course as possible.
2. The Race Officer may take into account the relevant Championship Rules of the International Funboard Class Association (IFCA).
3. It is intended that "ranked" racing will not take place in less than 12knots, measured at the first 2 markers on the set course, over a period of 2 minutes.
4. If a race is started in an appropriate wind strength, which subsequently drops, a fun flag maybe raised which will allow the race to finish but only count for fun racing.
5. If the appropriate conditions are not present no race shall be started as a ranked series race (by notation of the appropriate flag).

9. Courses and Racing Area

1. The course to be sailed shall be announced at the relevant briefing.
2. It is the intention of the organisers that the format of racing should be as inclusive, and as varied, as possible. Formats can include: 3 buoy downwind, 5 buoy downwind, figure of 8, masterblast, team racing, number of laps, and "fun relay".
3. Racing marks maybe placed in locations to give spectators or media a "close to the action feel".
4. Races may start "la mon" style from the beach if conditions allow, where possible sailors should be ranked, with the strongest sailors starting from the weakest position (i.e. downwind).

10. Scoring

1. The "Low Point Scoring System" will apply.
2. A minimum of 1 completed round, including a "final", is required for a valid Series event.
3. Each competitor's series score will be the total of their finishing position in each valid event in the series, with their worst finishing position discarded if four or more events have been completed.

11. Identification

1. Windsurfers must display sail numbers on at least one side of the sail. Results may not be given for a competitor failing to display sail numbers corresponding to their registered sail number.
2. Competitors without a sail number may be allocated identification when they register (Bibs - a deposit maybe required and is refundable on return of the bib in satisfactory condition).

12. Prizes

1. Prizes may be awarded to the 1st, 2nd & 3rd in each fleet.
2. Category (division) prizes may be awarded depending upon the numbers of competitors entered in a category/division.
3. Event prizes will be awarded if one round has been completed to the final stage.
4. Event prizes maybe awarded for fun races or challenges where the wind is under the required minimum.

13. Social Programme

1. If evening meal and entertainment is being provided for all competitors on the Saturday evening of an event, tickets may be required (will be advised via website) and these will be on sale (or distributed) at the Race Office. Where pre booking is available, it is highly recommended to avail of this offer. Event organisers cannot be responsible for persons who fail to avail of pre-booking opportunities, within the given time period.

14. Rights to use Names and Likenesses

1. Competitors automatically grant to the organising authority, without payment, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television, of or relating to, the event.

15. Safety Regulations

1. All competitors under the age of 17 shall wear a buoyancy aid or life jacket to an appropriate standard, at all times when afloat. Wet suits and dry suits are not an appropriate standard.
2. A tally system may be in use at an event.
3. Disclaimer of Liability
 - a) Competitors are entirely responsible for their own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing reduces this responsibility. It is for competitors to decide whether their board is fit to sail in the conditions in which it will find itself. By launching or going to sea competitors confirm the board is fit for those conditions and that they are competent to sail and compete in them. Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the owners and/or competitors, nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the board taking part in the racing. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the event. The provision of safety patrol boats does not relieve owners and competitors of their responsibilities.
 - b) Parents or guardians of minors have an additional responsibility for their children, and to make the decision as to whether he or she is fit to sail in the conditions that prevail or that are forecast.

16. Insurance

1. Boards are required to have adequate insurance, including insurance against third party claims of at least €1,000,000. The required insurance is as included in IWA membership.

17. Further Information

1. Further information relating to the event including news, directions to the event site, parking, camping, accommodation, social programme, etc., will be published on the Irish Slalom Series Website: www.irishslalom.ie, prior to the event.